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1	<u>PROCEEDINGS</u>
2	February 25, 2021 9:30 a.m.
3	CHAIR TOLEDO: Good morning, California. My name is
4	Pedro Toledo, the rotating chair for the California
5	Redistricting Commission.
6	I do want to report that during closed session the
7	Commission took action on the HR matter. Alvaro
8	Hernandez was appointed to serve as the Executive
9	Director for the 2020 California Citizens Commission.
10	Please join me in congratulating Alvaro.
11	And with that, Ms. Sheffield, please conduct the
12	roll call.
13	MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Turner.
14	Commissioner Vasquez.
15	COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Here.
16	MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Yee.
17	Commissioner Ahmad.
18	COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.
19	MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Akutagawa.
20	COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.
21	MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Andersen.
22	VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Here.
23	MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Fernandez.
24	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.
25	MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Fornaciari.



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1	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.
2	MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Kennedy.
3	COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.
4	MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Le Mons.
5	COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.
6	MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Sadhwani.
7	COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.
8	MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Sinay.
9	COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.
10	MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Taylor.
11	COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.
12	MS. SHEFFIELD: And Commissioner Toledo.
13	CHAIR TOLEDO: Here.
14	MS. SHEFFIELD: Thank you.
15	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Ms. Sheffield.
16	COMMISSIONER YEE: Yee is here as well. Sorry to be
17	late.
18	CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome, Commissioner Yee. Katy,
19	please instruct the public on how they can provide public
20	comment.
21	PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair, good morning.
22	In order to maximize transparency and public
23	participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
24	taking public comment by phone.
25	To call in dial the telephone number provided on the



1	livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted to
2	enter the meeting I.D. number provided on the livestream
3	feed, it is 93047167360 for this meeting. When prompted
4	to enter a participant I.D., simply press the pound key.
5	Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a
6	queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
7	star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
8	When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a
9	message that says, "The host would like you to talk.
10	Press star 6 to speak."
11	If you would like to give your name, please state
12	and spell it for the record. You are not required to
13	provide your name to give public comment.
14	Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
15	audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
16	call.
17	Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when
18	it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn down the
19	livestream volume.
20	The Commission is taking general public comment at
21	this time.
22	And we do not have anybody in the queue.
23	CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's give it a couple of minutes.
24	In the meantime, I'm planning to start where we left off
25	with the Executive Director report, and then after that

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1	subcommittee reports, then the Legal Affairs Committee
2	update, and hopefully adjourn a little bit early today,
3	at least before 5 o'clock.
4	PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And the instructions are
5	complete on the stream, Chair.
6	CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate it, Katy, and thank you
7	for everything you do. I know it's important and you're
8	always on top of it.
9	PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. You're
10	welcome.
11	CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. Seeing that there are no
12	public comments, let's move onto the Executive Director
13	Report.
14	DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Good morning, Chair, and once
15	again, thank you to the Commission. I'm looking forward
16	to this exciting new chapter in my career, as well as
17	moving forward with the Commission's work. So with that,
18	let me go ahead and get started here.
19	I wanted to start by sharing that we have a new
20	staff, our Outreach Coordinator, Patricia Vazquez Topete,
21	began on Monday, so I want to officially welcome her.
22	Marcy Kaplan and I are providing her onboarding
23	materials and helping her get settled into this new
24	transition. She brings with her a wealth of experience,
25	having worked with the census doing a lot of the



1	outreach. So we're excited to have her on board.
2	We're also working on duty statements for field
3	staff positions that we had talked about previously. So
4	I'll be working with the subcommittees to finalize those
5	and get those moving.
6	I also wanted to mention that we had advertised for
7	a Commission secretary and will be reviewing some
8	applications that we received. And we also have on our
9	website the account tech positions out there. So if
10	anyone is interested and would like to take a look at
11	those job opportunities, they are listed under the "About
12	Us" tab on our website, so please take a look there.
13	As far as protocols for the Commission and
14	communications, I'm going to defer to the Finance and
15	Administration Subcommittee to discuss further protocols
16	for the Commission's communications.
17	Budget. We do not have any changes of the budget
18	projections that we provided at the last meeting.
19	Obviously, as we hear more on the final date, there will
20	be adjustments to the budget and we'll present that
21	information probably at the next meeting. That's what
22	I'm hoping to do for any budget items.
23	And also, I'll be working with the subcommittees to
24	identify, you know, what additional expenses may be
25	coming based on that different date that we're going to



1 be looking at.

2	I'll move over to the outreach updates. We're
3	continuing to work on our outreach, and we'll have more
4	information at our next meeting. And actually, the
5	subcommittee, the Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee,
6	will probably have more information to share on that as
7	well.
8	That's all I have. Thank you.
9	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. With that, we will begin
10	subcommittee updates, starting with the census, Action on
11	the Census. Commissioner Sadhwani.
12	COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you, Chair Toledo. We
13	have since our last meeting when Ethan Jones from the
14	Legislature reached out we have an upcoming, actually
15	later today, conversation with him to further learn about
16	the stakeholders meetings.
17	I did a conversation with Alvaro and Marcy with
18	representatives from the Governor's Office who were also
19	very interested in learning more about our timeline and
20	offered really their support to support us if we need it
21	in any way, shape, or form.
22	And I think one of the great pieces that I was
23	hearing is that this is our timeline. We are an
24	independent Commission, and this is ultimately a timeline
25	that we need to establish. People are waiting on us to

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1	figure out what that timeline will look like, and of
2	course, what that will look like within the boundaries of
3	the law.

4 So I do think that the burden is on us to really 5 think through that timeline. We just hired our line drawer, of course, yesterday, or the intent to contract 6 7 in any case. And my sense is that as we bring them on 8 board we should be working very diligently and quickly to 9 figure out more about what that timeline -- what a realistic timeline for us might look like. You know, I 10 11 think getting their expertise on getting what the line 12 drawing component of this will entail could be very 13 helpful for us in finalizing that timeline. So 14 certainly, we'll report back more as we continue to have 15 those conversations.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani. 16 Т 17 just want to thank a moment to thank the Legislature and 18 our colleagues in the different branches of government 19 for their support as we undergo this unchartered 20 territory with regards to timeline around the census and 21 the issues that we're grappling with, and thank you for 22 their patience as we try to understand the impact of the 23 delays that we're facing and how to address them in the 24 most appropriate manner. And thank you, Commissioner 25 Sadhwani, and everyone on the Commission for your input



1 leading forward.

3Committee. Commissioners Fernandez and Fornaciari.4COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Chair, I think Commissioner5Sinay had her hand up.6CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, thank you. Commissioner Sinay.7COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner8Sadhwani for that update. And I think what was critical9for me was that we don't have a timeline, and I keep10seeing staff and others posting timelines, and I don't11even think we should post a guesstimate right now until12we really figure it all out. We can put the primary13dates, but I've seen timelines on presentations, at14meetings, and other places where sometimes they're saying15January 15th, sometime we're saying February 15th. We16don't know. We haven't discussed it as a Commission and17we haven't voted on it and until we do, no one should be18putting out any timelines.19CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.20Commissioner Sadhwani, do you want to respond?
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20 Commissioner Sadhwani, do you want to respond?
21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I just want to say
22 thank you for that, and that is most certainly my
23 perspective as well, that this timeline, even though I'm
24 having these conversations, that this has to be the
25 decision of the Commission.

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1	There's so many elements in this in terms of the
2	community outreach as well as the actual line drawing
3	sessions that we'll have to figure out, so this most
4	certainly will have to be a group effort, but we will
5	have to move quickly in the next month or so to solidify
6	what that will look like.
7	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Barring no other
8	questions, we'll move on to the Finance and
9	Administration Subcommittee with Commissioner Fernandez
10	and Fornaciari.
11	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So we have three protocols
12	we're bringing forward for review. I don't know if you
13	all have had a chance to take a look. I think we'll
14	start with the chat protocol. That might be the simplest
15	to get through. Just the ideas provide some clarity on
16	what is allowed to take place in the chat feature of Zoom
17	during meetings, and basically it's nothing substantive,
18	you know, I have to go get a glass of water, or you know,
19	something not of any significance or related to the work
20	that we're doing. So does anyone have any comments or
21	feedback?
22	CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fornaciari, I was just
23	wondering if maybe you could put the policy in context.
24	Members of the public may not know what we're referring
25	to when we speaking about chat.

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1	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So in June there's a chat
2	feature that the Commissioners can use to speak with to
3	either chat to the entire Commission or to individuals on
4	the Commission, and we thought it would be appropriate to
5	have a policy to ensure that everyone knew, you know,
6	what the rules were behind using the chat, a feature in
7	Zoom, and again, it's nothing in the chat feature that is
8	related to the work we're doing. It's just kind of a
9	personal notification, I have to leave and go have a
10	meeting from 2:30 to 3:30 kind of thing. So we let all
11	the Commissioners knowing what's happening and it doesn't
12	interrupt the flow of the meeting, but we don't have
13	anything related to the work we're doing in the chat.
14	Does that cover it, you think?
15	CHAIR TOLEDO: I absolutely do. Thank you so much
16	for the clarification.
17	Commissioner Sinay.
18	COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would add that the chat is
19	really chat and other electronics chatting places, so
20	it's broader than just using chat.
21	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. Right, it's chat, or
22	text or emailing each other during the meetings.
23	CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Ahmad.
24	COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Just a clarifying question, and
25	this is outside of our recognized subcommittees. I ask



1	because sometimes Commissioner Turner and I will send a
2	text like are you presenting on this item or am I. So
3	there's that kind of communication happening, or you
4	know, can you take the lead, or manage Q&A for a certain
5	item, but within the confinements of our already pre-
6	designated subcommittee. Does that fall under this
7	policy as well?
8	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think that's okay
9	because it's not substantive to what we're discussing in
10	the meeting, right. It's just who's going to take the
11	lead, who's going to, you know I guess Alicia and I
12	should have done that before our subcommittee update.
13	But yeah, I think that's okay.
14	COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay, thank you.
15	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Toledo, do
16	you want me to go through, or us to go through all three
17	of them and then vote together, or do we need to vote on
18	each individually?
19	CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's do them all as a package
20	because they're all part of the policy manual. We'll be
21	voting on updating our policy manual by including the
22	three policies.
23	Let's go to the next one.
24	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. If there's no other
25	feedback on that, we'll move to the evacuation plan. So



1	this was originally put together back when there was
2	potential civil unrest in the area of the Capitol, and so
3	the Executive Director had put together a draft on that,
4	and we've subsequently done some revisions to it. All of
5	these we've had Marian review and provide feedback.
6	And I did get one piece of feedback on this that,
7	you know, it might be a good idea to have a roster so
8	that we could ensure that, you know, everyone that was in
9	the office area is now out and you know, together in
10	their assembly place.
11	So I want to check in with Executive Director
12	Hernandez. I mean, is that something that's feasible?
13	You know, we haven't been in the office that much. We
14	don't really know whether, you know, it's feasible to
15	know who all is there, and if you don't know who all is
16	there, how do you know who all got out, if everyone got
17	out, I guess.
18	DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I do think that
19	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can I just add before you
20	start a little? We had talked about this before and in
21	my prior employment what we had was a in/out board with
22	everyone's names, and you would put the first thing
23	when you come in you put, you know, if you're in or out
24	and then as a manager you would take a picture of that
25	before you head out so you know who's in. So I think



1 that might be something that we could implement. 2 Go ahead, Alvaro. DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yeah. I will look to see what's 3 4 the best way to do that given that we have, you know, 5 various different schedules and some people are teleworking. So having a roster is ideal, especially if 6 7 I'm not in the office or someone else is not in the office, just to kind of check through and make sure 8 9 everybody is out of the office that is coming in. 10 So I'll look at different options and then share 11 them with the Commissioners. 12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So do you quys -- I 13 mean, this is probably something Commissioner Fernandez 14 and I could just work with the Executive Director and 15 modify the protocol here to include the approach we're 16 going to take. I mean, if the rest of you are 17 comfortable with that, maybe we can just go ahead and 18 approve that with that modification. 19 I think Commissioner Akutagawa has a question.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa. 21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Just a real quick

22 question, and this is something that perhaps,

2.3 Commissioner Fornaciari and Commissioner Fernandez, you

can discuss with Executive Director Hernandez. 24

25 I am curious because we are an independent



1	Commission, and my understanding is that we're not
2	necessarily, you know, the contact information for the
3	staff or even maybe the staff or just the Commission
4	isn't always fully known to Security, I guess, or that
5	was my understanding on January 6th.
6	So if there should be an incident, and let's say,
7	for example, that just happens to be a day that, you
8	know, Director Hernandez or any of the other senior
9	leaders are not in the office for whatever reason, I'm
10	just curious as to how security will notify whoever from
11	the Commission might just happen to be in the office that
12	day.
13	Like what's the communication methodology, because
14	usually I think it would go to Director Hernandez and
15	then, you know, he would then spread the word to the rest
16	of the staff. But what if he's not there? What if some
17	other member of the staff is not available and security
18	doesn't know who to go to and they don't realize that
19	somebody is in the office? You know, what's the way in
20	which that will happen, and I'm just only asking that
21	more just for the sake of safety and you know, at least
22	something for you all to be aware of to address.
23	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: That's a great point that
24	we hadn't thought about, or we hadn't kind of recognized
25	that either okay, we'll definitely work on that.



1	CHAIR TOLEDO: Is that the last policy? I believe
2	there's one more, right?
3	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. So this -
4	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It was go ahead.
5	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: The external
6	communications approval protocol, this came up in context
7	of partly the letter the request that we got from the
8	current Attorney General I believe she's been
9	confirmed as the Attorney General for us to count the
10	inmates at their last known address. And how do we
11	approve that?
12	And then it also came up in the context of that
13	letter that the Census Committee put together on behalf
14	of the Commission that we want to send to the Census
15	Bureau stating our position on differential privacy and
16	taking time to get the census data right. So how do we
17	approve those different types of communications when
18	there's day-to-day communication?
19	And there was a proposal from Legal, but it seemed
20	pretty like it might be super disruptive to day-to-day
21	communication in the sense that the original proposal
22	from Legal had Legal reviewing every communication three
23	times.
24	And so we took that initial proposal and came up
25	with what we were trying to have as a reasonable



1 compromise, and it's kind of, sort of, a three-tiered 2 approach, day-to-day communication that -- or routine 3 communications where you post responsive email letters, 4 so-called, will -- you know, will be managed by the 5 communications group that we have.

Then the next level, I've kind of put the response 6 7 to the request by the Attorney General, we kind of felt that didn't require the entire Commission to approve the 8 9 communication. We needed a response, and that would be 10 at the responsibility of the current chair to approve 11 that response. But there would be a review by the 12 Executive Director and the legal staff, and then, if 13 needed, the subcommittee or if requested by the chair, 14 the subcommittee could review -- would be requested to 15 review it to provide their input.

And then the third tier is communications on behalf of the entire Commission, so for example, the letter we sent to the Census Bureau, or that we intended to send. J quess we haven't sent it.

So that kind of thing that requires review and approval by the entire Commission, but you know, the same kind of process, the legal review, Executive Director review, subcommittee review, and the Commission approve and the Chair signs the final version and sends it out. So that's what we came up with.



1	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.
2	Any questions? Commissioner Sinay.
3	COMMISSIONER SINAY: First, I just want to clarify,
4	it's the Secretary of State, not the Attorney General.
5	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh, yeah, yeah. Sorry,
6	sorry. My mistake.
7	COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted; in case we were
8	wondering if there was another letter.
9	And so on routine communications it's only dealing
10	with staff, but as subcommittees and zone teams we do
11	routine communication as well. It's one-on-one
12	communication. And so I wanted to check in on that,
13	especially, for instance, the letter, Commissioner
14	Fornaciari, you and I sent to statewide organizations to
15	send out to their members. We did work with staff and
16	they did review it, and you know, fix things. But I just
17	wanted to check in.
18	I don't think anybody wants to see that letter
19	could have just been an email, as well, and so that's
20	where things get complicated is sometimes you can get
21	around these things because you're like, well, I just
22	sent an email, but I just want some clarity on that.
23	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So you're asking me what I
24	think? Okay. I mean I think that would fall under
25	routine communications, too. We have to, you know, keep



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1	the ball rolling and not make a make it too onerous to
2	do our day-to-day business is my perspective on that.
3	I'd like to hear what others think.
4	CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Le Mons.
5	COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Have these communication
6	policies been reviewed by our legal staff?
7	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Marian has reviewed
8	them.
9	COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay. And so they also had
10	the opportunity to raise any concerns about
11	communications and suggest any policy development that
12	was necessary?
13	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.
14	COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So we can expect to feel like
15	what's being put forward is comprehensive as of today?
16	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.
17	COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay, awesome.
18	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I mean, Marian, do you
19	have any comment?
20	MS. JOHNSTON: I agree with the point on the routine
21	communications. I think I'm sorry. I agree with the
22	point on routine communications and think that you can
23	add will be handled by communications staff or the
24	appropriate subcommittee. And I would also put in there,
25	will be developed by the Executive Director and/or the



1	Deputy Executive Director, and we may not have an
2	Executive Deputy Director anytime soon.
3	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, under the first
4	one okay.
5	MS. JOHNSTON: I added that in to the others, but
6	for some reason I missed that on the first one.
7	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.
8	MS. JOHNSTON: So in that same one after
9	communications staff, put or appropriate subcommittee.
10	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. We'll take care of
11	that.
12	CHAIR TOLEDO: Any other questions or comments from
13	the Commission? Seeing none, do we have a motion on the
14	floor?
15	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I'll move that we
16	adopt the policies with the amendments and changes
17	recommended.
18	CHAIR TOLEDO: Do we have a second?
19	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.
20	CHAIR TOLEDO: That was Commissioner Fernandez?
21	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.
22	CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. Katy, please open the
23	comment line.
24	PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. In order to
25	maximize transparency and public participation in our



1	process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment
2	by phone.
3	To call in dial the telephone number provided on the
4	livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted to
5	enter the meeting I.D. number provided on the livestream
6	feed, it is 93047167360. When prompted to enter a
7	participant I.D., simply press the pound key.
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9	queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
10	star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
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15	and spell it for the record. You are not required to
16	provide your name to give public comment.
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18	audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
19	call.
20	Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when
21	it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn down the
22	livestream volume.
23	And the Commission is taking public comment on
24	the I don't know what item it is.
25	MS. JOHNSTON: 9B.

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1	PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 9B, on the motion on the
2	floor for 9B. And we do not have anyone in the queue at
3	this time.
4	CHAIR TOLEDO: Very well. We'll wait a couple of
5	minutes. The next item up is the Gantt chart update.
6	Commissioner Kennedy and Taylor.
7	COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Do you want us to proceed,
8	Chair?
9	CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, seeing that there's no comment
10	at this point and I don't see any calls on the line,
11	let's proceed.
12	COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. I've had no input from
13	colleagues -
14	COMMISSIONER SINAY: We need to vote.
15	CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, sorry. Thank you, Commissioner
16	Sinay. Sorry I missed that.
17	Commissioner Kennedy, we'll come back to you in a
18	minute.
19	All right. So let's take vote on the policy and
20	procedures.
21	DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Okay. So the motion to adopt
22	the policies with amendments.
23	Commissioner Turner.
24	Commissioner Vasquez.
25	COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yes.

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25 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.	25	DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.



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1	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Director Hernandez. With
2	that, let's move forward with the Gantt chart update.
3	Commissioner Kennedy.
4	COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I've had no input from
5	colleagues, so there's no further reporting at this point
6	on the Gantt chart.
7	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. We will move on to the
8	line drawer RFP update. Commissioner Sadhwani and
9	Andersen.
10	VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, I'll jump right in. We
11	obviously took a big action yesterday. Congratulations.
12	I have received a couple of congratulations on the
13	people saying they think, the public, did a great job,
14	good recommendations.
15	We have proceeded with the pieces of the contract.
16	Those are being forwarded today, and we should have a
17	what happens is then the particular forms get signed and
18	the package goes to actually to both the Office of
19	Legal Services and to Department of General Services for
20	the final approval.
21	And we are in what's called the protest period. Any
22	other proposers who are protesting this intent to award,
23	they have up until March 3rd, actually, and that's posted
24	on the state contracting website.
25	So basically things don't really proceed until the



1 protest period is over, and at which point we will 2 know -- then we really are in essentially just having the 3 wording okayed, and we finally get an actual date that 4 it's a done deal, and we will keep you posted. CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen. 5 Anything else to add, Commissioner Sadhwani? 6 7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No, I think that's it. CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Just want to recognize both of 8 9 you for the great work on the line drawer RFP, and just 10 thank you for all -- it was a very smooth process, and I 11 know it took a lot of work to make it such. Appreciate 12 Commissioner Fornaciari. it. 13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No, I just want to say 14 thanks. It was a great job. 15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Next we'll move on to our Outreach 16 and Engagement Committee. Commissioner Sinay and 17 Fornaciari. 18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Neal, do you want to go first? 19 See, we didn't use the chat. 20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, go ahead. Yeah, why 21 don't you go ahead and I'll do the input. Is that okay? 22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okeydokey. 23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I've got to find it now. 24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We got organized in that we 25 created notes, so we got disorganized that we didn't have

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1 it up, so we apologize.

2	As we had mentioned, you know, our purpose is to do
3	outreach to all of Californians and make sure that we're
4	reflecting the diversity of all of California.
5	And as part of that effort, to help the zone
6	outreach, we are looking at creating kind of a template
7	or a checklist of groups you may want to consider
8	reaching out to, if you haven't reached out to them
9	already.
10	And as part of that we are trying to create
11	partnerships, you know, with the being a consultant
12	that does collaboration partnerships, I use that word
13	loosely, but we are trying to work with different
14	statewide organizations and ask them how can they help
15	us, invite them to be part of our outreach efforts. And
16	people have been very excited and open. We have sent
17	just an overview letter, which we will be posting, to the
18	California Farm Bureau Federation, the California Chamber
19	of Commerce, UnidosUS, which is a national organization,
20	but it's a section here in California that's all Latino
21	helping human service organization, and it used to be
22	National Council La Raza, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
23	and the California League of Women Voters. They've all
24	agreed to send out the letter to their local chapter, so
25	they'll have some overview of what redistricting is, how

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1	we're doing outreach, that we would like to hear from
2	them about their local, you know, how to do outreach
3	locally, and we included some questions that you all may
4	be asking them so that it feels familiar when you all
5	connect.
6	And then we have some scheduled conversations with
7	the California well, we spoke with the California
8	Association of Nonprofits, and so we're working on that.
9	Commissioners are meeting with the Cal Asian Business
10	Chamber, California League of Community Foundations and
11	Equality California. So those meetings have been
12	scheduled, or we talked to them but we haven't confirmed
13	what is of interest.
14	Just so that you know, first of all, please think
15	through your networks. And you know, as we know,
16	everybody can be part of the redistricting process, so go
17	ahead and look at your LinkedIn or the networks that you
18	have and send any recommendations that you would like of
19	statewide entities, you know, to have conversations with.
20	And we don't have to have the conversation; you all can
21	have them.
22	Marcy is leading this effort on the staff, so please
23	email her your recommendations since staff needs to
24	consolidate all of that, and let her know if you're
25	interested in taking the lead on having those



1 conversations.

2	The menus that we've kind of been talking about
3	offering when we talk to people is that general
4	introduction letter I mentioned as well as the overview
5	presentation, as well as the social media kit and
6	newsletters. These are all things that I probably just
7	took that away from Fredy. He was going to talk about,
8	so I apologize, Fredy.
9	But the good news was that when we were talking to
10	the statewide groups, these are the things they were
11	asking for, and when we met with staff, staff said, hey,
12	we're already creating all that. So Fredy will go into
13	more detail. And that also includes the videos that will
14	be coming, so everything that we create, a lot of these
15	groups were so excited just to push it out.
16	And the number one thing we've heard, which I think
17	is really interesting, is that the statewide
18	organizations are usually outside their chapters were
19	already created news articles, articles that they can put
20	in their newsletters. And to me, that was just kind of
21	like, oh okay, we can do that, and Fredy already knew we
22	could do that and he already had that in mind. But I'm
23	just sharing my ad hominin.
24	And then just a reminder to please send your
25	contact. When you do meet with someone please send



1 Patty. If you haven't noticed, Patricia Vazquez Topete, 2 she includes the two original members of the Outreach Committee's names. So we've been her calling Buppy, and 3 I've been told she does like the name Buppy, so it 4 5 doesn't confuse you which Patricia we're talking to. But please do send Buppy your zone contact information, who 6 7 you talked to, so that it can be in our database and they can begin receiving our updates. 8

9 And let's see, the rural outreach, I know a lot of 10 you are doing rural outreach are excited because you've 11 learned a lot, and so what we recommend, can you please 12 send your Lessons Learned to Marcy so that we can compile 13 all our Lessons Learned on what's best for rural outreach 14 and engagement. And then we will have a session in a 15 later meeting where we can talk about rural outreach and 16 things might be missing that we don't have in our 17 strategies right now.

18 And then you wanted to do the last one, so that's 19 yours, sir.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: You know, Alvaro, would it 21 be -- could you ask Patty to maybe just sign in for a few 22 minutes after lunch or something, or maybe after the 23 break so we can all say hi to her. I think that would be 24 great. I think we'd all like to meet her.

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I was going to say something else, but I forgot.

1 Let's see. So we've been and others, the Line Drawing 2 Subcommittee, has been thinking about this. We've been 3 thinking about it, about the, you know, the pre-census 4 community input meetings and line drawing meetings and 5 what those are going to look like. And you know, Sara brought up an idea -- sorry, 6 7 Commissioner Sadhwani brought up an idea at the last 8 meeting that maybe we should form a subcommittee between 9 the Outreach Committee, the Line Drawing Committee, the 10 Language Access Committee, you know, and so I wanted to 11 propose that to the Chair to propose forming that 12 subcommittee. 13 I know there's going to be some intersection with 14 the Data Management Subcommittee. There's also going to 15 be some intersection with the Grant Subcommittee, too. 16 You know, if we form a smaller subcommittee, we'd 17 need to, you know, notice these meetings. We'd need to 18 have less than a quorum. So we'd have to figure out how 19 to manage it. I mean I think that there's -- the 20 intersection with the Data Management and the Grant 21 Subcommittee, you know, it's not clear in my mind exactly 22 how deep that intersection goes. We have to work through 2.3 that. But we'd have to work through the attendance of 24 this meeting from all those committees and how we're 25 going to manage it.

1	But I think, I mean, I would propose a subcommittee
2	because I think it's a little, you know, more efficient.
3	You know, certainly not everyone's input is welcome, and
4	we would bring everything back to the full body to have
5	those conversations, but I think a subcommittee taking on
6	the design of these meetings would be maybe a little more
7	efficient.
8	So that's my thought. I want to throw that out
9	there.
10	CHAIR TOLEDO: I just want to clarify that. So it
11	would be a committee comprised of three or more
12	Commissioners from the various subcommittees that are
13	working on this effort. Is that the proposal?
14	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right. Yes.
15	CHAIR TOLEDO: Would it be one member from each one
16	of these subcommittees that you've outlined, outreach,
17	data management, grants, and I believe there was on
18	other.
19	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, language access.
20	CHAIR TOLEDO: Language access.
21	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And line drawing.
22	CHAIR TOLEDO: Line drawing. So at least one member
23	from each one of those four committees?
24	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, you know, I want to
25	hear I'd like to hear from the thoughts from the



1	Data Management and the Grants Subcommittee on how deeply
2	they think they would need to be involved in the design
3	of these input sessions and how they what the
4	connection is there.
5	CHAIR TOLEDO: A little more clarity is also
6	probably needed in terms of what the intent what the
7	charter for the committee would be.
8	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So the intent of the
9	subcommittee would be to design the public input
10	meetings.
11	CHAIR TOLEDO: So all of the details around all of
12	the the process for hosting those meetings; is that
13	correct?
14	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right, and the thought
15	would be to do it in conjunction, of course, with our
16	outreach team and our new line drawing contractor, since,
17	you know, we're all part of it. I mean the videographer
18	would have to be involved, too, but you know, there are
19	ideas floating around about what those meetings look
20	like, but we're kind of feeling like it's time to really
21	start putting pen to paper and figure out how we're going
22	to design those meetings. I mean, there are lots of
23	different ideas and approaches that we could take, and we
24	would, you know, like to invite in some thought from
25	other external organizations that have been managing this



1 kind of input in the COVID environment and how to, you
2 know, elicit input from, you know, everyone, those who
3 have technology, those who don't have technology, you
4 know, and how we could come up with some innovative ways
5 to get the input we're looking for.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's open up to questions.7 Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: First off, I quess I'll 8 9 just make an observation. I mean, we're talking about 10 practically half the Commission, so I'm wondering if it's 11 just better to just -- one thought is just do it with the 12 entire Commission if we're going to have to agendize and 13 all of that, and set up a separate meeting because I'm 14 sure, you know, this could be the other members of the 15 Commission might be interested.

16 But separate from that, that wasn't really my 17 initial question. My initial question is, Commissioner 18 Fornaciari, it sounds like you might have some 19 perspective about the involvement of the Data Management 20 and the Grants Committee, and I think it would be helpful 21 to understand where you see the value of our 22 participation from those committees being on this 23 particular subcommittee, because then I think that will 24 help, as least for me, you know, from a Grants Committee 25 perspective it would -- it could help Commissioner Le



1	Mons and I in terms of understanding our involvement.
2	With that said, I will also say that there's
3	overlapping kind of roles that we're playing, so like for
4	me, I'm on the Grants Subcommittee, but I'm also on the
5	Language Access Subcommittee, and that, I think, is going
6	to need to be involved in this process, so some of I
7	guess I don't know whether or not it would be a
8	violation of Bagley-Keene if I'm representing both. But
9	then I'm also then packing on information to Commissioner
10	Le Mons. And if that's the case, then I think we need
11	some clarity if, you know, what the role of the Grant
12	Subcommittee would be and also then in this case, data
13	management, too.
14	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So yeah, it great
15	question, and I think that, you know, one kind of they
16	both drive each other, right. So there's going to be the
17	Grant Subcommittee is going to have ask for the folks
18	that would grant to, right, and so obviously, it's not
19	crystal clear in my mind. We have to think this through,
20	and I haven't set down I don't know if Commissioner
21	Sinay has some ideas, but based on the design of the
22	meeting they've potentially asked for the grantees to
23	help support how we do the public input. I mean, there's
24	certainly a connection there. What that connection is
25	exactly, I don't know off the top of my head, but we have



1 to figure that out.

2	CHAIR TOLEDO: For a little bit of clarity, I think
3	if I'm understanding this correctly, the goal would be to
4	bring in the stakeholders who are most connected to the
5	development of the process for these meetings to come
6	together and have a conversation and really delve into
7	the detail, receive additional public comment from, you
8	know, more public comment on the design of these
9	meetings, and have the Commissioners that are most
10	involved participate and perhaps have other Commissioners
11	focus on other areas.
12	So it's really an attempt to if I'm understanding
13	this correctly, to have the Commissioners as we move
14	on there's a lot more work, right, so that's one of the
15	reasons why we created the Legal Affairs Committee was so
16	that one group of people can develop expertise in that
17	area and oversee that work, and so this would be a group
18	that would be the experts in the design of these meetings
19	and hash out all the details with public comment, and
20	ultimately bring those to the rest of the board so that
21	at our business meetings we can focus on the higher level
22	issues and not so much of the details that would have
23	been worked out at the committee level; is that correct?
24	Am I understanding that correctly?
25	Commissioner Andersen and Sinay after that.

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1	VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I think this is definitely a
2	step that needs to happen. It might be a little
3	premature, only in that I think we need a full Commission
4	discussion about this seems to incorporate also, you
5	know, what are we doing with our extra time, and this is
6	like, you know, the timeline, how are we putting some of
7	these meetings together, the actual details of it, all
8	dovetail, they certainly do in my mind. And I'm looking
9	at the actual dates. Anything that's obviously over
10	three people requires a ten-day notification, fourteen-
11	day.
12	I propose that we bring this up on the at our
13	upcoming March 8, 9 meeting. There is a lovely spot that
14	we happen to include in there for line drawing
15	presentations, thinking that the thought there was that
16	we might bring the line drawers in and have more of a
17	discussion of the actual plan, not what they had in mind,
18	but what are we actually thinking.
19	And so I think why don't we possibly have the
20	different subcommittees bring their ideas, you know,
21	possibly submit to the Chair before that meeting, ideas
22	to bring this thing together, and at that point we might
23	be able to discuss timeline, get everyone's input and
24	then possibly form a committee at that point.
25	And looking forward beyond that, we could actually



1	place a few things on the calendar. So essentially, the
2	first meeting would be on that March 8th, 9th, and we
3	could start, maybe propose more of this type of
4	subcommittee meetings beyond that date. That's a sort of
5	a work around.
6	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
7	Commissioner Sinay.
8	COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm okay.
9	CHAIR TOLEDO: Marian.
10	MS. JOHNSTON: The only reason you might want to
11	create it now is that it could be noticed for the
12	meeting, and then it can actually meet during that time
13	period.
14	VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Just date wise, it would we
15	could create one now, but it couldn't be before that. So
16	essentially, the first the big discussion of this
17	topic and everything could possibly occur at the 8, 9
18	meeting.
19	MS. JOHNSTON: I think it could in the last day of
20	the meeting.
21	CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay.
22	COMMISSIONER SINAY: This is kind of building.
23	Where this came from was a recommendation from
24	Commissioner Sadhwani, but also, conversations that we
25	had in early December about going through every aspect of



bringing in all the different questions that we've been
 having and clarifying it.

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1	me that because of our subcommittee systems of two that
2	there are multiple groups taking pieces over the same
3	kinds of questions.
4	So from a line drawer's perspective and the
5	development of an RFP we were thinking about like, okay,
6	well what is the timeline of this and when are those
7	meetings going to occur. But the outreach folks, you
8	know, have had so many wonderful conversations with
9	folks, the language access, of course, also has about
10	just the technologically well, not even
11	technologically, but how do we coordinate the language
12	access components, the outreach folks were thinking about
13	that inclusivity, and it just felt like we were in silos.
14	So you know, yeah, like I said, I just kind of
15	blurted out an idea, but. So I support, you know,
16	whoever wants to go ahead with that, that committee if it
17	makes sense. And I guess I'll just leave it at that.
18	But ultimately, I think that there's a lot to coordinate.
19	CHAIR TOLEDO: Quick question for Marian. Is the
20	creation of a super committee, or a super subcommittee,
21	or just a committee under the discretion of the Chair or
22	is it something the whole Commission has to vote on? I'm
23	unclear on that.
24	MS. JOHNSTON: Under Robert's Rules it's up to the
25	Chair, and that's the policy that the Commission has been

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1	following.
2	CHAIR TOLEDO: So at this time I just want to do
3	a okay, Commissioner Fernandez.
4	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just for clarification,
5	Marian, how many what's the maximum you can have on a
6	supercommittee, or whatever we want to call it, just so
7	that we make sure we're in compliance?
8	MS. JOHNSTON: There's no maximum. It's just that
9	you have a meeting. You need to have a majority of the
10	committee members. And if you make it the Commission,
11	then it's got to be a quorum of nine which is the super
12	majority.
13	CHAIR TOLEDO: So I want to look at the interest.
14	Who would be interested in serving on this committee from
15	each subcommittee? We have Commissioner Andersen, Ahmad
16	from Data. We have Akutagawa, Sinay, Fornaciari,
17	Fernandez. Are we missing any subcommittees? I think
18	they're all represented. Russell from many
19	subcommittees.
20	So let me get a count of who's interested again. So
21	we have Fornaciari, that's one, Commissioner Ahmad, two,
22	Sinay, that's three, Yee, that's four, Fernandez, five,
23	Le Mons, six, Andersen, seven, and Akutagawa, eight. So
24	that's eight, and we do have a couple of Commissioners
25	that aren't here today, but -

1	MS. JOHNSTON: Well, for eight it would be a quorum
2	of five, anyway, majority of five, so if someone else
3	wants to be added, it wouldn't change the numbers
4	required to have a meeting if you could add a member
5	later.
6	CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So at a later time we can
7	always add another member if we said if we're missing
8	someone. Commissioner Sinay and then Commissioner Le
9	Mons.
10	COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just for clarification, I
11	thought a subcommittee couldn't be more than the majority
12	of the full committee, which is fourteen, so a
13	subcommittee would have to be seven six or less, or am
14	I totally misunderstanding?
15	MS. JOHNSTON: I'm not aware of that. I'll check it
16	out.
17	CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Le Mons.
18	COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I was a little delayed in
19	raising my hand in that I think I'm going back to
20	something that Commissioner Andersen brought up, is like
21	the timing. And it seems like this needs to have the
22	input of all of us, just based on our involvement in all
23	the subcommittees, and it sounds more like the
24	comprehensive plan. It sounds like these questions would
25	get answered as we tackle the comprehensive plan, the



1	comprehensive timeline. I mean they have to be, right?
2	So it seems that we're establishing a subcommittee
3	to do something that I guess, I'm not getting it
4	really, to be honest. I'm not understanding I
5	understood what Commissioner Sadhwani's proposal was when
6	it was made, or the comment when it was made, and I think
7	she raises a valid point of the need, because there is
8	all of this intersection. Establishing a committee of
9	nine, ten people, eight nine, ten people, is the
10	Commission basically.
11	So I was slow to raise my hand in that, sure, I
12	would want to participate in ensuring that the
13	intersection between the subcommittee that I am
14	responsible for in partnership with Commissioner
15	Akutagawa, that those needs are considered. I don't
16	personally need to be on the subcommittee. I was
17	thinking to myself are there other intersection points to
18	do that. But maybe not, if it's the majority of us
19	already, then I probably need to be in the conversation
20	at that time rather than Johnny come lately.
21	So I guess I'm struggling with if we're going to
22	have a committee that is potentially that big based on
23	the general interest, and I think that the interest is
24	is valid because it's something that the whole Commission
25	needs to address and wants to address. So I don't know

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1 if this is the path forward.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay.

3	COMMISSIONER SINAY: So really those who are on this
4	committee need to be process oriented and be okay going
5	back and forth and figuring, you know, the little
6	details, and some of us are process oriented and some of
7	us are not, and so the idea was to part of our
8	thinking was, you know, is can we bring the different
9	committees together to have some of the minutia discussed
10	and figure things through and then bring options to the
11	larger group.
12	I completely agree with Commissioner Le Mons that it
13	gets more you know, that's why I asked the question
14	doesn't a subcommittee have to be less than the majority,
15	because once we're hitting the majority, then let's do
16	it, but let's all agree that we're going to be okay with
17	the process and the time it takes to do it correctly
18	versus rushing us through it, or you know -
19	CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen.
20	VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I sort of see it the reason
21	I brought it up in terms of our first discussion on the
22	8th, 9th, one, because I know that's within it has to
23	be any date to meet before that we're beyond being able
24	to notify. It has to be anything we do, we say we
25	want to do it right now is already after the 8th, 9th,



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1 just because of our fourteen-day -- well, it should be
2 ten-day, but that point.

And the reason is I'm thinking that this is actually 3 4 going to become an item similar to the Legal Affairs 5 Committee. Yes, we all are interested in everything except that it will have a -- and we're adding maybe an 6 7 agenda item on the full agenda at all meetings to discuss 8 for the over and then we can also have the, you know, 9 subcommittee which it does, indeed, involve, okay, so 10 we're actually going to be -- actual nitty gritty of we 11 could have it come in like this. 12 We'll have fourteen different meetings, and we'll

13 have four of those types of meetings which actually only 14 meet with small groups, you know, all those nitty gritty 15 details like that could be done at the -- you know, if 16 not a subcommittee, the other committee meetings, all of 17 which essentially if it's large enough anyone can want to 18 attend, which Legal Affairs is a little bit more limited. 19 It can only be these members. This could be a large 20 group, but we can't have it too big because otherwise we 21 won't have enough people to be able to meet. But 22 everyone wouldn't have to attend, so you could have --23 it's essentially like -- it's a little bit larger than 24 the Legal Affairs Committee. It would have a spot on the 25 regular agenda to discuss the big picture item, and then



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1	the nitty gritty is going to be worked out in this other
2	meeting. That's how I kind of envision we move forward
3	with this. And I thought the 1st, 8th, 9th, would be
4	overall, let's talk about how the whole thing fits
5	together, and in terms of, you know, what do we do, you
6	know, big picture. What do we want to do with our time
7	frame? Do you want to spend it all on outreach, do you
8	want to spend it on workshops, do you want to spend it
9	on, you know, how does the VRA fit in, all these
10	different pieces? And then get it over a big view and
11	then get into the nitty gritty.
12	So that's how I see it evolving. It's just the sort
13	of natural evolution would be to go ahead and create the
14	subcommittee now, and so it can actually start agendizing
15	its meetings as soon as
16	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
17	Commissioner Fernandez, then I'm going to ask
18	Commissioner Fornaciari and Sinay to just, having heard
19	all of this, just your recommendation. Commissioner
20	Fernandez.
21	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I just want to
22	clarification because Commissioner Andersen just said
23	that anyone could attend the subcommittee meetings, but I
24	don't think that's I need to ask Marian. I mean, once
25	you set a number, then anybody can attend after that if



1	it's over eight? I wasn't clear on that.
2	MS. JOHNSTON: It's a public meeting, so anyone may
3	participate as a member of the public. Only the
4	Commission members would actually be zoomed in as the
5	committee members.
6	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So if it's if we
7	set it up and there's eight, then you have to meet the
8	quorum for the eight, right?
9	MS. JOHNSTON: You have to have five people. And if
10	you did it as the whole Commission is doing it, you have
11	to have nine.
12	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right, right. So it is
13	you are limited in terms of the number that's established
14	initially, correct?
15	MS. JOHNSTON: Right.
16	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.
17	MS. JOHNSTON: You can have a smaller number of
18	people and still have a quorum and meet.
19	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. Okay, thank you.
20	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
21	Commissioner Fornaciari and Sinay.
22	I can tell you where I'm leaning. I'm leaning to
23	creating the committee, knowing that any issue that comes
24	back to the full Commission will be able to be discussed.
25	So yes, the subcommittee can do some of the



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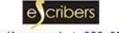
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1	CHAIR TOLEDO: Public Input Design Committee. That
2	sounds reasonable to me, if all are in favor.
3	All right. So please raise your hand if you're
4	interested in participating and then we'll -
5	All right. We have Fornaciari, we have Yee, Sinay,
6	Ahmad, Andersen, Fernandez and Taylor. Am I missing
7	anyone? And Akutagawa.
8	So all of the subcommittees are represented, and we
9	have a full how many individuals does that comprise,
10	Marian?
11	MS. JOHNSTON: Eight members. That's eight members.
12	CHAIR TOLEDO: Eight members.
13	MS. JOHNSTON: So the five would have to constitute
14	a quorum.
15	CHAIR TOLEDO: And they would have to post their
16	agenda -
17	MS. JOHNSTON: Being more than two, they have to
18	comply with all of Bagley-Keene requirements.
19	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. One other potential
20	change to a subcommittee that we've been thinking about,
21	and I should have brought this up in census, and I'll
22	bring it up now, is potentially changing the name of the
23	Census Subcommittee from Action on Census to Government
24	Relations because our role has shifted slightly. We're
25	not just working on the census, although most of our



1	government relations work is the census work, but it's
2	also other issues.
3	Commissioner Sadhwani and I have been thinking about
4	this, and it's either government relations or advocacy,
5	but it's getting a little bit broader than the census now
6	in terms of a timeline and working with the various
7	stakeholders, and I just wanted your feedback on
8	potentially change renaming the Action on Census
9	Committee to be the Government Relations Committee to
10	ensure that we have that the name reflects the work
11	that we're doing. Is there any concerns there?
12	Would you like to say anything on that issue,
13	Commissioner Sadhwani?
14	COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No, I mean, I think you and
15	I just discussed briefly that it seems like the scope is
16	shifting a little bit and certainly most of that is still
17	focused around census, but as that shifts, I just want to
18	be transparent about, you know, that there are additional
19	issues that seem to crop up.
20	CHAIR TOLEDO: And some of these issues that will
21	crop up we're just anticipating. We know we may have to
22	revise work that we'll have to do to push our budget
23	forward. We know that there's advocacy points with
24	regard to the census timeline and against getting the
25	communication with the Government entities and the



1	Legislature. And that's really Action on Census
2	doesn't really reflect everything we're doing, so I want
3	to make sure that that is captured.
4	Commissioner Kennedy.
5	COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just to
6	observe that once we get to the Lessons Learned exercise
7	next year and developing Legislative reform proposals,
8	the Lessons Learned Subcommittee might merge with this to
9	form a larger committee to push on those proposed
10	legislative changes.
11	CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, Commissioner Kennedy, that
12	makes sense. Are there any objections to renaming the
13	Action on Census Committee to the Government Relations
14	Committee?
15	Commissioner Andersen.
16	VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: This isn't actually an
17	objection, but shouldn't it say like Census/Government
18	Relations, because if someone just glances and it says
19	Government Relations, it's like that's kind of odd.
20	Wait, what are they trying to do? And I think the idea
21	is it's census-related government work. We're not just
22	all of a sudden like I'd not like to see it say
23	government advocacy. You see how that kind of like makes
24	us like into a different group.
25	And this is, you know, it does involve more than



1	just the census, as you were just saying, but it still
2	you know, the reason why we're doing is census related.
3	I want to keep it keep the group focused on the
4	census, redistricting, you know, that sort of thing. I
5	don't want it to appear that we're branching into
6	anything different, so I agree Action on Census is too
7	limiting, but should it just be Census/Government or
8	Government/Census Relations?
9	I don't want to lose that "census" word just yet.
10	CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Vasquez.
11	COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: I was just going to make a
12	suggestion Government Affairs/Census. I mean -
13	CHAIR TOLEDO: That seems reasonable. So let's just
14	rename it Government Affairs/Census as a compromise. I
15	think that captures the work that we're doing, because as
16	Commissioner Andersen pointed out, most of the work that
17	we're doing is census related, but there are some
18	components of it that are not. The budget is one of
19	those that will need to push forward and may revise it,
20	and some other issues that may come up, and we just need
21	to have a committee that covers that. All right, thank
22	you.
23	With that, we will move forward with the VRA
24	Compliance update. Commissioner Yee and Commissioner
25	Sadhwani.

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COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No exact updates at this
 time. We'll talk more with the Legal Affairs Committee
 update. Of course, Legal Affairs has not met in -- you
 know, since our last meeting, so there are a few items
 that we need to work out in terms of VRA. Of course,
 we'll continue on with the hiring process, which we'll
 discuss as part of Legal Affairs.

8 We continue to think about various trainings, but I 9 think that the landscape of the trainings will shift once 10 we actually hire a VRA attorney.

11 Commissioner Yee, any additional updates? 12 COMMISSIONER YEE: We are meeting with Eric McGhee 13 from PPIC next week to follow up his report being done 14 for us free to track population shifts in California in 15 the past ten years. So we'll eventually bring that --16 we'll report on that to you once we digest.

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Excellent. Great, great. 18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think we may have 19 mentioned before, but we had had a conversation with 20 Professor Bernie Grofman from UC Irvine who has served as 21 a special master in VRA cases for many, many years. He 22 was preparing a memo for us which we will share with you 23 very shortly. That's at the next meeting. 24 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. So Commissioner Taylor.



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1	we had agreed to to be translated into the twelve
2	languages.
3	And then, also, we are we've asked Marcy to go
4	back and Raul to get some information on this in terms of
5	the cost to translate our agendas into the twelve
6	languages, as well as some other, maybe even our
7	PowerPoint presentations, so we're looking into that as
8	well.
9	I think that's all I have. We had some questions
10	regarding the contract language, so that's being
11	addressed as well.
12	Commissioner Akutagawa, did we have anything else on
13	that?
14	COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think I just want to
15	acknowledge that we did receive, or not receive, we
16	received previously, and I believe it was posted,
17	encouragement about simultaneous interpretation.
18	I also want to acknowledge that we did receive the
19	public comment yesterday about encouraging us to consider
20	simultaneous translation or interpretation. Both
21	Commissioner Fernandez and I are very much aware of the
22	needs, and we are looking into just what it all entails,
23	and we'll continue to report out as we get further
24	information about any possibilities.
25	But I also want to make clear that we can't make any



1	promises. You know, we are just looking into all of the
2	different options and trying to understand what not
3	only process, but I think the fiscal cost as well, and I
4	think what we all have to balance. But we can't do that
5	unless we know what the actual costs are, so we're just
6	investigating what all of that is going to mean, and so
7	just stay tuned. We'll continue to keep everybody
8	updated.
9	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa and
10	Fernandez. We're doing very good on time right now. I
11	don't want to jinx us, but so far we've been doing good
12	on time.
13	At this time I want to take a fifteen-minute break.
14	It's a natural point. We're scheduled to do one at
15	11:00, but we'll do it a little bit earlier just to get
16	it out of the way and come back at 11:05, and at that
17	time we'll go into the Materials Development Committee
18	with Commissioner Fernandez and Kennedy and go over some
19	of the outreach material agenda items. Thank you. So
20	we'll see you at 11:05.
21	(Whereupon, a recess was held from 10:50 a.m.
22	until 11:05 a.m.)
23	CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back. Our next committee
24	update is Materials Development Committee with
25	Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Kennedy.



1	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, I guess I'll start.
2	So we made changes hopefully, the final changes per
3	se I mean for now to the PowerPoint presentation
4	and the script, and this has been posted, so those are
5	the latest. And in the future if they're ever updated
6	we'll go ahead and post them, but we won't necessarily
7	discuss them during a meeting, but we'll let you know
8	that they're posted up there.
9	Also, another form that we posted up there is My
10	California Community, and basically that's the same
11	information that we asked for in the COI tool, the
12	communities of interest tool, and so it's a form that can
13	be used that someone can download and they can put their
14	information in there on the front page which asks the
15	same three questions that the COI tool asks, and in the
16	back they can actually draw their community. And if they
17	fold it and staple it, they can mail it in, because it
18	already has our address in the back, and this was
19	something that Commissioner Kennedy put together.
20	So if you want to talk further about that,
21	Commissioner Kennedy. I thought it was very good. It's
22	something he also thought that, you know, it could be
23	something that we post, like at the post office if they
24	allow us to, you know, next to the vote now forms you
25	could also have the, you know, send us your community



1 information. And we're thinking that maybe also having 2 like a little tear-off sheet that briefly describes 3 redistricting and why it's important for them to respond. COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And Commissioner --4 5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, go ahead. 6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sorry. The concept was, you 7 know, not just to respond to the need for an input 8 channel for population in detention, but also for rural 9 communities that had been saying that they don't have 10 easy access, or you know, elderly who aren't comfortable 11 with computers, anyone who wants or needs a paper form we 12 want to be responsive, and we're hoping to be able to 13 place these at least anywhere that there is a voter 14 registration form -- library, city halls, senior centers, 15 you know, public health clinics, anywhere and everywhere, 16 and basically it would be up to the zone teams to work 17 with their local counterparts to get these out once 18 they're printed. 19 Raul will need to liaise with the postal service to 20 make sure that all of the design elements are in 21 compliance with postal service regulations and that, you 22 know, the business reply mailing account is funded so 2.3 that when things come in they're not held at the post 24 office, but they're delivered expeditiously. 25 So there are a few more steps to go, but as



1	Commissioner Fernandez has indicated, we seem to be
2	getting very good response to even the idea of having a
3	paper communities of interest form.
4	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And also, I just wanted to
5	add in terms of fast forward in terms of materials, since
6	we already developed the other documents, now our
7	priority is going to be the videos, one of our PowerPoint
8	presentations and then a shorter video that just
9	introduces us in case someone wants to present that at
10	one of their forums.
11	I don't know if is Fredy here? Fredy, did you
12	want to add anything? Yes.
13	DIRECTOR CEJA: I just joined the conversation.
14	What are we discussing?
15	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I am not repeating myself.
16	No. Commissioner Kennedy and I just gave an update in
17	terms of the updated PowerPoint and script is online, or
18	has been posted, and Commissioner Kennedy went through
19	the form that he created for those that want to mail in
20	their community of interest information. And I noted
21	that our next priority are the videos, and so I didn't
22	know if you wanted to add anything.
23	DIRECTOR CEJA: I have a meeting tomorrow with our
24	videographer to start scripting out the presentation.
25	That's going to be priority is to get the outreach



1	presentation on video, and then start doing the
2	introductory video of the Commission and then the
3	individual videos for the Commission.
4	CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen.
5	VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great work, everybody. Thank
6	you. It really looks good. I only had one comment. In
7	the slides, in the script, for some reason all the
8	when you talk about the members it's no longer
9	alphabetical order, and I was just thinking in terms of
10	the script, you know, the script, itself, you know, if
11	you're trying to just kind of quickly do that and you
12	looked at the list, it doesn't match the slide. So I
13	don't know if that was just a that's just about there.
14	The paper is awesome. Thank you very much. This is
15	specifically for Zone G. I know now Linda is aboard. We
16	were talking about, you know, basically the best way to
17	reach half the people in our zone is direct mail. This
18	could go in it.
19	Are we going to put like a little blurb that would
20	go like a second page that would be just specifically
21	essentially for this? I'd like you to maybe pause to
22	work on that before we well, we need the videos as
23	well. But I don't know the status of that.
24	And one thing I know that was an idea, and I would
25	assume this would be modified for each community, is



1	because I can think in our specific area they could
2	actually draw. They could actually have the outline of
3	their map already on here. So the people could then
4	highlight where their community was on a map already.
5	Because most people cannot draw just on a blank piece of
6	paper a map. Most people are just not good at that.
7	So if and I'm thinking the county would be happy
8	to do that because they already have their own maps, so
9	they could put their own, you know, thing on here. But
10	that's sort of an idea.
11	Would that be something that we then coordinate with
12	each location who's trying to use it, or just your
13	further thoughts?
14	COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. On the last point, I
15	don't think that's practical because you need a level of
16	detail. We're talking about communities of interest, not
17	districts. And if we're talking about communities of
18	interest, we're talking about small enough areas where
19	you're not going to be able to get a detailed enough map
20	in this space that is going to give them the opportunity
21	to provide the level of detail.
22	I mean, we're not looking for works of art. We're
23	looking for something that, you know, helps us zone this
24	in. And we can say, you know, draw or describe the
25	boundaries of. It doesn't have to be a map, per se. I'd

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1	be happy if they just provided, you know, north along
2	this street, east along this street, south along this,
3	you know, that kind of description.
4	What was the first -
5	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can I jump in?
6	COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes the explanation, yes,
7	and as Commissioner Fernandez said, we are looking at
8	having a tear-off sheet. So some of you may have used a
9	form at the DMV that had your DMV information on kind of
10	an overlay that also copied onto a somewhat longer form
11	on heavier stock that was actually the voter registration
12	form. I mean this is years ago, but that's kind of what
13	we're looking at doing, is having this kind of overlay
14	that could then be torn off before it's folded, and taped
15	and dropped in the mail. And we're looking at using
16	language already developed and finalized for the script,
17	just excerpting from the script to come up with that
18	description that would be on that overlay.
19	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy. We
20	have a couple of questions. I don't know, Commissioner
21	Fernandez, before we get to those questions if
22	Commissioner Fernandez wanted to chime in on that as
23	well.
24	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, I was just going to say
25	on Commissioner Andersen regarding having a map in there



already, as Commissioner Kennedy said, this would be for individuals, and really we just like what's the street name or whatever, because if you provide them with the map already of the city or even the county, it's going to be so -- their one area is going to be so tiny that we're not going to be able to blow that up to show what their specific community is.

So then, as Commissioner Kennedy said, if they 8 9 explain it, that's great. If they draw it and they just, 10 you know, write the names of the streets and the 11 boundaries, that's good, too. It's just giving them an 12 option. You can draw it, or you can write it, or you can 13 do both. So trying to make it as easy for them as possible and hopefully, not confuse them too much. 14 15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: And you're talking about like 16 in your tear off would have kind of an example of like it 17 could be a map, you know, may be a map, or north on Ford, south on such and such. Great. Thank you. Excellent 18

19 work. Excellent work.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Next we have Commissioner Ahmad, and 21 then after that, Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you. The paper version, great, awesome. I already know a handful of people who would be able to contribute to this process because of assistance of the paper version.

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1	Just two things. I think I got some clarity about
2	the drawing and community question when I first read
3	that. I was thinking of drawing like stick figures and
4	you know, shiny fun and whatnot. So I don't know if
5	there's an additional word or a couple of words we can
6	put in there to indicate a map-type community of
7	interest.
8	And then the other thing was I didn't see any
9	contact information on there, so our website, phone
10	number, et cetera, in case folks want to move just
11	directly that way as well.
12	But awesome, and I'm really excited for this. Thank
13	you.
14	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you Commissioner Ahmad.
15	Commissioner Le Mons.
16	COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I want to echo the
17	congratulatory sentiments on this as well. We've been
18	talking about needing an analog version way to
19	participate, so I think that's awesome. I think
20	Commissioner Ahmad really addressed a couple of the
21	points I was going to raise around contact information,
22	and I do think that we if we could give some examples
23	in terms of that instructional with the draw section,
24	like what that looks like, because in some cases people
25	will probably have no idea. So I do think we need to



1	enhance that part. Like we're kind of clear on what
2	we'll accept, but helping them to understand how to
3	communicate vis-a-vis boundaries, or imagery, or whatever
4	would probably be very, very helpful.
5	And then my final question is, is there a proposed
6	budget for printing of this particular particularly
7	we're talking about placement in post offices and stuff
8	throughout the state and this could get expensive very
9	quickly. So that's not to suggest that's not a
10	deterrent, but I was wondering have any cost assessments
11	been done.
12	COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I will say that, no, not yet.
13	Fredy is sending it to the graphic designer to work on
14	some of the finer points of design, and we'll also be
15	working on how we incorporate the instructions. We can
16	then start getting some bids. But this is also one of
17	those reasons why I've consistently said we need to
18	reserve some of the outreach budget for some of our own
19	materials that we are producing for outreach. Thank you.
20	CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez.
21	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, and I did want to add
22	a little bit to that for Commissioner Sinay and I are
23	on the incarcerated people subcommittee, and for that we
24	have asked for some funding to be set aside because we at
25	that point knew it would have to be a paper document.



1	So we do have costs for that piece that we don't
2	have it for statewide, so Executive Director Hernandez,
3	if we can put that into the budget and project that out,
4	that would be great, too. If John's there, too, John
5	Fitzpatrick, we'd appreciate that, so thank you so much
6	for your feedback.
7	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you
8	DIRECTOR FITZPATRICK: Thank you. We'll include
9	that.
10	CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay.
11	COMMISSIONER SINAY: This is great. Thank you. And
12	I had just a few minor things that most people have
13	brought up, but I quickly put a sentence just in an
14	email.
15	The one big one is can we try to stay away from
16	using CA for California, because it's a very native
17	Californian thing, but not everyone will know that CA
18	means California.
19	And on the PowerPoint presentation, we still have
20	the timeline. I think we need to take out that timeline
21	slide and just say that we're working on the timeline and
22	be very honest about that part, or be very general, just
23	saying when we're doing input and stuff but it can't
24	it has a date of February 15th when we're turning in the
25	maps and that's when we have to, but I would just feel



more comfortable if we didn't have a timeline in there.
 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez.

3	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I understand the concerns
4	on the timeline, but I also feel that we need to provide
5	something, and again, it's kind of a work in progress and
6	it may change, and of course, it's something we want to
7	make sure we communicate. I still feel there's most
8	of the conversations I have, they want to know what is
9	your timeline, and so we have to give them a parameter,
10	and we always caveat it with it could change because we
11	never know. And I guess I'm just a little bit wanting to
12	if we want to establish a timeline, we should establish a
13	timeline based on what we know now, so that way it's a
14	consistent message being given by everyone.
15	CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Le Mons.
16	COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Speaking of timelines, it
17	just made me think, I don't remember because I'm not
18	looking now, but is there a deadline for submission on
19	that form, and do we need one? At what point are we no
20	longer accepting that feedback and how would the public
21	know, particularly if we're talking about some kind of
22	large-scale distribution, we won't have control over
23	like, you know, once they go to those sites that they're
24	being distributed from. So that might be a thought so we

25 at least are covering our base on that.



1	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Any other comments or
2	questions for the subcommittee? Great work. Look
3	forward to see the other iterations. Commissioner Yee.
4	COMMISSIONER YEE: On the form, I'm trying to think
5	of somebody who doesn't know we exist and doesn't
6	actually know what redistricting is about. They pick up
7	this form. It wouldn't be clear. So we definitely need
8	a website address there somewhere, and maybe just a one
9	sentence how can you really summarize it very
10	succinctly, something you know in California a Citizens
11	Commission draws election districts. We want to keep
12	your community intact. I don't know. Somehow succinctly
13	give some indication about what this is about. What is
14	this? Why would I what is this about.
15	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.
16	Commissioner Fernandez.
17	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner
18	Yee. Commissioner Kennedy had explained that we will be
19	having a tear-off portion of it, too, that will explain
20	who we are, and how they can get involved, and hopefully,
21	we'll incorporate some of the other comments to show
22	maybe examples of kind of what we want from them. So
23	thank you very much.
24	COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, I see.
25	CHAIR TOLEDO: And if there's any other feedback,



1	please send it to staff, Fredy, and he can get it to the
2	committee so that they can take a look at it, review it
3	and come back with a recommendation.
4	With that, let's move on to our Data Management
5	Subcommittee. That's Commissioner Ahmad.
6	COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you so much, Chair. So
7	we don't have any new updates for you all. Commissioner
8	Turner and I will take the discussion from yesterday to
9	USDR tomorrow at our scheduled meeting regarding the line
10	drawer, what we learned from that, and we look forward to
11	collaborating with the line drawers to see how we can
12	best bring in additional support from the data management
13	side to really like assist that process to move forward.
14	So no new updates, and we won't be needing our
15	urgent item, number 12, Chair.
16	CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate that. Thank you. With
17	that, let's move on to the Grants Committee. That's
18	Commissioner Akutagawa and Le Mons.
19	COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Thank you. So we have met
20	since our last meeting and done some refinements working
21	with staff on the overall package. There's some
22	additional information that does need to be refined. We
23	had a couple really robust discussions around the
24	lineation between the grantees and the administrator. So
25	some of the language to really make it very clear in



terms of when we release the RFA that the roles of the administrator versus the grantee and really developing guidance for the administrator on what we need from the grantee. So that was a point that we thought needed to be flushed out more.

And we're still taking cues from the outreach plan, 6 7 and I think that this committee that was established earlier, I apologize, I don't remember the name of the 8 9 one that was established earlier today, but some of that intersection that Commissioner Fornaciari was asking 10 11 about and Commissioner Sinay, there are some questions 12 that we have, even as it relates to the line drawer, and 13 how these eventual outreach opportunities that are going 14 to be funded with the grants can support.

15 So one of the big messages that was really clear in 16 our conversations with staff is that the activities that 17 we're going to be supporting with these resources needs 18 to clearly dial back into our objective. So it can't 19 just be something -- I mean, that could be any kind of 20 outreach activity, but it has to be purposeful and 21 intentional, and we have to define that. We've got to 22 let people know. We can't after the fact go, oh, well 23 no, that doesn't really need -- that flyer didn't really 24 get us where we needed to be.

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So that's where we are, so it's taken a little bit



1	longer because we felt that that more granular
2	exploration and subsequent detail was necessary, even for
3	someone applying to be the administrator, whether they
4	can deliver on that. Because what we also discussed very
5	clearly is that while an organization may be very good at
6	administrative a fiscal administrator, they may not be
7	as good at ensuring that the subgrants meet our objective
8	if we're not crystal clear with them. So we can't leave
9	that design to them.
10	So expect in our next meeting we should be closer.
11	We don't have a date for release at this time. That
12	hasn't changed, right, Executive Director Hernandez. So
13	yes, we don't have a date for release at this time. We
14	will keep you posted.
15	We're really pleased with the progress that's being
16	made, and we're very excited that the line drawing
17	process has moved forward as well and is going to
18	dovetail very nicely because there is some intersection
19	there that we want to make sure that's captured. So
20	we've had we're working with staff to get some
21	questions answered from some of the other subcommittees,
22	and again, this larger subcommittee we feel is going to
23	be very instrumental in helping us close some of the gaps
24	on those questions.
25	Commissioner Akutagawa, do you have anything to add?



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1	COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, I thought that that was
2	a great synopsis of where we are right now. Thank you.
3	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Next, let's go to
4	Community of Interest update.
5	Oh, one question. Commissioner Sinay.
6	COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner Le
7	Mons, for pointing me out. And thank you both for this
8	work. This is great work.
9	You had said that the work of the new subcommittee
10	would be really helpful. When I know you don't know
11	when it's being sent out, but what's your deadline for
12	getting some of those questions answered so we can make
13	sure, obviously Linda I mean Commissioner Akutagawa is
14	on that committee, but I just wanted just a sense so we
15	can prioritize.
16	COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Well, I'd say at this time we
17	don't have a hard deadline. Some of it is development
18	driven. I think the urgency that we talked about as a
19	Commission on this next step will help dictate that. So
20	we have two processes.
21	So I think we'll have an opportunity let's say,
22	for example, there is a small subsection of information
23	that we haven't been able to crystalize at the granular
24	level, right. That will be more about scope. As we're
25	moving certain aspects of the business part of the



1	process, we can be sewing that part up.
2	So we will have more of a timeline in our next
3	report. I wish I could give you a more succinct deadline
4	today, but I think it has to do with the actions that we
5	take. And so you made it crystal clear earlier you don't
6	want to be rushed.
7	COMMISSIONER SINAY: I said not to be rushed in a
8	meeting, but yes, we can rush the process.
9	COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I know. I play, I play.
10	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, both of you.
11	Let's move on to the Communities of Interest update
12	with Commissioner Akutagawa and Kennedy.
13	COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I'll go ahead and
14	get started. I do want to just say that the communities
15	of interest tool, itself, had what I'll call a soft
16	launch. I think we're all aware of that from the tweet
17	we discussed a couple meetings back.
18	What we are ready to do is to make an official
19	announcement next week. March 1st is the International
20	Women's Day, so we are going to avoid that day because
21	I'm sure there's going to be a lot of activity around
22	that. So we are planning to make our official
23	announcement launch on the next day, on March the 2nd, so
24	that we can get that officially out.
25	We are expecting to have the Spanish language



version of the communities of interest tool also ready to be launched alongside the English version of the communities of interest tool. That we expect to be ready by the end of this week, or actually tomorrow. So that will be part of the announcement.

The other subsequent languages will be rolling out 6 7 and will be ready. We should be fully -- at least for the communities of interest tool it will be fully ready 8 9 by the end of the month and so one of the things that we 10 are planning to do to keep the interest and the awareness 11 of the communities of interest tool up is we're going to 12 release a press release every time a new language becomes 13 available so that we can make an announcement about the 14 release of the new language.

I think one of the ideas that we did have, and I think is a detail that we have to work out with Mr. Ceja and also, how long it will take to get it translated, but we were thinking that we would also release a press release in that language that becomes available so that we can get it out to media for that language, again, as a way to just keep the interest up.

Commissioner Kennedy shared about the paper version of the communities of interest tool, which we're really, really excited about.

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One last thing that I'll mention is that because of



1 the soft launch there has been some maps already 2 received. According to Jaime at the Statewide Database she said that she's received -- they received roughly 3 4 around thirty maps from the community of interest tool, 5 and so right now the question that we want to propose or put forward to the rest of the Commission is when do you 6 7 want to receive all of the maps that they have received 8 to date? There's questions about should it be received 9 as they receive it. Do you want to wait until we have 10 more of a data management system in place to figure out 11 what we need to do with it? There's also going to be an 12 impact to staff because this input is going to need to be 13 placed onto the website, so we also want to be mindful of 14 what's the kind of cadence that will help them manage 15 getting it up onto the website. So those are some open 16 questions. 17 Commissioner Kennedy, I'm sure there's other things 18 that I may have missed, so I'm going to turn it over to 19 you if there's anything else that you want to add. 20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, apologies for my 21 technical issues. You did mention the Monday launch? 22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Well, actually the 23 Tuesday because Monday is the International Women's Day,

- 24 so the advice that we received is let's wait until
- 25 Tuesday so that we don't lose -- we don't get swept up in



 all the needs about the International Women's Day. COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: International Women's Day I believe is the 8th of March. COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think because it's the start of Women's History Month also, too, and I'll defer to Mr. Ceja about that. CHAIR TOLEDO: Director Ceja. DIRECTOR CEJA: It is the start of Women's History 	//
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8 DIRECTOR CEJA: It is the start of Women's History	
9 Month. Naturally every station will be focusing on that	•
10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay and then	
11 Commissioner Ahmad.	
12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just a little thing. I've	
13 heard that for surveys and launches like this, it's best	
14 to do on a Tuesday because everybody is overwhelmed with	
15 their email and everything else on a Monday.	
16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Ahmad.	
17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you. This is a really	
18 good update and really timely for data management things	•
19 So I just wanted to follow up on the question you	
20 asked Linda, Commissioner Akutagawa, about when do we	
21 want to receive the maps. My sense is that it would be	
22 nice if we had some type of system set up that would	
23 just, you know, we can manage all the maps coming in.	
24 It's great that there's thirty and we haven't even, you	
25 know, blasted it out there. So this, to me, is a signal	



1	that once we do share far and wide, we probably should
2	anticipate a lot of information coming through.
3	After we receive them is this the part where we
4	would then send the GIS files to the line drawer? Am I
5	understanding this correctly?
6	COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think there's two parts.
7	One is because the maps submitted to the communities of
8	interest tool is technically published input, we do need
9	to post it. So then there's that and then there's the
10	GIS information, and I think I think they were
11	referring specifically to the maps, itself. And we
12	received a sample. It's like a PDF document that shows
13	their comment and the map that's drawn. However, there's
14	a GIS portion, but that still relates to and that's
15	why I think there's all these questions now, so what do
16	we do? What's the best timing? And we asked them to
17	hold off until we could have a further conversation
18	because this just came up in this last week, and so we
19	wanted to ask that and to understand what's the best,
20	most useful, most efficient, most, you know, transparent
21	way in which we could manage all of this.
22	One last thing I'll also mention to you that Jaime
23	said. The soft launch was good because it has allowed
24	them to continue to refine the tool because as the users
25	are using it they're able to they're having tech



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1 support chat hours from 9:00 to 5:00, just so if anybody 2 is interested, they are providing that as well, too. And it's enabling them to, I think, you know, work out or 3 4 continue to work out any little kinks and bugs and 5 questions that come up from the users. And they have been getting questions from folks who have been using it. 6 7 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay, awesome. I think -- just follow up on that. I think I would personally from data 8 9 management I'd want to have a conversation with Alvaro to 10 see what our staff capacity is right now at this point, 11 and figure out what our potential timeline looks like in collaboration with the line drawer to see when would be 12 13 the best time to hit the -- you know, open the flood 14 gates and let all of the input come through to us. So if 15 that's appropriate, I will check in with Alvaro off-line. 16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad. And 17 it's certainly appropriate. 18 Commissioner Fornaciari. 19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I was wondering about the

check box that I thought when I first went through the demo there was a little check box there that said I am not a bot. And when I went back and I made a test, one of those thirty submissions is my submission, it's a test submission, so you can ignore it. But there was no check box, and so did you get a chance to ask Jaime? Okay.



1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: They did test it out. We 2 did get feedback from her that they did -- it is working 3 now. So if you want -- if anybody wants to go on and check it, yeah. But that was asked of them, too. 4 5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Very good. Thank you. COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'll read the response, the 6 7 verbatim response that we received. The question that we 8 posed was, "What is the status of CAPTCHA implementation? 9 Commissioner Fornaciari reports using the site recently 10 and not facing the CAPTCHA challenge." And the response 11 was, "Our developers are implementing the recapture. 12 Currently there are some configuration requirements that 13 are being addressed." 14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I quess it doesn't mean 15 it's implemented at this point. They're working on it, 16 or they may finished it. We just don't know. Okay. But 17 they are working on it, that's at least important. 18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And we have asked them to 19 provide us with regular updates. They have not yet 20 gotten back to us as to their choice of how, you know, 21 the timetable for that. We said you could either do it 22 on a weekly basis, or you could do it before every 23 posting deadline, in which case we would have to share 24 our posting deadlines with them. But we're waiting for a 25 response on how frequently they would, or which of those



1 options they would choose.

 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. I actually wanted to I just realized. There were some that were posed to us from some of the Commission 	questions ioners realize I'd like to
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6 about the communities of interest tool, and I :	
7 that I did not go through that. So if I can,	estions
8 just update the Commission on some of these que	00010110.
9 One question, so we did address the Captel	ha
10 implementation question. There was also a ques	stion about
11 who has or will have access to the data. And a	on that we
12 were told the Statewide Database where the Prod	duction
13 Database lives currently has access. The Citiz	zens
14 Redistricting Commission, including any of the	designees,
15 will have access to the data once you designate	e where
16 that data should go. And the Commission will a	also
17 determine how, when to post that data for the p	public.
18 Another question that was asked is who ac	tually owns
19 the tools, and the response we got was UC Berke	eley owns
20 the code for the tool.	
21 Another question was, was the 2010 Commiss	sion
22 involved at any point in the development of the	e tool?
23 And the response we received is yes, our beta	testers
24 included members of the 2010 Citizens Redistric	cting
25 Commission. So that sounds like they were a pa	art of the

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1	same group of data testers as we were, as well as other
2	community partners organizations were.
3	Next one, and I think I already shared this part, is
4	the have we received any permissions, and I already
5	addressed that one.
6	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
7	Seeing no other questions, I will move on to
8	Commissioner Andersen.
9	VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: This wasn't actually a
10	question. It was more of something I threw out.
11	Actually, Linda and I heard this from, again, with our
12	Zone G. Basically the COIS, they were interested, they
13	were like ah, but in terms of the overall districting,
14	they're not so much interested. They're really
15	interested in once they start redistricting their
16	counties or their local areas.
17	And the idea of could they use this communities of
18	interest, could they get that information after we're
19	done? And the idea being if people thought by drawing
20	their communities of interest at this point for us they
21	would eventually have that information when they went to
22	redistrict their counties, everybody would be really
23	excited and get involved, and we'd get everybody out of
24	the woodwork who otherwise wouldn't necessarily be there.
25	And it actually would make the counties work much



1 simpler.

2	And the reason I'm bringing this up now is, one,
3	it's a possibility. It was something that the Statewide
4	Database would have to be involved in. And since the
5	tool is set up for us, it would be up to us. But it's an
6	item that in terms of government, you know, the
7	Government Affairs Group, or the Census Government Group,
8	could that facilitate everyone's deadlines for the voting
9	because part of it is, you know, when they have to
10	redistrict, you know, they have to make their they
11	also have to put their candidates up, et cetera, et
12	cetera. I don't know if that is any part of that,
13	whatsoever, but I don't know if there was any
14	intersection that could benefit either us, the
15	communities in general, that sort of thing. So it's an
16	idea being thrown out there that was brought to us as we
17	were talking to our county some of the county
18	supervisors.
19	CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay, and then we'll
20	turn it over to the Cybersecurity Committee.
21	COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, this has come up not just
22	in the rural areas, but it did come up when we did a
23	presentation with Chula Vista Redistricting Commission,
24	one of their members. And we've got this robust tool,
25	and from the beginning we said how can we support local

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1 efforts, you know, that's not our primary effort or our 2 primary goal, but we are the State, so is there ways that 3 we can support the local efforts that are happening. 4 And then what hit me was when Samuel had said --5 Samuel had quoted James Woodson saying a community of interest is a community of interest is a community of 6 7 That finally helped me kind of narrow that interest. your community, you know, may fit within the 8 9 redistricting effort of a State Assembly or a Senate. 10 You know, our job is to figure out what size it is. 11 For them, they're just sharing information. And so 12 instead of all these redistricting Commissions, I've been looking at some of their websites, and they're all like 13 14 doing the same trainings, the same, you know, all the 15 stuff that we did, which I feel like say, hey, just look 16 at our website and pull out the trainings you might need. 17 It just feels like we really do need to figure out how we 18 can open that communication and provide support, and the 19 data piece, it would just create such robust information 20 for everybody to have versus them spending money on 21 creating a tool or whatnot. 22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa. 23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, and I -- I'm 24 partnering with Commissioner Andersen in one of the rural 25 communities and that has definitely -- the thought about,

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1 you know, our ability to share the data is that we're 2 collecting through the communities of interest tool. Ι 3 think for me the question is, is this just a decision of the entire Commission body, or is there a legal question 4 5 that we need to address first? We weren't sure, so thank 6 you, Commissioner Andersen. God bless you. I'm glad 7 that you brought that up because I almost forgot about 8 that, so that was good.

9 So I think that that's one thing, and then on the 10 other thing to what I think Commissioner Sinay also said, 11 we had a similar conversation. I think that in some of 12 the rural counties I think because obviously budgets are 13 also limited for them, too, I think they're also 14 interested in seeing how can we piggyback our efforts so 15 that we can more efficiently use the resources that we 16 have so that we're supporting each other instead of just 17 duplicating each other.

18 And so I think I just want to put that out there for 19 our consideration in terms from an outreach and 20 engagement point of view. Is there -- you know, what are 21 the ways in which we can also include that as part of, 22 you know, what we're doing with groups at the county 23 level, which, I think as Commissioner Andersen said, 24 would create a higher level of willingness to work with 25 us.

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1	CHAIR TOLEDO: I think this is a great question for
2	the newly developed committee because it involves so many
3	of our subcommittees and obviously, thinking about, you
4	know, how we collect that data at the local level and
5	then how we - so more of the process of getting it and
6	then sharing it with the other entities doing
7	redistricting, redistricting if it's possible. So I look
8	forward to yes, Marian.
9	MS. JOHNSTON: Legally it is public, so it could be
10	downloaded by anybody. The question would be would they
11	have access to all the manipulations and things that we
12	do. That may be a question for the Cyber Security
13	Committee, or it may be something that we want to leave
14	up to the Statewide Database as to what mechanism, in
15	addition to just downloading the material, they could
16	actually have access to it, though it's more of a process
17	question than a legal question.
18	CHAIR TOLEDO: That's right. Commissioner Sinay.
19	Okay. Seeing no other questions, let's move on to
20	Cybersecurity.
21	Commissioner Fornaciari and Taylor.
22	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No substantive updates at
23	this point.
24	COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I concur.
25	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Next we'll go on to the

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1	Incarcerated Population Subcommittee, Fernandez and
2	Sinay.
3	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So we met
4	Commissioner Sinay and I met with the Chief Probation
5	Officers of California this week to make contact. Again,
6	they are over the Detention Facilities throughout the
7	State of California, separate from the California
8	Department of Corrections.
9	And so our last piece to this puzzle is to meet with
10	the California State Sheriff's Association who oversee
11	all of the county jails.
12	So once we meet with them, we're going to reconvene
13	with representatives from each area, one from the State
14	Department of Education Department of Corrections, one
15	from the Chief Probation Officers and one from Sheriffs,
16	and then that's when we'll brainstorm and come back with
17	some recommendations in terms of how we feel that what
18	would be the best outreach efforts for the incarcerated
19	people. Commissioner Sinay.
20	COMMISSIONER SINAY: You did a great job.
21	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Let's move on to Lessons
22	Learned with Commissioner Kennedy and Ahmad.
23	COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Please continue to challenge
24	your Lessons Learned to us. We appreciate your emails.
25	We are keeping track of all of these. Just keep them



1 coming.

2	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. With that, I just want to
3	go over the agenda. It's almost 12 o'clock. We have the
4	Legal Affairs update. I don't anticipate it's going to
5	be a long update. It's a brief update from Legal
6	Affairs, and after that we have a conversation about
7	future dates and agenda items, just very brief. We have
8	most of our meetings scheduled, but there may be a need
9	to talk a little bit about the scheduling for the new
10	committee just in terms of process and dates that might
11	look at our potentials. And then introduction to Patty
12	Topete as well.
13	So at this point I'm leaning toward adjourning at
14	lunch, if possible. I think it is possible for us to do
15	that. We have notified Patty about an hour ago to see if
16	she's available to come in right before lunch, so with
17	that, I'll turn it over to the Legal Affairs Committee,
18	and then from there we'll talk about future meetings
19	dates and times. If we are successful in doing that,
20	then we would reconvene tomorrow at 9:30 in closed
21	session.
22	All right. Let's go with Commissioner Sadhwani, Yee
23	and myself. I'll turn it over to Commissioner Sadhwani.
24	COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. Thank you, Chair. As
25	you all know, we postponed our interviews for VRA and

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1	litigation. We need to finalize this time actually
2	because the Legal Affairs Committee is a committee of
3	three. We don't have opportunities to plan outside of
4	this, so we do need to finalize a date in which we can
5	reschedule those meetings.
6	We have also I believe, Commissioner Yee, agenda
7	is March 10th as a meeting for us simply to review the
8	procedures and protocols of the hire publicly in an
9	agendized meeting. So we will look forward to doing that
10	on March 10th.
11	You might also note that we did receive public
12	comment on one of our applicants, so I would certainly
13	encourage the members of the Commission to take a closer
14	look at that.
15	In it the letter asks that we in short, that we
16	do a full review of all of our candidates' disclosures in
17	terms of lobbying activities as well as funds that have
18	been given to candidates. So we most certainly will be
19	doing that for all candidates. I did speak briefly with
20	some of the staff just about how to manage that. There's
21	certainly an FEC website where we can look up all of the
22	individuals, so I might ask for some staff support in
23	making sure that there's multiple individuals on every
24	application. We make ask for some staff support in doing
25	so.

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1 In terms of rescheduling the interviews, I wanted to 2 ask the Legal Affairs Committee if the week of the 22nd would be feasible for you both. We are not agendized 3 4 currently for a Commission meeting, and my hope was that 5 that would kind of take some of the burden off, but I wanted to just check in and see if that would work for 6 7 both of your schedules. CHAIR TOLEDO: Works for me. 8 9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay, great. Should we say 10 the 8th, 9th and 10th we'll agendize? Hopefully it 11 doesn't take that long, but you know, the way we were

12 able to book it last time fortunately VRA was all on one 13 day, litigation was all on one day, and then we allowed 14 ourselves one additional day should we need additional 15 deliberation. I think that that model, hopefully, will 16 work out well, and also just gives us enough time and 17 hopefully, won't make our days too long or daunting.

Of course, it will depend on -- we'll agendize for those days, but it will depend on when the applicants, themselves are available, if we can keep them together as VRA and litigation.

I believe that's all that I have, unless either of you have any additional items that you'd like to raise. COMMISSIONER YEE: I think 22nd, 23rd, 24th for the interviews.

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1	COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, that's correct. I'm
2	sorry, did I say a different date?
3	COMMISSIONER YEE: You said 8, 9, 10.
4	COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: My apologies. Yes, the
5	22nd, 23rd, 24th, correct. And so Alvaro, if we could
6	work with you to agendize for those days and put out an
7	agenda also, that would be really great.
8	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Any questions for the
9	Legal Affairs Committee? Seeing none, let's move to
10	discussion of a future meeting date and agenda item.
11	This will be our last agenda item in public session, then
12	for now we will go into closed session 9:30 tomorrow
13	morning.
14	In terms of future meeting dates and agenda items,
15	we just talked about the dates for the Legal Affairs
16	Committee. Any other discussion on future meeting dates
17	or possible agenda items? Commissioner Fornaciari.
18	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm wondering if we should
19	try to agendize a meeting for our new subcommittee maybe
20	on the 18th.
21	CHAIR TOLEDO: 18th of March?
22	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah.
23	CHAIR TOLEDO: Posting for that would need to
24	happen
25	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: On the 4th.

1	CHAIR TOLEDO: on the 4th.
2	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So we can, you know, I
3	would offer that, you know. Commissioner Sinay and myself
4	could take the lead in putting an agenda together and
5	maybe we should work through Marcy, I think, on this. I
6	don't know. Is that okay, Director Hernandez, to work
7	through Marcy to get input from the other Commissioners
8	for the agenda, and Commissioner Sinay and I can kind of
9	take the lead in pulling that together for this first
10	meeting?
11	DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes, that will work.
12	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Does that work for
13	everybody who volunteered?
14	CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen, then
15	Commissioner Akutagawa.
16	VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Just a quick date. In terms
17	of the way we've been doing to get posting, et cetera, et
18	cetera, I know it looks like fourteen days, but it would
19	actually be March 3rd where everyone has to get
20	everything in. To get that together, you get it together
21	on the third, so then it actually goes up. Then you have
22	the fourteen. If we want to do the fourteen, there's the
23	issue of the fourteen, ten which we should discuss at one
24	point, but if it's the fourteen, it would be the third,
25	so just want to make sure.



1	CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez.
2	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm just wondering,
3	Commissioner Fornaciari and Commissioner Sinay, do you
4	anticipate it being a full day meeting or just so that I
5	can block out if it's a full day or just a half day?
6	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I was kind of thinking
7	half.
8	COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would think half at the most,
9	and I was wondering if we could do it half, but in the
10	afternoon versus in the morning, giving people time to
11	get stuff done in the morning. I'm seeing some yeses.
12	Okay. We don't know until we do the agenda what it will
13	look like, so
14	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa.
15	COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, that was going to be
16	my question. If you do it in the afternoon, what time in
17	the afternoon are you talking about, only because the
18	Commission meetings take up so much time, the remaining
19	days, the rest of the week are basically everything else
20	gets packed into that, and so I'm just trying to look at
21	my calendar for the 18th. And I'm also wondering if we
22	have to finish up or have an agenda ready by next
23	Wednesday, are we better off maybe trying to even push it
24	off one more week so that we have some time to think
25	through what this agenda is going to look like since it's



1	a fairly new unless you're going to have some
2	information for us that we're going to be able to use as
3	guidelines for this new committee.
4	CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sadhwani.
5	COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just one thought. I haven't
6	looked to see what our agenda looks like on the 16th and
7	the 17th, but given that there's so many Commissioners
8	who are part of this piece and I think that outreach
9	the details of the outreach take up a lot of time in our
10	typical meeting, perhaps one of the afternoons could even
11	just be, you know, maybe 17th afternoon could just go to
12	the community outreach, at least as an initial organizing
13	meeting, something of that nature.
14	CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Vasquez.
15	COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yeah. I'd also like to get
16	us to think really hard about making our meetings more
17	accessible as we get more into sort of the details of
18	what public hearings may look like, et cetera. And
19	really, community events typically do not take place
20	during business hours, and even school boards meet and
21	city councils meet in the evenings and host events on
22	weekends because that's just when community members are
23	available. So thinking hard about having public meetings
24	in the late afternoons and into the evenings I think is
25	something we should do.

1	CHAIR TOLEDO: And that was a topic that we wanted
2	to bring up in case, you know, in looking at future
3	agenda items do we want to have evening shift to at least
4	some of our meetings in the evening or weekend times, and
5	that's up for discussion, obviously.
6	Commissioner Andersen.
7	You're on mute, Commissioner Andersen.
8	VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. I was just looking
9	at what's on the agenda, you know, items for the 16th,
10	17th. That agenda has not been worked out yet. I'm
11	actually the Chair with Commissioner Kennedy, so we can
12	actually kind of work possible things into that. I'm
13	just looking. I believe it's the labor up there. I'm
14	just trying to have a look to see what's actually on
15	the up there for that date. But the idea being we
16	could maybe possibly put something into the 16th.
17	If it was during then I could certainly help out in
18	terms of since having done a bunch of we have the
19	labor sector panel. So that's the only thing we have on
20	right now.
21	We could certainly add that and make it general
22	enough that we can cover enough. I don't know if we want
23	to have it like take part of the day the 17th, but we'd
24	certainly do the 18th kind of like we did in February.
25	We were originally doing 16th, 17th of business and then



1	the 18th was actually legal affairs. We could do 16, 17
2	and then have down the 18th for this, kind of possibly to
3	do a bit of a blend over in the agenda.
4	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen. As
5	to right now we are Commissioner Fornaciari.
6	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I would support
7	that. If we have it looks like there's going to be
8	time on the agenda that we could fit it in, you know, the
9	end of the day on the 17th, then let's do that. I mean,
10	it will be our first meeting. You know, I would think a
11	couple hours would be enough time.
12	CHAIR TOLEDO: Are you proposing I just want to
13	get this correct proposing to have the new committee
14	meet in the afternoon on the 16th or 17th?
15	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: The 17th.
16	CHAIR TOLEDO: Does that meet the posting
17	requirement, the committee meeting on the 17th?
18	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, we could we could
19	add in the agenda. The agenda is not up yet. It
20	wouldn't be up until the 2nd, and we could just add
21	meeting of the whatever we named the committee. I
22	forgot already, but I'll remember. You know, we could
23	just add that sort of a generic thing and figure out the
24	details.
25	VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I would actually sorry to



1	jump, but I would go like a little bit on the 17th. I
2	would also put down the 18th as needed, because you can
3	always cancel it. Since we might talk about it on the
4	8th, 9th, we might have a better understanding of what we
5	need to do, so there might be, you know, hey, we already
6	have some ideas that you want to work out. And if we
7	don't post it on the by the 1st or you know, then it's
8	we can't. So it's easier to get it on the calendar and
9	then say we don't need it, as long as the timing would
10	work with everybody. That's what I would propose.
11	CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So at this point, the times
12	that we have agendized and have been posted are March 8th
13	and 9th, March 16th and 17th, March 29th, April 1st, and
14	April 17th. And there is Commissioner Andersen
15	suggesting adding the 18th as a potential date to our
16	meeting, in case we need it. Commissioner Sadhwani.
17	COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just a point of
18	clarification. Is it March 29th and April 1st, or is it
19	March 29th through April 1st?
20	VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: It's and right now.
21	COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. The website actually
22	says the 29th through the 1st.
23	VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.
24	COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. And then just to
25	note, I actually won't be here on the 1st, but you know,



1 you can go ahead without me.

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CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Can I just ask. I'm just 3 thinking about something that Commissioner Vasquez said 4 5 that got me thinking. Since this is the first meeting of what is going to be I guess -- I think it's called like 6 7 Public Input Design Subcommittee, or something like that, whatever it is, you know, this is the design of what the 8 9 public input meetings are going to be, I think there is 10 going to be a lot more interest in what this process is 11 going to be. It may be the initial meeting, but there 12 may be more interest in what we'll be discussing, and I'm 13 just wondering if we would be better off considering if 14 we're going to agendize March 18th, if we do plan for maybe a late -- maybe a late afternoon, early evening 15 16 start, so that those who would be more interested can 17 participate in that meeting. Just a thought. Especially 18 if we're just talking about maybe a two, two-and-a-half, 19 even three-hour meeting. 20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Fernandez. 21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm hoping that by the end 22 of this meeting we'll have meetings for March and April 23 because right now we just have April just so you had to 24 get it on the calendar.

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And then just wondering if the meetings that we



1	currently are proposing for the 29th and the 1st, if we
2	actually need it, because it's kind of spring break and
3	for those that may have kids will have kids during spring
4	break.
5	So if it's not needed, I would prefer not to meet
6	that week. I know it's hard to know what we're going to
7	need and what we're not going to need, but that's already
8	three weeks of meetings for some individuals, especially
9	the legal team. So just for consideration, and again,
10	I'd like to have us schedule out March and April.
11	CHAIR TOLEDO: Do you have any suggestions for the
12	April, March and April?
13	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I will start looking.
14	CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's get our calendars out, then.
15	Commissioner Kennedy.
16	COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: So my understanding is that
17	we have scheduled Saturday, the 17th of April, for
18	training. I believe that's with the line drawer, if I'm
19	not mistaken, just to confirm that.
20	VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: That was the idea. I have
21	like from 10 to 6 is what I have on my calendar. I've
22	been trying to keep good track of this, and you know, I'm
23	just calling all of that sort of stuff workshop.
24	COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Though I think to note, we
25	have not mentioned that date, I don't know unless you



1	have Commissioner Andersen, to the new contractor, so we
2	do still need to make sure it would work for them.
3	VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. All of this with the
4	contract will our next step is that we get to actually
5	talk to them.
6	CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fornaciari.
7	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I want to follow
8	up. We've been talking about, you know, maybe holding
9	meetings later in the afternoon or the weekends. You
10	know, we have one scheduled on the weekend, but we
11	haven't taken any action on it, and I agree that, you
12	know, trying to make our meetings more accessible. One
13	of the things we talked about was maybe making one of our
14	March meetings kind of start in the afternoon and go into
15	the early evening.
16	So I would like to make a specific proposal that we
17	do the March 16th and 17th meeting, we start them at 1 in
18	the afternoon, and then whoever is making the agenda can
19	figure out what the end time is.
20	CHAIR TOLEDO: That would be for the March 16th and
21	17th meeting?
22	COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah.
23	CHAIR TOLEDO: Any discussion on that? Commissioner
24	Andersen.
25	VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: The 17th is Saint Patrick's

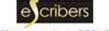
1	Day. I don't really want to be having a meeting until
2	the end of the day. I don't know if we were just talking
3	about doing it late on the 16th, but that would not go
4	over well in my household, let's put it that way, on the
5	17th. And since I'm chair I really would not have the
6	17th be our late date. It's certainly great, you know,
7	the 18th, let's do that one, absolutely. From then on
8	it's just a but again, you know, if the Commission
9	wants to.
10	CHAIR TOLEDO: Any other discussion? Commissioner
11	Yee.
12	COMMISSIONER YEE: On the 16th I have a hard stop at
13	7 p.m., for what it's worth.
14	CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So Commissioner Le Mons.
15	COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Maybe a compromise could be
16	to start looking at later ones in April, since we already
17	scheduled out March, and then that way people have
18	already kind of set their schedules for March aren't now
19	having to go back and recalibrate. So why don't we start
20	with April looking at those meetings.
21	And then also I wanted to ask, is there like Doodle
22	or something we could use for this process? It might
23	make it easier. I don't want to sit through everybody's
24	personal calendar, personally. But maybe some kind of
25	mechanism that we can use that respects and all that.



1	There's a lot of schedules to try and coordinate.
2	Anyway -
3	CHAIR TOLEDO: Agreed, and I want to ask
4	Commissioner Director Hernandez to work with the
5	administration team would make the most sense at this
6	point in terms of setting up the Doodle and getting us
7	especially because Commissioner Fernandez has already
8	identified potential dates, setting up the Doodle,
9	getting it to all the Commissioners, getting us all to
10	provide the data to the staff so that we're and then
11	looking at potential dates for meetings, and working, of
12	course, with the Chairs and Vice Chairs to make
13	recommendations.
14	Commissioner Sinay.
15	COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just a big I think that's a
16	great idea. I agree that trying to figure out our
17	calendars doesn't make sense. But what's the added time?
18	Originally we were like, phew, we've got time, and then
19	we were like, oh. So I feel emotionally we keep going up
20	and down, and so can we at least as a group decide how
21	many meetings do we think we need, or do we not even know
22	that, so it's better just to put them on.
23	But we had talked about taking a little bit of a
24	break in April because we had been running so hard and
25	just to slow down a little in April, and I just wanted to



1	check in on that.
2	CHAIR TOLEDO: In terms of business meetings are you
3	referring to or all meetings?
4	COMMISSIONER SINAY: Business.
5	CHAIR TOLEDO: Business meetings, okay. Any
6	discussion on that item? Commissioner Andersen.
7	VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: This would also give a chance
8	to map out the presentations and coordinate the
9	presentations as well as our meetings because we're
10	trying to think about meetings in the evening, you know,
11	I guess the outreach would also know when those happen to
12	be.
13	But then, yeah, I like the idea. Why don't we skip,
14	you know, that first week in April, because that's
15	well, Passover start is on the 3rd no that's end.
16	Passover is on the 29th 27th, well, Friday, 26th
17	through and then Easter is on the 4th. You know,
18	we've got a holiday on the 28th. So do you want to take
19	that time, those two weeks essentially off?
20	CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's go to Commissioner Fernandez
21	and then we'll come to some resolution on this.
22	COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I just have to laugh. I
23	love Commissioner Andersen with her thinking out loud,
24	which is great, so thank you.
25	But my recommendation is kind of along the lines of



1	Commissioner Sinay. I would like to have that last week
2	in March and the first week in April, if maybe that could
3	be like new meeting weeks, two weeks in a row.
4	As we noted, we do have extra time, which is great.
5	That doesn't mean we're not going to be busy, because we
6	still have plenty of work to do, and so that's why I was
7	looking at maybe starting back up like April 12th, the
8	12th and 13th, something like that. And then maybe
9	meeting a couple of times in April, and then we just kind
10	of go through that process.
11	CHAIR TOLEDO: So this is my suggestion. My
12	suggestion is that Alvaro, Director Hernandez, and
13	Fernando work on getting a Doodle out this afternoon.
14	We'll have the full afternoon, and get it out to the
15	Commissioners for their availability over the next couple
16	of months, and then maybe we can once we have the
17	availability we can look at the schedule on Friday
18	afternoon, because we'll have closed session in the
19	morning, a brief public session, and maybe look at those
20	dates at that time. And by that time we'll have better
21	information, better data about people's availability and
22	can take a couple minutes to - and hopefully, have some
23	recommendations from our director and Commissioner
24	Fernandez.
25	Commissioner Fernandez.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That's great. I can work 2 on that with Executive Director Hernandez. The only 3 problem is I have no idea what Doodle is, so if there's 4 another Commissioner that knows what Doodle is, I welcome 5 them to join us for our meeting so that it's a little bit 6 more productive than. 7 Executive Director Hernandez, have you worked with Doodle? 8 9 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I believe Fredy has. I believe 10 Director Ceja has. 11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay, then I'm good. 12 We're going to meet then. We're all good. Thank you. 13 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think as long as we're working with staff we're fine, and it's just a scheduling software. 14 15 It helps with scheduling. It's really -- it's not very 16 difficult. 17 Commissioner Akutagawa. 18 If I can also just add, COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: 19 then, for clarification, then I think what I'm hearing is 20 that tomorrow will then just determine what the dates for 21 April will be. Are we also then going to make a decision 22 about March 29th and April 1st, and then also the Public 23 Input Design Subcommittee meeting date? Are we putting 24 the 18th on our calendars for sure and what time? Are we 25 going to make those decisions tomorrow? And I'm sorry,



1 I'm just anxious about trying to get it on my calendar, 2 so that's why I'm kind of trying to determine when we'll 3 know. We all are, and so -- and we also 4 CHAIR TOLEDO: 5 need more data, so if we get information -- if we need -if we can get the data on what are Commissioners' 6 7 availability in terms of for March and into April, that 8 will help us be able to make decisions. 9 I think at this point we should all have the 16th, 10 17th and 29th on our calendar as well as the 1st, but the 11 April dates, we may need more April dates potentially. 12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So then, for clarification 13 are you asking for the Doodle to also include our 14 availability for -- let's just say late -- well, I heard 15 that the 17th in the evening is not going to work, so 16 unless that subcommittee meeting happens within the span 17 of, you know, the current time, are we also going to ask 18 for availability on the 18th and the time frame as well 19 for that, too? I'm just asking for clarification. 20 CHAIR TOLEDO: So yes, availability on the 18th as 21 well as -- the Doodle allows you to put the times, so the 22 times will be on there and you can tell us if you're 23 available in the evenings and weekends in April because 24 at this point we're looking at the evening and weekend 25 in April as a potential option as well. dates

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1	Of course, we also know that we have spring break
2	and there's other and there's potential scheduling
3	issues that we've already heard from a couple of
4	Commissioners, so we're trying to work through all of
5	those issues, as well as potentially having a hiatus I
6	can't remember if that was at the end of March, but
7	having a time when we don't meet to give some of the
8	Commissioners a reprieve, especially those Commissioners
9	that have been working so hard on line drawing and
10	other well, everyone has been working hard because I'm
11	been getting the updates from everyone, so -
12	Does that sound like a decent plan? So at this
13	point look at everyone's availability for the 18th, see
14	if it's a possibility to add it on, look at the dates for
15	April to see what the Commissioners' availability is, and
16	then we come back on Friday, tomorrow, in the afternoon
17	and look at the data.
18	But I do need every Commissioner to agree to respond
19	to that Doodle tonight, and then for those Commissioners
20	that aren't here, I'll make sure to reach out to them and
21	ask them to commit to their Doodle as well. And of
22	course, we'll work with staff to get the Doodle out as
23	soon as we can so that you have it and are able to
24	respond.
25	If that's perfect, so we're moving forward with

1 that.

T	that.
2	And then I want to introduce Patricia Vazquez
3	Topete, and she's on the line. You can see her on there.
4	And maybe Director Hernandez can give a little bit more
5	background, and then we'll get an opportunity to
6	introduce ourselves to her.
7	DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you, Chair. As I
8	mentioned, Ms. Topete comes with comes to us with a
9	lot of experience, having worked with the census, so
10	we're very excited to have her on board.
11	The other thing, too, is she is familiar with the
12	Central Valley, and that was another thing that we really
13	appreciate because we need to do that outreach in those
14	areas.
15	So with that, I'll go ahead and turn it over to Ms.
16	Vazquez Topete to introduce herself.
17	MS. VAZQUEZ TOPETE: Hi, Commissioners. My name is
18	Patricia Vazquez Topete. My understanding is I'm going
19	to go by Patty so there is no confusion, because there's
20	two Patricias, one of them being a Commissioner, so
21	Buppy, that's what you can refer to me as.
22	And yes, as Director Hernandez has said, I am
23	familiar with the Central Valley. I grew up in the
24	Central Valley, and when I worked at the California
25	Complete Count Census Office, I got to travel up and down

1	the Central Coast before COVID and the pandemic happened,
2	so I'm familiar with the Central Coast and the Central
3	Valley, both areas. I've done outreach in the coast for
4	the census, and I also worked with our California
5	Complete Town Committee for one year while I was at the
6	Census, so that's a little bit of my experience.
7	I'm a Central Valley native. I went to college
8	here, and I am also an immigrant from Mexico. I speak
9	I am a native Spanish speaker, so I also want to jump on
10	board in helping in any way that I can with Spanish. I
11	know we've heard from yesterday in the meeting Celine,
12	one of the community members, and so it's very
13	interesting. I'm trying to catch up to speed by
14	listening to the meetings and coming to the meetings this
15	week, but I'm very excited to work with all of you, and I
16	know that I'll be reaching out and some of you will be
17	reaching out to me as I also come up to speed.
18	But very excited for this opportunity, and I really
19	see this as just continuing with the great work that we
20	did at the Census and just continuing to work together to
21	really serve our community.
22	CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome on board, and we're lucky to
23	have you. Thank you very much for joining our team.
24	Any comments from the Commission before we adjourn
25	for lunch? Commissioner Sinay.

1	COMMISSIONER SINAY: You're welcome to go as
2	Patricia. I was just they said that you did go by
3	Patty, but if Patricia is what you're more comfortable
4	with, please don't worry about it.
5	CHAIR TOLEDO: Any other comments before we adjourn?
6	Marian.
7	MS. JOHNSTON: Public comment, Commissioner.
8	CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. With that, Katy, let's go
9	to public comment.
10	PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to maximize
11	transparency and public participation in our process, the
12	Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone.
13	To call in dial the telephone number provided on the
14	livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted to
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4	call.
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6	it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn down the
7	livestream volume.
8	The Commission is taking general public comment for
9	the end of their day at this time. I think the end of
10	the day.
11	And we don't have anyone in the queue at this time.
12	CHAIR TOLEDO: Wait a couple of minutes and then
13	we'll adjourn for lunch.
14	I know some of you are adjourning to the
15	subcommittee meetings. I appreciate all of the work that
16	you're doing to keep us on track.
17	PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And, Chair, the
18	instructions are complete on the stream.
19	CHAIR TOLEDO: So for tomorrow we'll be coming back
20	at 9:30 into closed session, and then we'll be coming
21	back into public session around 11:30 and adjourning and
22	ending our meeting before lunch at lunch.
23	With that, we'll adjourn today's meeting. Thank
24	you. See you tomorrow.
25	(Whereupon, the CRC Meeting adjourned.)



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