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P R O C E E D I N G S

April 12, 2021

1:00 p.m.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome to the April 12th and 13th meeting of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. I am Ray Kennedy, rotating chair for this set of meetings.

And I would like to ask staff to call the roll, please.

MR. SINGH: Of course. Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

Commissioner --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

MR. SINGH: Oh, sorry. Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

8 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

9 Commissioner Vazquez?

10 Commissioner Yee?

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

12 MR. SINGH: You have a quorum, Chair.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. And with that, I would
14 like to call for public comment, as we normally do at the
15 beginning of each meeting.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Katy.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to maximize
19 transparency and public participation in our process, the
20 commissioners will be taking public comment by phone.
21 One second. Oh, no. Oh, there we go. To call in, dial
22 the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It
23 is 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting ID
24 number provided on the livestream feed. It is 986 8812
25 5251 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a

1 participant ID, simply press the pound key.

2 Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed in a
3 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
4 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
5 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message
6 that says the host would like you to talk and to press
7 star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your name,
8 please state and spell it for the record. You are not
9 required to provide your name to get public comment.

10 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
11 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
12 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
13 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn
14 down the livestream volume. And I'd like to remind the
15 people that call in, if you would press star 9 to raise
16 your hand indicating you wish to comment.

17 And we do have two people in the queue.

18 And the floor is yours.

19 MR. JOHNSON: Hello. My name is Dylan Johnson.
20 That's D-Y-L-A-N, Johnson, J-O-H-N-S-O-N. I am with
21 SEIU, California, and I'm calling on behalf of the
22 700,000 SEIU members who are in large part from
23 communities of color and underserved communities, and I
24 just wanted to call in and make a public comment about a
25 few items we have some concerns around.

1 The first thing that I wanted to comment on was
2 the -- in looking at the timeline, the scheduled public
3 input meetings and line drawing sessions that are set to
4 take place from December to January, December '21 to
5 January '22, we're concerned about that taking place over
6 the holidays and how that will impact the ability for
7 communities of color and underserved communities to
8 participate in that process.

9 And the other issue I wanted to raise at this time
10 was I know there's been discussion of potentially moving
11 the primary election to a later date. We're not
12 necessarily opposed to this idea, but we are concerned
13 about how this might impact communities of color that a
14 lot of our members are part of, and underserved
15 communities, and think that that should really be studied
16 before moving forward on -- particularly in terms of the
17 impacts that would have on participation by those
18 communities.

19 Obviously, we, you know, we appreciate all the hard
20 work of the commission and look forward to continued
21 engagement, but just wanted to take some time to register
22 those -- those issues. I appreciate you allowing me to
23 speak, and yeah. That's it.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much, Mr. Johnson.
25 Just on those two, very quickly, we are certainly

1 cognizant of the holidays. Unfortunately, we have hard
2 deadlines, and actually, a hard starting point and a hard
3 deadline since the California Supreme Court has given us
4 some additional time, but a very specific amount of
5 additional time if the census results are arriving at the
6 State after the 31st of July, so we have a fixed period
7 of time to do our work. We will do everything that we
8 can to make public events as convenient as we can for as
9 many people as we can, but we cannot change the calendar
10 that we are given.

11 And secondly, on primaries, we certainly appreciate
12 your concern. That should be brought to the attention of
13 your State senator and State assemblymember, as we have
14 no control over whether or not the primary date is moved
15 and if so to when. So we do appreciate your call. We
16 will be keeping all of these issues in mind, but there is
17 very little that we can do to change calendars from our
18 end.

19 Katy, could you invite the next caller, please?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

21 The floor is yours.

22 MS. PONCE DE LEON: Hi. Good afternoon,
23 commissioners. This is Alejandra Ponce De Leon, with
24 Advancement Project, California. My name is spelled --
25 it's spelled A-L-E-J-A-N-D-R-A, last name, P-O-N-C-E,

1 space, D-E, space, L-E-O-N. Just wanted to call in to,
2 one, to continue to appreciate a lot of the work, a lot
3 of the thoughtfulness, in -- in all of the different
4 aspects of the redistricting process.

5 And one thing that I was calling in regards to is
6 just to uplift a letter that was sent by our network of
7 partners and you know, recommendations for you to
8 consider as, you know, as you move forward in your
9 process to select grantees, we just wanted to uplift
10 several recommendations, you know, for your
11 consideration, and the criteria that, you know, for you
12 to consider in selecting grantees, as well as additional
13 considerations in regards to, you know, the process of
14 the selection to take into account, as well as once
15 you've selected your grantees, just other considerations
16 to -- to consider. So I just wanted to uplift that. It
17 was sent last week, and -- and again, that we are
18 available if you have any questions, or just need more
19 information in terms of what we've submitted collectively
20 in regards to this issue. Thank you.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Ms. Ponce De Leon, could you give us
22 the date? You said that it was sent last week.

23 MS. PONCE DE LEON: Yes. It was sent -- I believe I
24 sent it on Thursday. Thursday of last week.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

1 MS. PONCE DE LEON: It was on the 8th.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I don't believe that I have
3 seen that.

4 MS. PONCE DE LEON: I don't know -- um-hum.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Director Hernandez, are you able to
6 give us any information on this letter?

7 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I do recall the letter, but
8 I'll need to check in to find it and make sure it gets
9 posted, if it hasn't already been done.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much.

11 MS. PONCE DE LEON: Thank you.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling and bringing
13 that to our attention.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was it, Chair.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much, Katy.

16 Now, we have general announcements and any updates
17 from commissioners of interest to the full commission.

18 Commissioner Sinay?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Hi, everyone. It's great to
20 see you all. It feels like it's been a long time.

21 I just wanted to let folks know that on Thursday
22 evening, the League of Women Voters in San Diego has
23 invited me and a local commissioner from the San Diego
24 County Commission to do a presentation. So it'll be the
25 first presentation we do in San Diego, which we'll be

1 having the State and the local representation. So we're
2 excited.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Excellent. And that will certainly
4 advance our objective of ensuring that people understand
5 the importance of participating in both processes, but
6 the differences between the two processes. So thank you
7 for that.

8 I will go ahead and make a few comments. First of
9 all, I want to congratulate both our staff and fellow
10 commissioners on progress to date on our educational
11 efforts. I think we are demonstrating that we are making
12 good use of the time available to us. We are getting
13 word out around the State to a wide variety of groups,
14 and I just want to thank and congratulate staff and
15 fellow commissioners for all of the hard work that has
16 gone into the educational efforts to date, and to
17 encourage all of us to continue this. I think the
18 calendar, from what I see, looks like it's going to be
19 picking up more and more. I know that I'm still making
20 first contacts with groups, and cities, and counties, so
21 hopefully, we will have quite a result by the end of this
22 educational outreach period.

23 Second of all, I wanted to point out to people who
24 may not be aware, the last meeting was a split meeting
25 starting on Monday and continuing on Thursday. That was

1 an experiment, and we are interested in hearing from
2 folks, whether through a telephone call or an email, how
3 that was for them. Was that helpful? Was it useful?
4 Good? Bad? Just let us know how that split schedule
5 worked for you.

6 This week's meeting, the start time is something new
7 for us, so we will also be looking for input from
8 commissioners, from staff, from the public as to how a 1
9 o'clock start time works for everyone.

10 In that regard, just want to set out what our
11 expected schedule is with these 1:00 p.m. start times.
12 So our first ninety-minute block goes from 1:00 to 2:30,
13 there would be a fifteen-minute break, we would have
14 another ninety-minute block from 2:45 to 4:15, another
15 fifteen-minute break, a ninety-minute block from 4:30 to
16 6:00, a dinner break from 6:00 to 7:00, and our final
17 ninety-minute block from 7:00 to 8:30. So that is our
18 expected schedule for today and tomorrow, depending on
19 when we conclude our business. Just to give everyone a
20 heads up of when the breaks are likely to fall.

21 And finally, I just want to take the opportunity to
22 really ask colleagues as well as organizations that are
23 collaborating with the commission to really continue to
24 emphasize accuracy and consistency in messaging. You
25 know, we've all, at some point in our lives, probably

1 played whispers games, and you know that what goes in one
2 end of the chain doesn't always come out the same the
3 other end of the chain, but this is an effort where we
4 really all need to emphasize accuracy and consistency,
5 and make sure that the messages that the commission is
6 delivering are the messages that are reaching people at
7 the grassroots level. So just want to highlight the
8 importance of that, express appreciation for those who
9 have been making an effort in that regard, and urge us
10 all to continue to be very aware of the importance of
11 accuracy and consistency in our messaging.

12 So that's it for me. Unless there are any other
13 items of interest from other commissioners, I will turn
14 it over to the Executive Director for his report.

15 Director Hernandez?

16 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. And it was
17 an adjustment period. I got up very early, was here at
18 9:00, and ready to go. Then I realized it's not until 1
19 o'clock, so I have to adjust just like everyone else.
20 But thank you again.

21 And good morning, or good afternoon, everyone. See?
22 Still trying to adjust. Let me go ahead and start with
23 the staff and personnel. I wanted to let you all know
24 that formally, I want to welcome our account analyst,
25 Anessa Kyler (ph.). She has started with us last week

1 and she has hit the ground running, so we're very excited
2 that she's on board.

3 Next, I wanted to touch on the field staff, the
4 field lead staff positions, they have posted, and as of
5 last week, we had at least three applications for each of
6 the four regions. So you may recall that it was posted,
7 then we had to pull it because it needed to reflect the
8 four different regions. So now we have that out there,
9 and we are receiving interest in those four different
10 regions for those positions, so we're very excited.

11 The Director of Outreach and Chief Counsel, I'll
12 defer to the respective recruitment subcommittees for an
13 update during their subcommittee report. I sent an email
14 yesterday asking about your availability for the April
15 29th and 30th.

16 First, I need to apologize. It should have been for
17 April 28th and 29th. My apologies on that. To see if
18 you would be available to possibly conduct interviews for
19 the two executive level positions, so I'll be revising
20 that request. If you can send me your availability on
21 the 28th, I'd greatly appreciate that as well. So that's
22 all I have for the staff and personnel.

23 Are there any questions? Okay.

24 I'm going to move on to the protocols for the
25 commission and communication. So we have a videography

1 RFP, and I want to defer to the Finance and
2 Administration Subcommittee to provide an update on the
3 videography RFP. So I'll defer to them at this time.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez?

5 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Yes.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fornaciari?

7 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. The current videography
8 contract that we have is almost up in terms of funding,
9 so we had to send out an RFP. We did receive one vendor,
10 who was our current vendor, and we have completed our
11 review, and we recommend that we move forward with, I
12 can't remember the exact -- the exact name of the vendor,
13 but that we move forward with -- what's the name of it,
14 Alvaro?

15 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: DSS (ph.). So that's the name
16 of it.

17 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: As our videographer --

18 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes.

19 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- moving forward, and that
20 would encompass videography services until we're finished
21 with our line drawing and beyond. Oh, and there is
22 urgency to try to get that done as soon as possible,
23 also, because as I mentioned, there's limited funding
24 left, and we want to make sure that we have enough for
25 our upcoming meetings, and that we have videography

1 services for that as well. Thank you.

2 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: So Commissioner Fornaciari, I
3 think you were saying something? Sorry.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I want to make a
5 motion that we accept the contract for video services.

6 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Can you repeat that motion?
7 I'm sorry.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I want to make a motion
9 that we accept the contract for video services.

10 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I'll second.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez has seconded.

12 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Actually, that was
13 Commissioner Ahmad, but I can do it, too. That's fine.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Ahmad has
15 seconded.

16 Discussion? Any comments from commissioners?
17 Commissioner Taylor?

18 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And I'm assuming there's no
19 increase in the financial implications than we've already
20 incurred in the past? It remains roughly around the
21 same? Thank you.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Any other questions or comments from
23 commissioners?

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

25 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. I nodded my head

1 and then I realized I need to actually say yes, because
2 there's some that may not actually see my head nodding.
3 So yes.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Katy, we will be voting
5 on this motion to award the videography contract.

6 Could you please call for public comment?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, I will take care of
8 that for you, Chair. Just a moment.

9 In order to maximize transparency and public
10 participation in our process, the commissioners will be
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1 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
2 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
3 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn
4 down the livestream volume.

5 The Commission is taking public comment on the
6 motion to accept the videography RFP contract at this
7 time, and there are no callers in the queue, Chair.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We will stand by for two
9 minutes to give the video feed time to catch up to us.

10 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: So while we're waiting, Chair,
11 I'd like to --

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

13 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: -- offer and inform our
14 commissioners and the audience that we're going to try
15 something a little different with our voting. I'm
16 actually going to share my screen, and we have a voting
17 sheet, and I want to make sure that we can see it, and
18 that way, we can record it live. And also, one of the
19 things that I'll mention later is about tracking for why
20 we're doing this. So I'm going to go ahead and share my
21 screen here.

22 So you'll see that we have a motion number. We're
23 going to be indexing this information. We'll also have
24 the date, and we have the motion itself, who made the
25 motion, the time of the motion, and then below, you'll

1 see where we'll do the voting.

2 So when you're ready, Chair.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez?

4 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I just wanted to note that
5 it's 1:21 p.m., now a.m., so. I'm asleep at that time.

6 Thank you. That's great. I'm glad that we have this in
7 place.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. I'm not seeing all of
9 the commissioners. There we go. Now, I am. Okay.
10 You can proceed, Director Hernandez.

11 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you. So our
12 administrative assistant will call it out, and I will
13 check the box.

14 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

15 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

16 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

18 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

20 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

21 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

22 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

24 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

1 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez?

2 Commissioner Yee?

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

8 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

10 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

11 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

12 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

14 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Kennedy?

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

16 MR. SINGH: Thank you.

17 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Okay. The motion passes.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much. That is indeed
19 a helpful addition to our processes here.

20 Thank you, Director Hernandez.

21 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Still working out some bugs.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Not to be ticky-tacky, but
24 could those of us who are independents, or decline to
25 state, or no party preference, whatever the label is,

1 could we be noted as that other than "other"?

2 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes. I apologize for that. So
3 just to clarify, what would it -- what should it be? No
4 party preference?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, that's fine, or
6 independent, or I mean, I think there was some previous,
7 kind of, debate about what's the right title, but
8 whatever that is, I would just prefer to be named as
9 that.

10 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I will make that change.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

12 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Okay. So that kind of worked
13 out. I have to work out some of the bugs, but I
14 appreciate that very much, and we'll do that moving
15 forward.

16 So since we're talking about the tracking of
17 documents, in an effort to track recommendations and
18 other documents that are submitted, we're going to do an
19 indexing. And so that's more of an administrative
20 function that we're doing, but I wanted to make you aware
21 of that. So we'll have a little bit more of a tracking
22 mechanism for when motions, or recommendations, or
23 documents are submitted, so that we can reference them
24 either in our minutes and/or on our website as well. And
25 so we'll have a spreadsheet created so that people can go

1 and look for that information. It's in the development.

2 I call this a soft rollout.

3 So I think many of you received a draft
4 recommendations form to use. If you have already a
5 document, you don't have to redo that document, just send
6 us that information and we'll complete that form for you.
7 Just something that we're trying to help us in tracking
8 all the information. Chair Kennedy and I kind of went
9 through it and feel that this is a necessary tool that
10 will help us down the road. All right.

11 Moving on, I wanted to talk about the transcripts.
12 I've been working with the Finance Administration
13 Subcommittee, and this is a topic that they will probably
14 cover a little bit more detail. But I wanted to let you
15 know that we'll be posting the transcripts as we get
16 them.

17 Last week, we had an all-staff meeting. It's the
18 first all-staff meeting that we've had since we've hired
19 some additional staff. So it went really well. At least
20 I think it went really well. It gave us a chance to get
21 to know each other, which is something that is hard to do
22 now that we're in this virtual environment that we're in,
23 but we did go through and discussed our different roles,
24 one of which is that we are a team that supports the
25 commission. And so that was very important that we came

1 together on that. This, again, was our first meeting.

2 We plan on having additional meetings moving forward
3 to go over our processes and procedures, including our
4 workflow, when something is coming in. One of the things
5 that we've realized is that there are a lot of different
6 touchpoints. So it may come in one way, but all the
7 different program areas probably need to be involved at
8 some point, so where that handoff is is going to be very
9 important. And there's more information that I'll be
10 sharing as we move forward in future meetings.

11 I also wanted to share that one of the things that
12 came out of that is that we really needed to have more of
13 a training, a Bagley-Keene training for our staff. And
14 so Marian and I will be working on creating a PowerPoint
15 to share with the staff that I think we'll also share
16 with the commission when we have that ready to go. Just
17 to give some examples and make sure that we have that
18 information clear for everyone as we move forward with
19 the public input meetings and anything else that comes
20 through.

21 Lastly, I wanted to -- on this section, I wanted to
22 share that I had a meeting with the Executive Director of
23 the Washington State's Redistricting Commission. It was
24 a Zoom call with Ms. Lisa McLean. She's the Executive
25 Director of the Washington Redistricting Commission. We

1 talked about the general differences of our two
2 respective commissions. They have a total of five
3 members. We have fourteen. So very different in that
4 respect. But more specifically, she was asking about our
5 mapping experts, and we had just brought on board our
6 line drawers, so I shared that information with her and
7 let her know that we are going to have a line drawer
8 training on April 17th that she can tune in and watch.
9 So that's what I have for the protocols and
10 communications for the commission.

11 Lastly, we'll talk about the budget. Our fiscal
12 director, John Fitzpatrick, and I have submitted the May
13 revised request to the Department of Finance after you
14 approved the budget last week. You also may recall that
15 I mentioned in a previous meeting that the legislator
16 wanted us to track -- the Legislature wanted us to track
17 costs related to COVID and census delays. So we received
18 a request, a formal request, from the Legislature to
19 provide that information as it relates to the budget
20 projections we provided last meeting. So Director John
21 and I are working on that, and we'll share additional
22 information as we put it together.

23 And lastly, on outreach updates, we are still
24 conducting recruitment for the outreach coordinator, but
25 our own outreach manager, Marcy Kaplan, will provide an

1 outreach update shortly.

2 So I wanted to open it up if you have any questions
3 at this time. Thank you.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fornaciari?

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I was just curious
6 as to how many candidates we got for the two executive
7 roles?

8 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I believe for the Chief
9 Counsel -- oh.

10 Commissioner Fernandez?

11 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I was just going to
12 reply. I believe Chief Counsel was three, and then
13 Outreach director, I believe, is five as of Friday.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And both of those remain open
15 as of this point?

16 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Until they are filled. We'll
17 pull down the job announcement.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Very good.

19 Any other questions or comments from Commissioners?
20 Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just want to share that for
22 all the outreach positions, we have shared that with the
23 California Community Colleges because they've got a lot
24 of adjunct staff and others that have lost positions or
25 that don't have right now teaching assignments because

1 there's been a twenty percent cut in community college
2 attendees. So they're very excited and they've been
3 sharing it throughout their networks.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Excellent. Thank you for that.

5 Okay. Anything else, Director Hernandez?

6 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: No, thank you. That concludes
7 my report.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Then the Outreach
9 Director's report, we will go to our outreach manager,
10 Ms. Kaplan.

11 MS. KAPLAN: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank
12 you for having me present on outreach efforts. I want to
13 thank you all for the great work that you've been doing
14 to present to organizations across the state. To date,
15 for our redistricting basics presentations, we've
16 received 107 requests and we've completed 49 of those
17 presentations. Thirty of them are upcoming, that have
18 been scheduled, and we are working to schedule the
19 additional requests. So we are in the middle of
20 processing those requests.

21 I wanted to thank everyone that has worked so hard
22 to make all of these happen. Patricia and Wanda for
23 coordinating; Fredy and Cecilia for promotion and updates
24 to the website; as well as the commissioners for speaking
25 and helping to promote the presentations. There are so

1 many steps that are involved into getting these events
2 scheduled, as well as logistical coordination prior to
3 the events, and follow up with organizations and
4 commissioners after events to gather recordings and
5 compile feedback from the presentations. So as you have,
6 please continue to respond as soon as possible with
7 Pahtee (ph.) and Wanda, who are leading on the
8 scheduling.

9 And as noted in the past, we are also very -- we're
10 working very closely with the communications team to post
11 information about upcoming presentations and include any
12 fliers or registration links as well as the recordings
13 from the completing presentations. We're also ensuring
14 that we are maintaining original copies of the recordings
15 as well.

16 I did want to flag that the requests have continued
17 to come in and we are getting them further and further in
18 advance. For June alone, we have seven submitted
19 requests, four of which have been confirmed. And we're
20 also receiving requests going into July, August, and
21 September. Pahtee has been compiling questions that
22 commissioners have been getting during the redistricting
23 basics presentations, and we should have an updated
24 document for commissioners soon to help support with any
25 additional questions that may come up during the

1 presentations.

2 I also want to remind everyone, and those of you who
3 are watching, that the commission is going to be hosting
4 a redistricting basics presentation on April 20th at 2
5 p.m. with Q&A by phone. It will be streamed on our
6 website and the presentation will also have ASL and
7 closed captioning and it will be recorded. We are also
8 hosting a Spanish presentation on April 26th at 5 p.m.

9 The communications team has developed a flier for
10 the April 20th presentation and will be sending out a
11 blast to our email list today. They've also been working
12 on social media posts and creating a Facebook event that
13 should be going out also. And so we'll make sure to flag
14 that for all the commissioners to help with promotion. I
15 encourage you all, as we send those out, to take some
16 time to share the flier on social media with your
17 networks and partners that you've been working with in
18 your zones. Staff are also promoting the events to
19 outreach partners, and the communications team is
20 reaching out to media outlets to help with promotion as
21 well. And the email for the Spanish presentation will be
22 going out on Friday and the comms team is going to be
23 working on a Spanish-English flier for that presentation
24 as well.

25 And I just wanted to talk a little bit more about

1 the field team as Alvaro noted. The field lead positions
2 have gone out. Pahtee and I have been working on
3 onboarding and a workplan for the field team with Alvaro.
4 The positions that did go out were also featured in the
5 April newsletter and in our social media toolkit. But
6 please continue to forward the positions to your networks
7 and encourage people to apply.

8 As I noted, Pahtee and I are working with Alvaro for
9 work plan on onboarding. The process includes criteria
10 for candidate selection and interviewing, onboarding and
11 training for the initial week, compiling materials and
12 resources that commissioners have created in their
13 outreach efforts so that field staff are following a
14 streamlined approach. And we are utilizing the outreach
15 strategic plan and Commission goals in order be able to
16 work with staff to ensure that we're reaching out to all
17 Californian's and ensuring that we are tracking the
18 communities that they're reaching and also reaching
19 communities facing barriers to participation that have
20 been outlined in the outreach strategic plan.

21 Additionally, we're looking at how to efficiently
22 track our outreach efforts that field staff will be
23 supporting on, how we can foster collaboration among our
24 outreach staff, sharing lessons learned and best
25 practices across the zones, as well as leveraging various

1 strengths of team members as they come on board. So
2 we're really excited to grow the team. And I want to
3 thank all of you for your support and encouragement to
4 get the ball moving on bringing those staff on board.

5 As the outreach and engagement subcommittee also had
6 noted in the past, we are working with USDR to support
7 with the development of an outreach tracking tool, and we
8 hope to have updates on this in the future. And just a
9 few other updates that I will defer to subcommittees to
10 discuss further. I have been working also closely with
11 the language access subcommittee, and they'll be
12 providing an update on materials translation.
13 Additionally, I've been supporting the outreach and
14 engagement subcommittee with statewide outreach and I
15 will defer to the subcommittee to provide more specific
16 details on recent meetings and upcoming opportunities.
17 And that's my report. If anyone has --

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Excellent. Excellent.

19 MS. KAPLAN: -- additional questions.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much, Ms. Kaplan.
21 That's useful information both for the Commission and for
22 the public. So I really wanted to thank you for all
23 that.

24 Any questions or comments from commissioners?

25 Commissioner Akutagawa?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just curious, Marcy,
2 where on the website is the announcement about the
3 redistricting presentation that is going to be hosted by
4 the commission? Where will that be available for the
5 public to see and to look for? Because I just looked on
6 the homepage and I also looked under outreach, but I
7 wasn't sure whether or not I was looking in the wrong
8 places.

9 MS. KAPLAN: So we're just finalizing the flier. So
10 I will defer to Fredy. I believe it will likely go on
11 the calendar, but in another location as well to elevate
12 it.

13 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Fredy?

16 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yes. So we were finalizing that
17 today. We'll be updating the website throughout this
18 meeting, but we're also doing a Facebook calendar event
19 and we're going to try for the first time to do social
20 media ads. So we will be placing ads inviting folks to
21 our event. We just have to figure out the universe that
22 we want to send it to. And we'll do all that today.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Also one more follow-up
24 question.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Marcy or Fredy, could you
2 just remind me which of the commissioners are going to be
3 doing the presentations? And I apologize if it was
4 already communicated.

5 MS. KAPLAN: So I will defer to Commissioner
6 Fornaciari.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, we have a proposal
8 for that. We haven't finalized that. We have a proposal
9 for that. We'll talk about that in the outreach report.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Anyone else?

11 Okay. Counsel's Report. Marian, do you have
12 anything to share with us at this point?

13 MS. JOHNSTON: Only that after the Governor
14 announced that California was going to reopen June 15th,
15 I was asked what effect that would have on the commission
16 and its activities. The Governor did issue a explanatory
17 press release last week that doesn't really answer the
18 question about whether the Governor's executive orders on
19 COVID will still be in effect.

20 But as to workplace, he said workplace policies must
21 promote -- workplaces must promote policies that reduce
22 risk, including improved indoor ventilation and mask
23 wearing, as well as remote work when possible without
24 impacting business operations. So that's that last point
25 that we'll have to get more information on. I've tried

1 to find out from the Governor's office when they may make
2 a decision on the executive orders and I haven't heard
3 back yet. If the executive orders are lifted, then you
4 will go back to the Bagley-Keene requirements as written,
5 which will change substantially your operations. So I'll
6 keep you informed of that.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good.

8 Commissioner Andersen?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. On that,
10 we've had such great luck in terms of accessing many more
11 people because of the remote, and more people can
12 actually attend. Is there possible the idea of doing a
13 hybrid situation that might -- it might actually still
14 access more people? Can we explore that or you know, is
15 that even clear?

16 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes, you certainly could still have
17 that done by your Zoom meetings in addition to having the
18 regular public meetings. One problem with that is that
19 there's supposed to be a commissioner at every remote
20 location, so I'm not sure how that would work combining
21 with Bagley-Keene. I assume that's something that could
22 be worked out, but I think there are ways to go beyond
23 what Bagley-Keene requires without violating Bagley-
24 Keene.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. My thinking on that is that a

1 first step for us may be for the seven northern
2 California commissioners to gather in one spot and the
3 seven southern California commissioners to gather in
4 another spot. And that would reduce travel costs to some
5 extent. Hopefully, we could find a location here in
6 Southern California that would be reasonably convenient
7 to the seven of us that would allow for public attendance
8 as well.

9 MS. JOHNSTON: And to do that, you would --

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: And then they --

11 MS. JOHNSTON: -- then have to have your video
12 accessibility at each of those locations as well.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, so -- sorry. Sorry.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Andersen?

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Since this is going to be a
17 huge economic impact as well, you know, given going the
18 COVID and the other issues, should we -- could the chair
19 assign this to a group, appropriate group, to further
20 look into this possibility?

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, we no longer have a
22 troubleshooting subcommittee.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Obviously, finance.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sinay?

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, I think we need to look at

1 that, but it'll also be part of the design working group
2 because a lot of our future meetings and other ways of
3 collecting input will be discussed and designed there.
4 So I think that some of that will be -- will come out of
5 there.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. I would anticipate that the
7 Admin and Finance Committee would be looking particularly
8 at the financial implications of this.

9 Commissioner Fernandez, followed by Commissioner
10 Fornaciari.

11 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Well, in terms of the
12 financial side of it, we had already considered that in
13 the most recent budget that was presented at the last
14 meeting. But I just want to piggyback off Commissioner
15 Andersen. I do think it's something important for us to
16 look into being able to do a hybrid, because it's my
17 understanding once the executive orders are lifted, we
18 would have to meet in person.

19 I mean, we couldn't -- I couldn't meet from my home
20 unless I'm going to open up my home to people. So I do
21 feel that it should be explored or at least maybe some
22 sort of memo or letter to the Legislature or whoever to
23 try to get into the Governor's ear in terms of when you
24 remove that executive order, maybe reword it in a way
25 where we can continue as we're doing now, but also meet

1 in person. And we wouldn't have the requirements of if a
2 commissioner could only meet virtually, they wouldn't
3 have to open up their home. Does that make -- I hope
4 that makes sense. Being on the school board, that was
5 always the issue that we had in terms of being able to
6 meet virtually. We had to open up wherever we were. If
7 it was a hotel, if it was in our home, we had to open it
8 up to attend.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. I have Commissioner
10 Fornaciari, Commissioner Sadhwani, and Commissioner
11 Akutagawa.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Commissioner
13 Fernandez basically said what I was going to say, that
14 we've accounted for, you know, opening up, having public
15 meetings in the budget. And we're -- and to follow up
16 with what Commissioner Sinay said, we're looking at
17 those, you know, what those would look like in our
18 subcommittee. So we'll have a good idea what the cost
19 will be. You know, that's part of the consideration,
20 we'll have a good idea of what the cost will be of a
21 hybrid-type meeting. So that's all.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good, thank you.

23 Commissioner Sadhwani?

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I just wanted to
25 follow up on Commissioner Fernandez had mentioned, like,

1 a memo to the Governor's office or something of that
2 nature. It sounds like Marian's already in touch with
3 them. I know Alvaro and I had also been in touch with
4 the Governor's office earlier, maybe about a month ago or
5 so, as a part of governmental affairs. So whether it's
6 me or Marian or you know, working in collaboration, I'm
7 happy to coordinate that end of it and try and get a more
8 clear response from the Governor's office of what that
9 would look like moving forward. As well as perhaps if
10 the design committee develops what we want that to look
11 like, if there's any way leeway to share that with the
12 Governor's office.

13 MS. JOHNSTON: And I just wanted to clarify, mine
14 was just a request to the legal affairs office of the
15 attorney -- of the Governor's office to see if they were
16 making any decision and when it might be expected. So I
17 would encourage your government affairs one to directly
18 say what it is the commission would like.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Commissioner Akutagawa?

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, thank you. In
21 addition to the financial, I think I just want to speak
22 up and say something about despite what the Governor may
23 be lifting in terms of the executive order, I do want to
24 also state that, as much as we're moving towards opening
25 up as much as we can, I am concerned about the continued

1 chances of new variants and other infections. And I say
2 this even though I have been fortunate enough to now get
3 vaccinated, my husband is still immune compromised and I
4 would like to be very careful about, you know, how much I
5 will expose him to something, even though I would love to
6 meet you all in person. I just want to say that out
7 loud. And I'm sure there are others that would prefer to
8 be safer still until we know for sure what the next few
9 months are going to bring about. So just trying to be
10 cautious.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very much so. Thank you for that.
12 Commissioner Vazquez?

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Building off of what
14 Commissioner Akutagawa was mentioning, you know, I
15 acquired a disability in between applying for and getting
16 selected for the commission. I'm not in a place where
17 health-wise I can travel, and certainly would not be able
18 to open up my home even if I wanted to for public
19 attendance, even in a nominal way, even if no one showed
20 up. So.

21 Also, if we can -- I think there's a way to also
22 frame this to folks we're working with on the policy to
23 say that, you know, this is an opportunity for California
24 to reshape accessibility to government. And so we have a
25 commissioner with a disability who can't, you know,

1 attend in-person meetings but is otherwise able and
2 willing to serve on the commission. And Bagley-Keene as
3 it is, is restrictive for my participation in government
4 for which I was selected to do so.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that. So I would like
6 the Government Affairs Subcommittee to work on a draft
7 letter to the Office of the Governor. And I would
8 encourage commissioners -- Commissioner Akutagawa,
9 Commissioner Vazquez, anyone else who has input for that
10 letter to channel it through our Legal Counsel. And so
11 the Government Affairs Subcommittee will be working with
12 Legal Counsel on drafting that letter. And then we can
13 review that as soon as it's ready.

14 Commissioner Fernandez, had you raised your hand?

15 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I did. I was just going to
16 commend Commissioner Vazquez. I think that what she just
17 mentioned would be great language to put into the letter.
18 So thank you so much.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, exactly.

20 Commissioner Andersen?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. It's
22 been a very, very good conversation. Could I also
23 include the public input committee, who in their designs
24 and ideas, if they could, that could be also incorporated
25 into this letter? Because I know they've done a lot of

1 thought down this process, and I'd like to make sure we
2 capture these wonderful ideas. So thank you very much
3 for the very thoughtful comments, and very appropriate.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Marian, is there
5 anything else? Are there updates on any cases regarding
6 release of census results?

7 MS. JOHNSTON: Not that I've heard. There have been
8 some articles written about the use of the differential
9 privacy. That's not the right language, or is that the
10 right -- what it's called? But I don't think there's
11 been any litigation on it. There are some rumors about
12 when the reapportionment information will be issued;
13 hopefully, later this month. But no precise date on that
14 and no further information on what the census timeline
15 is.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much.

17 Then Director Ceja, it is time for the Communication
18 Director's Report, please.

19 DIRECTOR CEJA: Thank you so much. I wanted to
20 start off by letting the commissioners know that we did
21 receive public comment. It is posted on our website.
22 And I did update that letter from the recommendations for
23 selection of CRC grantees that was alluded to earlier in
24 public comment. So it is now up. I think it was stuck
25 in our email system, but we have it and it's posted. We

1 also have a public comment from Mr. Bill Head, from
2 Rajeev Singh, and Diane Griffiths, and Stacey Reardon,
3 who represent our legislative partners in Sacramento.

4 Also wanted to let you know that during the past
5 week, Commissioner Kennedy spoke to the Michigan Capitol
6 Reporter; he did an interview with them. Commissioner
7 Taylor spoke to Lake County News. Commissioner Yee spoke
8 to the Valley Mirror. And Commissioner Sinay and Ahmad
9 did a dual interview with Desert Review. And
10 Commissioner Yee and Andersen spoke to Coast News. And
11 finally, Commissioner Kennedy spoke to KVCR NPR affiliate
12 in the Inland Empire. So those are the interviews that
13 we did the week prior.

14 I wanted to give you an update on what's going on
15 with the CRC training video. We did have to include two
16 additional slides to mirror the presentation that we
17 updated. So we have a slide that tells folks what we
18 want from COI information so that they can properly
19 describe their community when they're giving us feedback.
20 And the other one, the other slide was regarding language
21 access.

22 So those two are going to be integrated into the
23 video. I should have the final cut today, so I'll send
24 it out to everyone for your review. And if it's good to
25 go, then we can start using it for those occasions where

1 commissioners are not available to go out and present.

2 And we can just send the link out that will have all your
3 faces on there. You all did a great job of putting that
4 together, so thank you.

5 I'm still shopping around the op ed. We did send it
6 to one media outlet; they rejected it. So we're going to
7 continue on to shop it around. This op ed is just
8 letting folks know what we're doing with our extra time
9 while we wait for the census data. And as you can see by
10 the number of presentations that you all are doing,
11 you're doing an amazing job. So that number is only
12 going to increase. And hopefully, we'll be able to
13 penetrate a larger portion of the California community so
14 that they can get involved in the redistricting process.

15 I did send the final edits to our designer for the
16 business cards. I had a poll going around to see what
17 information you wanted on your business cards. I think
18 I've got it all figured out. So I sent the final version
19 to the designer and I'll get you that final proof
20 sometime this week so you can give it a final okay before
21 it goes to the printer.

22 And then lastly, just wanted to highlight the
23 newsletter that we've put together. It was substantially
24 nicer looking and had a lot more information this month
25 than we did last month. So I want to continue pushing

1 out an amazing newsletter recapping what we're doing on a
2 monthly basis. So if you have any stories or any issues
3 that you want to highlight, please let me know. Cessie
4 (ph.) and I will be working on the content for the next
5 one, and also creating graphics so that it looks amazing
6 when it goes out to our constituency.

7 And lastly, just wanted to end with the final number
8 of contacts that we have in our system with Nation
9 Builder. We started off with a contact list of 4,000, we
10 are now at 10,100, so people are interested in what we're
11 doing. So I plan to continue growing that database so
12 that more people know what we're doing on a daily basis.
13 And that's it for my report if anyone has questions,
14 comments.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, congratulations on that
16 milestone. That really is an achievement. And we want
17 to thank you for your hard work on behalf of the
18 commission. That really is something that we can
19 celebrate today.

20 DIRECTOR CEJA: Awesome. Thank you.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Unless there are any further
22 questions or comments regarding staff reports, we will
23 move into our subcommittee updates.

24 First of all, Government Affairs and Census.
25 Commissioner Andersen.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry, I know number 9 is
2 actually the line drawer update. We're hoping that this
3 position -- this will be filled and our next meetings
4 keep on going, by the line drawer with a quick topic of
5 the flavor of the day. At this point, I'm just going to
6 give you a quick update with who the line drawer I've
7 been working with, which is they've connected with the
8 data management group on Friday, and we'll probably
9 continue to meet with them on Fridays. They're having a
10 public meet -- the public input meeting design group this
11 coming Wednesday, which will be very productive. And the
12 other item is -- so they are on board. It's a wonderful
13 moving forward.

14 And the other item is this -- the public input
15 letter regarding from the Legislature, regarding that
16 their possible redistricting tool. I would ask the chair
17 to bring that letter to the attention of the Data
18 Management Subcommittee, the Public Input Meeting Design
19 Subcommittee, and the technical side of the line drawing
20 subcommittee for its implication in those areas. So if
21 that's a -- and that's sort of a quick summary. That is
22 my summary.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I just want to --

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you --

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- make a motion to you or
2 to the chair.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: I will discuss with Director
4 Hernandez and we will make sure that that letter gets
5 referred to the appropriate subcommittees. Thank you.

6 Government Affairs and Census -- Commissioner
7 Fornaciari?

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I read the letter. So
9 they're going to be putting -- they're going to be
10 putting in these centers to collect input? Do we know
11 when they will know what the plan is? No, we don't know?

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: If I can answer from the perspective
13 of the COI Tool Subcommittee, the information that we've
14 received from the Statewide Database is that public
15 access centers -- redistricting access centers opening to
16 the public would depend on both state and local health
17 rules. And so at this point, they are not in a position
18 to give us any specific dates on opening to the public.
19 Now, that doesn't mean that they wouldn't -- that the
20 staff wouldn't be working from those locations
21 necessarily, hey might, in that the public access center
22 managers would be the ones responding to technical
23 support calls coming in to the communities of interest
24 tool, so.

25 Commissioner Sinay?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was caught a little off guard
2 by that memo just because we haven't had a conversation
3 at the redistricting. And we have been having
4 conversations with statewide outreach -- with groups as
5 part of the statewide outreach. And we've been having
6 some conversations at the design level.

7 Is there still room to talk about how -- what is the
8 best way, effectively and efficiently, to do this?
9 Because we did talk to the California Library Association
10 and they're very interested in helping out. They already
11 have the locations. They already have the staff. They
12 already have the computers. And they're already a
13 trusted place for communities to go. They just need
14 training and materials.

15 And so it seems much more efficient and effective to
16 use the budget in that way. And it'll be more than just
17 six places versus these six. So I guess the big question
18 is, do we have the -- do we -- is this required upon us
19 or is there still time for conversations and thinking
20 through how this is done?

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Again, if I can respond based on my
22 understanding with my Communities of Interest Tool
23 Subcommittee hat on, we have spoken with Statewide
24 Database. This is something that they were funded to do
25 by the Legislature. They have communicated this to us.

1 I don't see any barriers to us channeling our suggestions
2 to them.

3 I will say that they established -- they made
4 contact with not only the State Library and State Library
5 Association, but also most, if not all of the fifty-eight
6 separate county library systems, and reported to us that
7 the reactions varied. That some were very interested and
8 able; some were interested, but not able; and some
9 were -- maybe because they, you know, weren't able
10 because of space constraints or staffing constraints or
11 budget constraints or whatever, they just didn't get much
12 engagement from some of the county library systems.

13 I have asked for additional information on that
14 effort from the Statewide Database. We are hoping to
15 receive that information, and we can pass that along to
16 you and to the rest of the commission. But yeah, the
17 establishment of the access centers is something that
18 predates the formation of this commission. And with
19 COVID, my understanding is that a decision was made to
20 just kind of put everything on ice. And it's only
21 recently where the public health situation has begun to
22 improve that Statewide Database started to dust off its
23 planning on this.

24 So that's kind of where we are and why we are where
25 we are on that. And there may be some additional

1 details, excuse me, in the memo that Commissioner
2 Akutagawa and I have submitted and that was posted today.
3 Commissioner Andersen.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you for that, Chair.
5 I just want to make sure that in this memo, it's -- this
6 is not -- the access centers are not strictly for the COI
7 tool. It's for a redistricting access. So it's a
8 twofold issue, and hence, it has a lot of -- it affects
9 all these other commissions and all the other
10 subcommittees. So possibly, we need to create -- I don't
11 know if we need another subcommittee other than the COI
12 tool or this would be an addition to the COI tool slash
13 redistricting access center. I don't know. But it's
14 certainly an issue that I think we'd like to get involved
15 in at the early stage so we don't run into further
16 complications or duplicate efforts. So.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that.

18 Commissioner Akutagawa and then Commissioner Turner.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, Commissioner
20 Andersen, I think the concerns that you brought up, I
21 think, are similar to what Commissioner Kennedy and I did
22 have. My understanding is that these redistricting
23 access centers are really primarily -- and I would say
24 almost solely to be for use to access the communities of
25 interest tool that the Statewide Database -- I know it

1 says -- I know it says other redistricting websites. I
2 am aware of that. But my understanding from the
3 conversation is that that is pretty secondary.

4 The main role of those redistricting access centers
5 are for the COI tool, making that more accessible.
6 Because we asked similar questions, too. And the money
7 is assigned directly to the Statewide Database. It's not
8 a commission pot of money. It was -- it's directly from
9 the Legislature, directly to the Statewide Database, for
10 the purposes of these redistricting centers.

11 And the current staff that are hired right now,
12 their current role is basically to be the tech support.
13 So when -- right now, when people do go on to the
14 communities of interest tool and they need support, like
15 they have questions, they call on the phone, they ask
16 questions through the chat on the COI tool, these
17 managers are the ones that are basically now addressing
18 the questions and fielding the inquiries and the requests
19 for help right now. So that's really what their main
20 role has been there to do.

21 That's as far as I know. We could find out and gain
22 for the clarity about this other part. And make sure
23 that we're correct on what we heard.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: And again, just to highlight, the
25 funding for the redistricting access centers was provided

1 to the Statewide Database before the 2020 CRC came into
2 existence. And then because of COVID, things were put on
3 ice. And you know, so we were developing our strategic
4 outreach plan not knowing that this was, you know, had
5 been shelved, because we weren't in existence yet at the
6 time that it was shelved.

7 Commissioner Turner?

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Thank you, Chair.
9 And I appreciate hearing about it being predetermined and
10 funding coming directly from a source outside of this
11 commission. I just wanted to name, though, any time
12 there is an effort named as, one, as solution for people
13 being able to engage and participate in the process, it
14 does sort of set in the mind that this was something else
15 done to accommodate. And because of the shift, and
16 because of COVID in that it's not as many areas that they
17 would typically like, I just want to name that having a
18 center in the Central Valley in Fresno does more of a
19 disservice to those that won't have that same access that
20 are two and a half hours away from, you know, end to end
21 of where the Central Valley is. And I would imagine it
22 would may be the same in some of the other areas.

23 So I just want to name that though it could be a
24 benefit to some, it's a benefit that's not accessible to
25 a lot. So I wanted to say that in hopes of Commissioner

1 Sinay, when she talked about the access to the libraries,
2 that it would be a little bit more spread out. And I
3 know it's not an either or. I just want to again,
4 Commissioner Sinay, say that I'm very much in support of
5 us making another go round at the libraries that perhaps
6 did not respond initially in hopes that they will respond
7 and utilize the services that they have also lifted up so
8 that people will have access and they will be able to go
9 in-person to these centers. So great for the places that
10 they're going to be, but a little bit inaccessible for
11 many people in the area.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner, yes.
13 I mean, this really is -- it validates what some of us
14 have been thinking and saying for quite some time, which
15 is that the libraries -- local libraries and the
16 community college network could really add to our
17 footprint, if you will. And making these tools and the
18 whole redistricting process so much more accessible to
19 people throughout California. So you know, we understand
20 that library systems and community colleges have their
21 own constraints that they are operating within, but we
22 really are eager to find ways that we can work with these
23 institutions that have such a bigger footprint throughout
24 the state to help us expand our efforts.

25 Commissioner Sinay and then Commissioner -- okay,

1 Commissioner Turner, you can continue. Then I'll have
2 Commissioner Sinay and Commissioner Akutagawa.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And the one other
4 piece is I'm wondering if we have data -- and I assume it
5 probably was looked at from the Census Bureau that
6 established local access areas. And I'm wondering how
7 well they were utilized when there were special centers
8 set up just for census for people to walk in outside of
9 sources such as libraries and what have you. Not so much
10 to shift what they can do right now, but even to inform
11 going forward. Is it worth the investment to put in the
12 lax, and if people are actually utilizing those spaces,
13 or are we just renaming something that has happened
14 before hoping that it's working? I think we should have
15 some data from census now that'll tell us if people are
16 actually utilizing the spaces.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right, thank you.

18 Ms. Kaplan, do you have any quick response on that?

19 MS. KAPLAN: So the California complete count census
20 2020 office had an extensive plan for questionnaire
21 census assistance centers. Unfortunately, as the census
22 launch was when the state went into lockdown and quite
23 extensively the -- all of the -- for the most part, a lot
24 of the questionnaire assistance centers were not able to
25 open and organizations pivoted. Groups explored other

1 opportunities to do questionnaire assistance in the
2 field, doing kind of a roving model, doing work outside
3 of -- I know some partners, you know, tabled outside of
4 grocery stores and identified ways to integrate
5 questionnaire assistance where folks were coming for
6 other services that were open during COVID.

7 The libraries did have an extensive plan. They were
8 a key partner that were, you know, many libraries were
9 planning on utilizing computers for questionnaire
10 assistance. But all of that really had to pivot because
11 of that. There was a whole, you know, training and model
12 and process developed for those centers as well. That
13 all kind of pivoted during COVID.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good, thank you.

15 Commissioner Sinay and then Commissioner Akutagawa.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So this is kind of part of our
17 outreach report, our subcommittee report. But the --
18 kind of Marcy and Commissioner Ahmad and I have actually
19 gotten to go pretty deep on the library piece, and they
20 keep opening more and more doors. And so I just want
21 to -- I want to put that out there.

22 And the other piece is the design working group for
23 the subcommittee, the design input -- public input design
24 subcommittee, the whole -- the second half of our meeting
25 will be focused on leveraging assets. And I think that's

1 really one of the conversations we keep trying to have is
2 leveraging assets. So even if the budget didn't come to
3 us, I would hope that we would really look at the values
4 that we've created of being as inclusive and engaging and
5 accessible, and think through how to leverage assets. We
6 know not all libraries will take this on, but having
7 spoken to some of the rural libraries, they're very
8 excited for something like this and that's where we
9 really need it.

10 So just want to -- I know I'm harping on something
11 you all believe in, but I just wanted to say that we have
12 been invited to the California Library Association to do
13 a presentation. We're thinking through how we're going
14 to do the presentation so that it inspires librarians to
15 want to be part of this. We need to discuss, you know,
16 what type of training and stuff like that. But we are
17 going deep in this path and it would be great to have the
18 Statewide Database as our partner in this effort.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Excellent, thank you.

20 Commissioner Akutagawa.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I do want to address
22 that part about the libraries. You know, we got it --
23 it's pretty deep into some of these conversations, and
24 I -- it's sounding like, you know, it might just be
25 useful to have the Statewide Database, you know, maybe

1 Jaime come and join us and answer questions directly from
2 the commissioners.

3 Because I will say that I think one of the concerns
4 that we had is are we working at cross-purposes? I think
5 some of the language that was used, we were like, wait,
6 wait a minute. We're, you know, we're crossing over and
7 creating some confusion. But I think in having talked to
8 Jaime at the Statewide Database, we did have a lot of our
9 concerns alleviated, at least more clarity.

10 I hear what you're saying about the libraries. You
11 know, a couple of the things that I want to just point
12 out that Jaime had brought up is that she did -- I mean,
13 basically what she was doing is she reached out to all
14 the various library systems. And I learned one thing,
15 there is not, like -- you know, there is multiple library
16 systems like there are multiple everything, right? I
17 mean, so it's not like at a California state level, you
18 know, so we could just go to a -- you know, someone at a
19 library commission and say, okay, we want to do this.

20 So some of it -- because we were trying to address
21 some of the concerns we had in some of the more rural
22 areas where they were not going to be putting in, you
23 know, a redistricting access center. We were pretty
24 concerned about that. But one of the things she did say
25 is that the responsiveness of different libraries varied.

1 And part of it came down to resources. You know, some of
2 these libraries are pretty small. You know, as much as
3 we think it's a great idea to just say, hey, you know,
4 can you just allow, you know, someone to maybe help
5 answer some of these questions around redistricting? We
6 were -- or I should say she was quickly, I think,
7 educated that it's not quite as easy as just telling
8 somebody, hey, can you do this? Because they are doing
9 other work in the libraries.

10 And so you know, even the access to a computer. And
11 one of the things that we were told is that, you know, it
12 has to be a dedicated computer or desktop that would be
13 for the Communities of Interest tool. And that's
14 something that some of the smaller libraries are not able
15 to do. They have limited numbers of laptops or actually
16 desktops. And so they can't have it not be accessible to
17 somebody who might need to use it.

18 So you know. And then we got into questions around,
19 well, you know, do you give them a computer as part of
20 the money that they got? I mean, there's all different
21 kinds of questions like this that we did try to work
22 through, at least as it pertained to the libraries. But
23 I think it might just be helpful for the sake of clarity,
24 perhaps, you know, I propose that if -- you know, anyone
25 from the Statewide Database is listening and if they have

1 time, whether it's today while it seems like we've just
2 kind of preempted our COI subcommittee report. Maybe,
3 you know, during that time, if Jaime or someone else
4 could come in, maybe just join us and help answer these
5 questions, that might just be helpful for the
6 commissioners.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good.

8 Commissioner Sinay.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. This brings up an
10 interesting quagmire for -- I mean, dilemma for me. They
11 both will be at the design subcommittee as our line
12 drawers, and I'm trying to figure out how we manage that
13 relationship between Statewide Database and line drawers.
14 And so that -- I mean, I'm going to put it out there. So
15 I'm just trying to figure that piece out because this --
16 I think this is a better conversation at the design -- I
17 mean, others may have questions, but it's already on the
18 agenda so we can move it over to this meeting. That's
19 not an issue. But how do we manage those two
20 relationships besides just sending emails to different
21 addresses?

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sadhwani.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I can't speak for Karin or
24 Jaime, certainly. But in the conversations Jane and I
25 have had with them, it does seem that they do have a

1 desire to separate those two bodies of work to the extent
2 possible. Certainly, I don't think that requires two
3 different log-ins or anything of that nature. But
4 perhaps just separating the conversations on your agenda
5 so that, you know, at one point you're talking about the
6 COI tool and that outreach and the Statewide Databases
7 present for that conversation. And later talking about
8 community input sessions. That's a Q2 haystack
9 consideration so I might just recommend that at this
10 point in time. But certainly, it's something that we,
11 you know, that we should be asking Karin and learning
12 more about how she would like to interact in this way,
13 given the dual roles.

14 I can just note that in that conversation that
15 Commissioner Andersen and I had with them last week, that
16 there have been -- they do have questions for us also
17 about how we want them to present themselves to us. Even
18 things like, do we want them to use a Wedrawthelines
19 background or a Q2 or a haystack background. They have
20 not done so. They are looking for direction from us.
21 For me personally, I don't have a strong feeling on that.
22 So I put that out there if others do, to please let us
23 know.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good, thank you.

25 Commissioner Andersen.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, actually, there is a
2 bit -- Commissioner Sadhwani and I, unfortunately, have
3 had a bit of a tough time trying to get together to work
4 on several of these items. We actually have specifically
5 been asked to try to do our best to keep Statewide
6 Database in one column, and the line drawers in another.
7 Even to the point where if they need to come on different
8 days with different hats on, we should try to work that
9 out for not only our budget purposes, for the public in
10 general, because they're two separate entities. And when
11 we're dealing with the Statewide Database, that is not Q2
12 and Jaime tends to lead on all those conversations.
13 Karin tends to come in as our line drawer. And that's
14 something that we are going to work out a little bit, and
15 also with the Finance Committee.

16 So as far as the meeting, be on Wednesday, I
17 don't -- I recommend we do not sort of blindsides the
18 Statewide Database side of that group and actually has it
19 as a separate conversation. And even forward this
20 information to them now ahead of time. So but yes, for
21 the whole -- with everyone, please keep that in mind.
22 There are two different groups. It just so happens that
23 some of the people work for both. So thank you.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
25 Anything further on this?

1 Commissioner Turner.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I'm just going to name
3 that I don't think it's really uncommon to have to wear
4 multiple hats. And I think if they just name just what
5 we've said, you know, speaking to you from Haystack Q2,
6 that's my role right now, or if they're speaking from the
7 Statewide Database. I think naming that going into the
8 conversation, I don't think they'll cross communication
9 as they're talking. And if we go into a space naming
10 this is who they are representing at this time, I think
11 we can track that as well. So I just wanted to name
12 that. I don't think it's so odd. And so I just think we
13 need to be clear with the role that they're speaking in
14 the time they're providing counsel.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good, thank you.

16 Any other questions or comments? If not, let's go
17 ahead and break and come back promptly at 2:45 and we'll
18 get into the subcommittee updates -- further into the
19 subcommittee updates.

20 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

21 CHAIR KENNEDY Thank you, everyone.

22 Welcome back from the break. We are going to launch
23 into our subcommittee updates at this point.

24 First up is Government Affairs; Commissioners
25 Sadhwani and Toledo.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. So I'll just start
2 off and talk a little bit about the census update and
3 then, Commissioner Toledo, please chime in. I know you
4 have a number of other pieces you're working on.

5 So the last time that we met, on the 29th, I believe
6 it was of March, we had a panel of folks talking about
7 the impact of the delayed census and delayed maps and
8 what that would have for them. I'd love to hear a little
9 bit of feedback from commissioners just as a way of
10 following up on that conversation.

11 And -- but beforehand, I'll just give a couple of
12 short updates. Last week, I was able to touch base both
13 with Karin Mac Donald in her Statewide Database capacity
14 as well as Lori Shellenberger from Common Cause. Both
15 are hearing that the census anticipates releasing the
16 legacy data during the week of August 16th to the 20-
17 something. And I apologize, I don't have that date in
18 front of me, but during that week.

19 That then puts us in a predicament because we do
20 need to set a date for when we will deliver the maps, I
21 believe, I should note, because so many different
22 components flow from the finalization of those maps, as
23 we heard last time. Given that it looks like it will be
24 sometime between August 6th and later that week, that
25 would put us, according to the Supreme Court decision,

1 somewhere between December 31st and January 4th.

2 My understanding from Ms. Shellenberger is that
3 community groups are not liking that timeline, as we
4 heard from the individual, Mr. Johnson, I believe it was,
5 who called in from the SEIU this morning. There is a
6 concern from community groups about us finalizing the
7 maps during the holidays. While I understand that
8 concern, I'm not sure what more we can or cannot do to
9 extend our deadline further. So I do want to put that
10 out there, and I would love to hear people's feedback.

11 The next steps, as I see them, is a secondary
12 meeting of all of those stakeholders. I am of the
13 understanding that many of them would like to have
14 another meeting, and so I'm going to work on planning
15 that out either for later this week or next week.
16 Followed by hopefully, some more concrete recommendations
17 that this subcommittee can bring to the full commission
18 for discussion and possible action.

19 As I see it right now, to me, that recommendation
20 certainly would include at least one option that would
21 have our deadline falling between December 30th and
22 January 4th, depending upon when we receive that census
23 data. Or if the census is not going to put out a
24 specific date, if they can't hold themselves to a date, I
25 still am of the belief that we need to select a date in

1 which we would finalize. And given the legal
2 ramifications of this, I would tend towards the more
3 conservative of December 31st.

4 Alternatively, I think that there are some who want
5 us to further explore questions around whether or not the
6 Supreme Court decision was ambiguous, the ability to use
7 the legacy data. I think those are possible legal
8 options that we could take. Although Marian and I did
9 have a chance to communicate a little bit this weekend,
10 and I think she and I are both in agreement that the
11 Supreme Court ruling was not particularly ambiguous.

12 I don't know if Marian, if you want to weigh in on
13 this matter, but we would love to have your counsel and
14 guidance on this.

15 And then I would love to hear from commissioners,
16 also. If you have strong opinions about it, it would be
17 helpful for us to know as we continue to move forward
18 this conversation.

19 Marian?

20 MS. JOHNSTON: As you know, the commission in the
21 case initiated by the Legislature asked the California
22 Supreme Court to delay because of COVID. And the reason
23 we had to ask for a delay is because the timelines are in
24 the California Constitution. It's not something that can
25 be changed by statute. What the Court said was at that

1 time, they expected the census to be released by July
2 31st. Then based on the July 31st, they gave the
3 commission the exact time that it would have had if it
4 had come out, as it should have, on April 1st. And they
5 said that the first draft maps were due November 1st, and
6 the commission maps were due December 15th.

7 They did anticipate the possibility that the census
8 would be later than that. And they were pretty clear, I
9 don't think there's any ambiguity in it. It says if the
10 federal government transmits the census data to the state
11 later than July 31st, the number of days of additional
12 delay shall be considered to be additional federal delay.
13 In the event additional federal delay occurs, the
14 Commission is directed to release the first preliminary
15 statewide maps by no later than the date following
16 November 1st that extends the November 1st deadline by
17 the additional federal delay.

18 So it specifically says if you take the amount of
19 delay after July 31st and you add that to the November
20 1st deadline. And it said the same thing for the maps,
21 saying that to approve and certify the final maps by no
22 later than the date following December 15th that extends
23 the December 15th deadline by the additional federal
24 delay.

25 And the problem is that if you do not do your maps

1 on time, you lose the ability to do maps. It then gets
2 turned over to the California Supreme Court by the
3 Constitution again. So I don't think there's any
4 ambiguity. I don't know how you can -- I think you
5 should go with the earliest possible date. And if it
6 turns out that the Census Bureau does not release them
7 until later in August, you can have a few extra days
8 added on, but I would certainly advise you to take the
9 earliest possible date and work from that as your
10 operating plan until you know there's going to be
11 additional time.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, thank you for that. The one
13 thing that I don't think the court and the groups and the
14 Legislature had contemplated was that the census might
15 release data that were not immediately usable. So the
16 census is now telling us that they are going to release
17 legacy data. And my understanding from Karin Mac Donald
18 is the data that make up that legacy data set are not
19 immediately usable in the sense that they can't
20 immediately start reallocating.

21 So instead of needing approximately one month to
22 turn the data over to us, they would need approximately
23 six or six and a half weeks to turn the data over to us.
24 So we're losing time that was not anticipated to be lost.
25 And so the question then would become, is there a way to

1 interpret or to get the Supreme Court to clarify that the
2 ruling means for us that it is -- when the actual P.L.
3 94171 data come out rather than the legacy data.

4 Marian?

5 MS. JOHNSTON: The problem with trying to do that is
6 that the Court doesn't refer to the Public Law. It
7 simply says the release of census data. And from what
8 Karin told us last time, my understanding from what she
9 said is that this is a census data. It may not be in the
10 preferred form but it is the actual census data. So I
11 don't know how -- I don't think that argument would be
12 successful. Based on the information that Karin gave us
13 last time.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sadhwani or others?
15 Commissioner Toledo?

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. You know, I think
17 we're going to certainly continue talking with the other
18 stakeholders -- the key stakeholders as we see them. I
19 think Ms. Shellenberger has most certainly raised the
20 concerns from many of the community groups, particularly
21 those who wish to present to us full district maps
22 themselves.

23 And I think that's really the key piece here is
24 we're going to capture lots of community input prior to
25 the release of census data. Right? We have the planning

1 for those meetings already being established. And that's
2 regardless of the census data. The key piece that I
3 think will be a challenge, where groups will get a
4 squeeze, are those more statewide groups that plan to
5 engage in and actually drafting full on district maps.

6 I do want to make sure that we have the time for
7 those folks to get those maps. For them to think about
8 the maps that they would like to present to us. I
9 certainly -- I think we've been talking about that from
10 the very get go. That that's an important part of our
11 process.

12 But at the same time, just as we are feeling the
13 squeeze and others are feeling the squeeze, given all of
14 the delays in the census, I do think that we need to have
15 that as a common conversation with many of those groups
16 who are planning to do that work. To come up with a
17 realistic timeline for them as well as for us that still
18 keeps us within the boundaries of the law.

19 And so this is where I really welcome feedback or
20 input from commissioners as we continue to advance this
21 conversation. If folks are feeling strongly one way or
22 another. There's certainly many difference pieces to
23 contemplate in this. I think as the caller from SEIU
24 this morning laid out very appropriately, right? That
25 there could be impact for a certain communities if we

1 move the primary. There's impact for communities if we
2 don't. Right? If we limit the time that community
3 groups have to engage in the process and engagement
4 census data themselves. So there's no one easy
5 situation -- one easy answer. But ultimately, we as a
6 commission need to develop one answer.

7 And I do think it's extraordinarily important that
8 at some point in the very near future we do set that date
9 and stick to it, presuming the census data comes when
10 we're anticipating from here on out.

11 So if there's any additional feedback for the
12 Subcommittee at this point, we are putting on the agenda
13 for our next meeting, which I believe is April 28th, to
14 have a follow up conversation and potential action;
15 assuming that we don't any new or changing information.
16 Certainly the information from this census has changed
17 drastically over the last few months.

18 So our hope is to have a more robust conversation --
19 just a structured conversation on the 28th. As well as a
20 potential action. And we'll aim to lay out a set of
21 potential action items for the Commission to consider.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Toledo?

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I would just add, this
24 is a difficult situation that we're in, that the whole
25 state is in -- the country's in. And I do -- I would

1 want a meaning -- we all want meaningful engagement from
2 the community. That's what we're spending so much time
3 on and developing plans for.

4 And it's important for us to really do as much as we
5 can in terms of outreach and education over the summer.
6 As much of it to educate individuals about the shortened
7 timeline if we do move forward with a December 31st
8 deadline, so that we can try to get as much engagement as
9 possible.

10 At that same time, I also think that we would
11 welcome -- the committee would welcome -- both -- we had
12 this conversation earlier. Alternate legal views on the
13 matter. So if there are community groups that are
14 interested in providing that in public comment, we would
15 welcome it and we would review it as well and take that
16 into consideration.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I'm going to exercise --
18 Commissioner Fornaciari?

19 Mr. FORNACIARI: It's -- I was going to comment on
20 your timeline so I could save that until you talk about
21 your timeline.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, I was going to exercise some
23 prerogative in bring that to the table at this point.
24 Bring the Gantt Chart Subcommittee report to top of the
25 list now. After which, I think it would be a good time

1 to take public comment. So unless there are other
2 comments I would draw people's attention -- Commissioner
3 Yee?

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I'd like to hear just a
5 little bit more about the new adjusted expected census
6 deadline. It's seems like this now is about a half a
7 week later than maybe we were anticipating before. I
8 guess the week of August 16 through 20 maybe? And then
9 even that is still not clear. That's still a range.
10 It's not an actual date. So I'm just curious to hear a
11 little bit more about the nature of that -- of that guess
12 or that -- where that information is coming from and how
13 certain can we be at that point -- at this point.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just to respond, both Karin,
15 Mac Donald, and Lori Shellenberger, had mentioned that
16 they were receiving input that this was the case I think
17 often this information is coming out -- and I don't
18 recall the specifics of where they heard that from -- but
19 often some representative of the census will be doing
20 some sort of public comment somewhere, and then they'll
21 drop some dates. That has often been how things seem to
22 have been rolled out or information has been rolled out,
23 unfortunately.

24 So both -- having two separate conversations, I did
25 get that same information. I think we still certainly

1 need to verify that and hopefully the Census Bureau will
2 proved a date. But it's not clear to me if they will
3 settle on the 16th, the 18th, the 19th? It's not -- it's
4 not clear at this point in time.

5 Which is why I didn't want to come with any formal
6 recommendations at this point in time because information
7 just continues to kind of slowly roll in. But that being
8 said, the time is of the essence. Because if we were to
9 move in such a direction in which the primary needs to be
10 moved, there are many things that need to happen to
11 achieve that. Right? The Legislature would have to act
12 to do that. So we do need to come to some agreements in
13 the near future with the best information that we have
14 available. And so hopefully we can -- we can shore up
15 some additional information about the -- when the census
16 will release that legacy data.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Ahmad and then
18 Commissioner Andersen.

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I really
20 appreciate this discussion. Is this something that we
21 can just ask the Census Bureau or are we under the
22 assumption that once they know they will release a date?

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: We haven't been in -- oh.
24 Sorry. Go ahead. Can I?

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: No, go ahead. I was -- to recognize

1 you.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. We haven't --
3 Commissioner Toledo and I haven't been in touch with the
4 Census Bureau directly. The Statewide Database, however,
5 is in communication with them on a very regular basis.
6 Which is why we often refer, or defer to Karim because
7 she has those pre-existing relationships with the Census
8 Bureau. So I think she's really the one getting the best
9 information. Most certainly I can follow up with her and
10 ask her to push them for that date. But I think, also,
11 because there are lawsuits pending in other states
12 against the Census Bureau, I think they have many
13 considerations, of course. This is a nationwide issue.
14 And not unique only to California. Although, of course
15 we are disproportionately impacted given our large size.

16 But I will certainly continue to coordinate with the
17 Statewide Database to try and get additional information.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. I have Commissioner
19 Andersen followed by Commissioner Fornaciari.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yes. This is
21 obviously very important to everybody involved. But I
22 don't see this as such a huge -- I mean -- okay.
23 Basically, we are going to get this data that we can't
24 actually use. But for another -- no one can use it for
25 another couple of weeks. But regardless, our clock

1 starts ticking. And the date is going to be -- obviously
2 it doesn't look like we're going to -- actually December
3 30th won't be the date. But the -- sort of the latest
4 it's going to ever be, because they're not saying, well,
5 now it's -- we're not going to touch legacy until
6 September -- is going say be by August 31st, which is a
7 January 15 date.

8 So maybe I'm misunderstanding, but all the scenarios
9 from the last presentation where, as long as it's before
10 that January 15th, everything will still work. We don't
11 have to do this massive reconstructing of all the
12 electrical processes. If it was February 15th, that was
13 the big problem.

14 So unfortunately, we all do not like the idea of it
15 going through the holidays, but the calendar is the
16 calendar. And if it's December 31st, or January 14th, or
17 January 12th or something -- a week here or there, that's
18 going to eventually happen. And I don't think cutting
19 ourselves off by -- if we have those extra days. That
20 just means there'll be a last -- no -- one go around,
21 won't be able to happen.

22 And that's what I'm concerned about. Not just with
23 the large input groups, but for individuals who have
24 issues that they notice about one of our maps. And
25 then -- oh, but we've arbitrarily made this December 31st

1 date -- well, we could have to the 10th of January or
2 something that would still work with the election issues.
3 That -- we'd hurt more people than if we actually pick a
4 date. I don't know how -- a little bit more information
5 I guess is if January 10th is just too late we need to
6 know that as opposed to -- I mean, December 31st,
7 everyone can make that. But how far into January will it
8 just blow up? I think is the issue. Because otherwise,
9 I don't think we need to spend so much time worrying
10 about the specificity of it. But that's what I saw, so.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
12 Commissioner Fornaciari?

13 Mr. FORNACIARI: Yeah. A few things.

14 In response to the -- to the date, if you look at
15 Commissioner Kennedy's schedule he put here, if we get it
16 on August -- the date on August 15th; which is not going
17 to happen. But let's just say the 15th. That's fifteen
18 days. So December 15 plus fifteen is December 30th.

19 I mean that's -- that's our deadline. Unless we get
20 some relief from that, we don't -- I agree with Marian's
21 assessment. That's beyond our control. But I will -- I
22 mean -- I put a lot of time maybe thinking what the
23 schedule should look like for the input design meeting.
24 And Ray -- sorry, Commissioner Kennedy was doing the same
25 thing at the same time. So we came to the same place.

1 But I think the way that Commissioner Kennedy has laid
2 out the schedule, it gives six weeks after we get the
3 data before we put out our first draft maps. In the
4 preliminary discussions that Commissioner Sinay and I
5 have had with some of the groups that seems reasonable
6 within the schedule that they want to have.

7 But I just want to alert the rest of the Commission
8 that this -- this is going to be the conversation we have
9 for the first half of the public input design meeting on
10 Wednesday. We've invited community groups to come in and
11 talk to us about what their process is, what their entire
12 process is, right? The pre-census process but also the
13 post-census process. What they're going to do, how much
14 time they envision needing, and to get done what they
15 want to get done, and how they envision interacting with
16 us.

17 And so we're having a conversation to inform the
18 design group, but it's also there to inform this
19 conversation too. So I'll just -- would encourage
20 everyone who's not on the committee, if they get a chance
21 to tune in, and hear that conversation.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.
23 Okay. Are we ready to -- Commissioner Andersen?

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: One last little thing. If
25 the public is all listening to this very detailed

1 conversation we're having and the angst we're going
2 through, I have a shameful -- shameless push. Just
3 please use the communities of interest tool now. Don't
4 wait until after the census data has gotten there. Do it
5 now. And we have your information. And you don't even
6 have to worry about this part, so.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that. Okay. So let's
8 move to discussion of the timeline scenarios document
9 that was posted this morning. And my apologies for the
10 late posting of this. I did develop this in consultation
11 with Ms. Mac Donald. And so this is -- the intent was to
12 help us think through these scenarios and work backwards
13 from these to a full blown Gantt Chart. But it didn't
14 make sense to me to try to put everything in the Gantt
15 Chart when there's still this level of uncertainty on the
16 various scenarios.

17 So there are three columns; legacy data in two of
18 them and the full P.L. 94171 data in the final column.
19 So if census data were to be released --

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Chair, could you please
21 share --

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could you please share your
24 screen for the public?

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: I would have to pull it up on my

1 screen first and then share it. Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Would you like me to share it?

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: That would be wonderful.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh. Okay. I can do it. I
5 have it up.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Thank you. So if the
7 census data were released on the 15th of August -- and
8 the reason I set it up this way is if we're moving a
9 couple of days one way or another from any of these
10 dates, it's easy enough to come up with the new results.

11 But this was -- this was to give us a sense moving
12 forward. And originally there was another column for
13 receiving legacy data on the 15th of September, but Ms.
14 Mac Donald was correct in pointing out that if they
15 got -- if they were to get the legacy data on the 15th of
16 September and the P.L. 94171 data were only coming out
17 two weeks later, there would be no need to do anything
18 with the legacy data. Because the P.L. 94171 data would
19 come out in a usable format, just at the same time as
20 they would be able to get the legacy data into that same
21 usable format. So that's why there's no column for
22 census data being received on the 15th of September.

23 So then the next row is calculation of the
24 additional Federal delay, which as we've been reminded is
25 the length of time after the 15th of December that the

1 final maps would be due; also the length of time after
2 the first of November that the first set of preliminary
3 draft maps would be due.

4 So this includes the two weeks to reformat the
5 legacy data in the first two columns. There would be no
6 need to reformat legacy data in the final column. The
7 one month approximately for Statewide Database to do its
8 reallocations.

9 And so we have three scenarios for when the
10 Commission would receive data. We have the 28th of
11 September, the 14th of October, and the 30th of October.
12 And between the 28th of September in the first column and
13 the 16th of November, my count is that's seven weeks to
14 prepare the first full set of preliminary maps. So seven
15 weeks, forty-nine days. If we were to take one day a
16 week off, if, that would mean we would need to be going
17 through something on the order of four to five districts
18 a day. Assuming we have in excess of a 175 districts to
19 be drawn.

20 So that's already a heavy lift to get through that
21 many districts per day, consistently, throughout that
22 seven week period.

23 So the first preliminary maps would be presented by
24 the Commission no later than the 16th of November and
25 then be on hold for public review until the 30th of

1 November. So that period would include Thanksgiving.
2 But if some of the groups are looking at developing their
3 own maps to feed into our process, then presumably they
4 would want to be sharing those complete maps with us
5 before the 16th of November. So before Thanksgiving.

6 The maps would be on hold -- our maps would be on
7 hold for public review through the end of November, and
8 then we would have until the 26th of December, the day
9 after Christmas, to prepare the final maps.

10 And again, any other groups that wanted to be
11 providing input into that phase would have that same --
12 well, would actually want to get their maps and comments
13 to us before the 26th of December because that's the
14 deadline that our maps have to be ready.

15 We then have the three-day period for those final
16 maps to be on hold for public review before presenting
17 them to the Secretary of State on the 30th of September.
18 So that's what that timeline would look like.

19 Marion?

20 MS. JOHNSTON: Just one correction I would offer is
21 that the hold on the Commission doing any other maps only
22 applies after the first draft maps. There is supposed to
23 be a three-day review period after you put out your final
24 maps. But you could still modify them during that three-
25 day period if there's a need to.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that. The second
2 scenario would have the Statewide Database receiving data
3 on the 31st of August, forwarding data to us by the 14th
4 of October. We would be preparing the first full set of
5 preliminary maps by the 2nd of December. Those maps
6 would be on hold through the 16th of December.
7 Preparation of the final maps between the 16th of
8 December and the 11th of January finalized and submitted
9 by the 15th of January.

10 My own personal observation is, if anything, this
11 middle scenario looks more difficult than the first
12 scenario.

13 And then finally, based on the P.L. 94171 data
14 arriving to Statewide Database on September 30th, we
15 would have those data by the 30th of October, preparing
16 the first set of preliminary maps by the 1st of January;
17 which actually gives us more time than in these other
18 scenarios, because there's no need for the two weeks for
19 reformatting.

20 The maps would be on hold for public review for the
21 first half of January, essentially. We would then have
22 through the 10th of February to prepare the final maps
23 and until the 14th of February to submit to the Secretary
24 of State. We know that that causes problems as far as
25 the collection administration calendar, but certainly

1 would give us more time between the receipt of data on
2 the 30th of October and the first preliminary maps being
3 put out for public review by the 1st of January.

4 Because we would -- the Statewide Database would not
5 need the two weeks for reformatting data.

6 So I hope that this is helpful to commissioners and
7 to the public in understanding this part of the timeline.

8 I saw Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Turner,
9 and Commissioner Toledo.

10 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you for that,
11 Chair. That's very helpful information to put it out in
12 a spreadsheet. My only concern in the P.L. 94, I believe
13 that's -- well -- first of all, I do agree with Marion in
14 terms of what the date that we receive the legacy data,
15 that's when the clock starts ticking. So I feel that the
16 third column is not appropriate to us because we won't
17 have until February 14th. Because it's going to depend
18 on when the legacy data comes in, not when the P.L. 94.

19 So I just feel that it's -- there's a month -- or a
20 couple weeks that may not be appropriate. And my only
21 other suggestion would -- I would love to do the
22 conservative -- whatever the deadline is minus one day,
23 just to make sure we make the deadline. That's kind of
24 how I've always operated, so. Anyway. That's it. But
25 thank you so much for putting that timeline together for

1 us to discuss it.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: The reason that that third column is
3 there, we're still dealing with enormous amounts of
4 uncertainty. The census has said that they hope to be
5 able to release the legacy data between or in the period
6 from mid to the end of August. Well, what happens if
7 they only release the legacy data -- if they're two weeks
8 late releasing the legacy data? The legacy data would be
9 released in mid-September and the point that Ms. Mac
10 Donald made was that it would make no sense at that point
11 for them to reformat the data, since they would receive
12 the P.L. 94171 data by the 30th of September. Again,
13 that's speculative to some extent, because the Census
14 Bureau has indicated that that's their plan, is to
15 release the P.L. 94171 by the end of September. But they
16 could be early, they could be late with that. We don't
17 know.

18 But the last column is really two columns in one.
19 It's what happens if the legacy data are not available
20 until the 15th of September. In which case Ms. Mac
21 Donald's point was it makes no sense to devote two weeks
22 to reformatting data when two weeks later you would
23 receive data from the Census Bureau already in the format
24 that you would be working those two weeks to put the data
25 into.

1 Commissioner Fernandez?

2 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No -- I get that point, but
3 still the time would start clicking -- or ticking in mid-
4 September, not September 30th. Regardless of which data
5 we want -- we choose to use. I understand that you
6 wouldn't want to use a legacy if you're going to receive
7 the P.L. 94 two weeks later. But the clock would start
8 ticking when you receive the legacies. Assuming that was
9 released prior to the P.L. 94 data.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay. Yes. That --

11 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- is a good point. Thank you for
13 that. I've got Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Toledo,
14 Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I have
16 three points. First of all, can you clarify for me, I
17 thought when we initially learned of the legacy data that
18 it wasn't -- it was presented as an option or a choice as
19 to whether or not we would utilize the legacy data. And
20 if that was the case, I'm wondering about our clock
21 starting, when it becomes available if we don't -- or
22 didn't choose it. That's the first one.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. That's a very good question.
24 Because one of the things that we've heard from the
25 Statewide Database is that there are states, including

1 California --

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- that are capable of doing the
4 reformatting and therefore using the legacy data. But
5 they -- the sense is that there may be some states that
6 don't have the technical --

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Right.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- capacity to reformat the data and
9 therefore would be forced to wait until the release of
10 the P.L. 94171 data. As for the legal implications of
11 that, I can't speculate.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Oh. Okay. Maybe --
13 Marion, maybe that's something we can follow up on. I'm
14 just curious because it seems to be important.

15 And then the last two questions I'll ask at the same
16 time, in your presentation -- and thank you this is very
17 helpful, the timeline -- you mentioned after the first
18 column of legacy, the second one you said was -- you
19 thought was more problematic. And I just wanted to hear
20 a little bit more of you talking about why that was more
21 problematic and what you're seeing. I'm curious about
22 that.

23 And then I'm wondering, when we look at the timeline
24 scenarios -- I've brought up a couple of times -- and
25 maybe it's a nonissue. But the way my mind works, and

1 I'm looking at these tight timelines, I still believe it
2 would be helpful for us to see, for the public to see,
3 where we actually will be drawing maps. I still think we
4 have to build in days that we have to stop -- not maybe
5 stop receiving data. But again, at some point we can't
6 draw maps while we're still getting draft -- needs to be
7 some kind of notice to the public that says we're drawing
8 maps now based on information received by whatever that
9 previous date is. Because I think if we communicate that
10 there are groups that would want to make sure their
11 information is input before we stop looking at them. And
12 I know there will be another opportunity to see what came
13 in new and make adjustments. But if it were me, and what
14 I'm suggesting for sure, is that to the degree possible,
15 to get all of the testimony, the comments, the COI
16 information in before the first time we stop. And I
17 can't see another way around drawing maps and continuing
18 to get information in while we're trying to draw maps.
19 Looks like we're going to have to put a pause on it and
20 then revisit new comments that came in. And I think we
21 should let, at some point, the public know what that's
22 going to look like.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. Agreed. I think that a very
24 good point. I -- did you have another question?

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No. It's just I wanted to

1 know about your comment about --

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- the middle column.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. My sense on the middle column
5 is that having the preparation -- the final maps running
6 from the 16th of December through the 11th of January,
7 that looks to be a -- just a more challenging time to do
8 that, as far as people being distracted by other things
9 going on.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: My sense is that there's less
12 distraction in the first column or the third column. But
13 the second --

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- just would run everybody into
16 more distractions.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Sure. Commissioner Toledo?

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think Commissioner Turner
20 asked my question. But to the point -- to the first
21 about the option of the legacy data; I do remember that
22 when Commissioner Sadhwani and I met with stakeholders,
23 they made it very clear that the -- that the state had
24 the option to accept the data. But if they did so they
25 had -- the census would require that they take

1 responsibility for the accuracy of that data. Which my
2 understanding is that -- and Commissioner Sadhwani can
3 correct me if I'm wrong -- is based on the letter that
4 we've received from the Legislature that they are taking
5 responsibility for the accuracy of the data at this
6 point.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: And that's also why one of the
8 variables in this, the two weeks for reformatting the
9 data also includes the whole process of parallel
10 formatting the data, or analysis of the data by the
11 Department of Finance unit that also deals with
12 demography here in California. And that Statewide
13 Database would be working very closely with the
14 Department of Finance, and with the Department of Finance
15 providing a check on their work; so that you have two
16 very experienced and qualified teams working in parallel
17 and comparing their work products to make sure that the
18 end product is the best possible data set that we could
19 have at that point.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you for that.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Akutagawa?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Actually, I'm going to go
23 ahead and pass. I think my question's been answered.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Are there other questions or
25 comments at this point?

1 Commissioner Fornaciari and Commissioner Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh. Just -- I did check
3 out for just a minute. I had a phone call and I hope
4 this question didn't already get asked. If it did, let
5 me know. Looking back at the schedule that we got last
6 time, they talked to us about the election timeline. And
7 in -- I'm not that familiar with elect -- or running for
8 office, but there's a -- there's a time in there that's
9 this signature in lieu period. And so I guess that's
10 when you sign up to run for office. But there's
11 different dates -- each column has a different set of
12 dates for that signature in lieu period. And I don't
13 really -- I don't really know how to draw a conclusion
14 here on -- how are dates -- are crashing into that
15 signature in lieu period. Can someone help us understand
16 that a little bit better?

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Let me -- let me pull that and I'll
18 try to help you out on that. The signature in lieu
19 period is candidates can file nominating petitions --
20 well, it's a certain number of signatures to get them on
21 the ballot. So the reason for the different dates is,
22 this is based on three different scenarios for the
23 primary. And these -- the nomination period and these
24 other things are calculated in terms of election day
25 minus so many.

1 So the -- let's see -- signature in lieu period,
2 based on the current primary date of June 7th, would run
3 from December 16th to February the 9th. The signature in
4 lieu period for an alternative primary date of June 28th
5 would run from January 6th to March the 2nd. And
6 signature in lieu period for an alternative primary date
7 of July 12th would run from January 20th to March 16th.

8 The actual nomination periods, respectively, from
9 February 14th to March 16th. For the current primary
10 date, March 7th to April 6th. For the alternative date
11 of June 28th, and March 21st to April 20th in the case of
12 the other alternative primary date of July 12th. Does
13 that help?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. That helps a lot.
15 So even in our best case -- with the current election
16 date as it's scheduled, in our best case that we deliver
17 the maps of the 30th, we're still crashing into that
18 signature in lieu period by a couple weeks. And -- but
19 there's -- but there's work that has to -- but then they
20 also -- don't -- they have to make the precincts or
21 something?

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. The time of election
23 officials need to precinct final maps; that's on the
24 first page of that timeline scenario that we were given
25 last time. So that basically, for all three of these --

1 which I don't fully understand -- is shown as running
2 from February 1st to March 2nd.

3 I had printed out somewhere something off the
4 Riverside County Election timeline that gave me a number
5 of days in advance that those precincts would need.
6 Basically, the requirement, as I understand it, in the
7 elections code is that precincts cannot cross district
8 boundaries. So therefore the counties can't finalize the
9 precincting until we give them the district boundaries.

10 Commissioner Vazquez?

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So I guess then --
12 sorry. For my question for --

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Go ahead.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- for the committee would
15 be, what -- we're crashing into the signature in lieu
16 period regardless. And so I guess -- if you're going to
17 see impact there. I guess there's nothing we can do
18 about it, but.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, if we were -- if we submitted
20 by the 30th of December, the signature in lieu period for
21 the June 28th alternative date would start, essentially,
22 a week later on the 6th of January. So that would
23 require a further adjustment of the primary date, but we
24 would not be infringing on the signature in lieu period
25 itself.

1 Part of the -- part of the calculations in all of
2 this is how much time do potential candidates need to
3 plan their collection of signatures, to plan their
4 campaigns? Now, we might be infringing on that. But
5 that's not something that is established in law, whereas
6 the signature in lieu period is.

7 Okay. My apologies. I have Commissioner Sinay,
8 then Commissioner Vazquez, then Commissioner Sadhwani,
9 then Commissioner Fernandez, then Commissioner Yee.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Pass.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Sinay passes.
12 Commissioner Vazquez?

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I was just going to
14 share that the precincting is really important for
15 practical purposes. So they can't cross district
16 boundaries and you have to decide -- you have to be able
17 to send folks their correct ballots based on where
18 they're voting, particularly in the precincts. So
19 like -- and I feel like that the timeline for that is
20 probably ambitious as it is, given that district
21 boundaries are changing all across the state.

22 And then my second point -- no. I'll raise my hand
23 again if it comes back.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner
25 Sadhwani?

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I was just going to add, I
2 believe in the conversation that we've had, shortening
3 the -- and I could be wrong, so I'll most certainly
4 follow up with all the stakeholders that we've been
5 speaking with. But my understanding is that the
6 signature in lieu period could potentially be shortened
7 so as to keep a primary at the same time, but it would
8 require legislative action. Right?

9 So this is where all the different stakeholders have
10 to kind of work together on whatever it is that we
11 finalize for our dates of how it's going to carry on
12 throughout all of these other periods. The signature in
13 lieu period, my understanding is very important because
14 it is a time period when candidates go out and collect
15 signatures in order to appear on the ballot. But they
16 have to know what district that they're running in. So
17 we of course we have to have the maps finalized for them
18 to do that. But is it possible for the Legislature to
19 potentially shorten the time period for signature in lieu
20 while maintaining the June primary? I think that's a
21 separate question that we can certainly raise with
22 those -- with appropriate folks.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: My understanding is that what might
24 be changed legislatively is the number of signatures
25 required, not necessarily the length of the signature in

1 lieu period. It would -- it would -- the change would be
2 in the number of signatures required because candidates
3 effectively would have a shorter signature in lieu
4 period. I don't believe we're talking about
5 legislatively changing the signature in lieu period
6 itself.

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I just wanted to go back to
9 what Commissioner Toledo had mentioned. He had said that
10 the states have the option of whether or not to use the
11 legacy data. But I do not believe, based on the
12 presentation last time, that we don't have an option to
13 not receive the legacy data. I believe what they said is
14 you're -- regardless, you're going to get the legacy
15 data. Whether or not you choose to use it or wait for
16 the P.L. 94 is up to the states. So maybe that's
17 something that we need to clarify? Because again, if we
18 choose not to use it but we receive the legacy data,
19 again, the timelines starts from when we receive it.
20 Hopefully I've confused everyone right now. So.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Next I have Commissioner Yee,
22 and then Commissioner Akutagawa, Commissioner Turner.

23 Was there another hand? Commissioner Toledo.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could Commissioner Toledo
25 answer that question?

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: If he would like to.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: My understanding from our
3 conversations with the Legislature was that the state had
4 the option to receive the data. That it wasn't automatic
5 that they would get it. Unless they took responsibility
6 for the data. Because unless the state had the capacity
7 to take responsibility, they weren't going to send it
8 over in a format that could be usable. So -- but my
9 understanding is that the state has decided to exercise
10 the option to receive the data.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that. Commissioner
12 Yee?

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Just to explain the term
14 signature in lieu. So that's actually a mechanism where
15 a candidate can defer filing fees, tendered filing fees,
16 based on the number of signatures collected. So -- but
17 the Legislature would have to act to alter the period
18 when that can done. That's what it's in lieu of, in lieu
19 of filing fees.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. But as I -- and one of the
21 reasons I've been a proponent of signature in lieu
22 mechanisms overseas is that it enables candidates of
23 lesser means who do not have access to the funding that
24 would enable them to pay the filing fees to run for
25 office. But again, my understanding is that the

1 Legislature would not necessarily shorten the -- or
2 change the period. They would more likely reduce the
3 number of signatures required proportionate to the
4 effective time available to candidates to collect the
5 signatures.

6 Recognizing that it takes a certain amount of time
7 to collect a certain amount of signatures.

8 Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa?

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I was going to
10 just -- I guess he -- Commissioner Toledo really answered
11 the questions. So thank you for that.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Commissioner Turner?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Pass.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Turner passes.

15 Commissioner Toledo, did you have anything further?

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No. Thank you.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good. Any further
18 questions, comments, discussions on the timeline
19 scenarios?

20 Commissioner Andersen?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, it's not so much on
22 the actual particular dates, but this coming Saturday
23 when we have our line drawing training, I think it will
24 bring home the point that the Chair said about how many
25 maps we're trying to draw in how much time? And how much

1 time it's actually going to take the Commission to draw
2 the maps. So just something to think about this coming
3 Saturday.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yep.
5 Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I was trying to
7 think of how to formulate this, and I'll just name it as
8 a curiosity or a thought that I'm having. I think it's
9 interesting that the state named -- or had opportunity to
10 determine if they would receive the information earlier,
11 and it actually shortens the amount of time that we have
12 to draw lines or get input. It's just something in that
13 that makes -- that I just think we'll need to sit with
14 for a second. I'm thinking, well, that's interesting.
15 So that wasn't an option, ultimately, that we had. That
16 the state did make the determination to receive the
17 information. And great. California had the ability to
18 translate it. But we now are I guess locked in to the
19 consequence of that. And I guess I just wanted to name
20 that. because that's how I'm thinking of it right now.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that. Commissioner
22 Fernandez?

23 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I just want to echo what
24 Commissioner Turner just said. Because I was thinking
25 the same thing is someone else made the decision for us

1 without consulting with us to see if that's the route we
2 wanted to take. So I don't know if there's some way to
3 maybe go back and discuss it and maybe change our
4 decision? But I just find it interesting that we weren't
5 consulted at least prior to making that decision.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Could I ask the Government Affairs
7 Subcommittee to come back to us with just a one-pager,
8 hopefully, laying out who made what decision based on
9 what options, when, and how? Just so that we have that
10 in front us? Thank you.

11 Okay. As I indicated earlier, I think that after
12 the report from the government affairs and census
13 Subcommittee and now the Gantt Chart Subcommittee with
14 the timeline scenarios, now would be a good time to
15 invite public comment.

16 So Katy, if you would please invite public comment?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: And this is general public comment
19 at this point.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. In order to
21 maximize transparency and public participation in our
22 process the Commissioners will be taking public comment
23 by phone. To call in dial the telephone number provided
24 on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When
25 prompted to enter the meeting ID number provided on the

1 livestream feed, it is 98688125251 for this meeting.

2 When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply press the
3 pound key.

4 Once you have dialed in you will be placed in a
5 queue. To indicate you wish to comment please press star
6 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When it
7 is your turn to speak you will hear a message that says
8 the host would like you to talk and to press star 6 to
9 speak. If you would like to give your name please state
10 and spell it for the record. You are not required to
11 provide your name to give public comment.

12 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
13 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
14 call.

15 Once you are waiting in the queue be alert for when
16 it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down
17 the livestream volume.

18 And the Commission is taking general public comment
19 at this time. And we do not have anyone in the queue at
20 this time, Chair.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. This whole 1 p.m. start time
22 schedule is new for all of us. We'll wait a couple
23 minutes to see if anyone joins the queue.

24 (Pause)

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And our instructions are

1 complete at this time.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: We'll give it one more minute.

3 (Pause)

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And I'd like to remind
5 anybody calling in to press star 9 to raise your hand,
6 indicating you wish to comment. And we do have a caller.
7 I'll be opening the line.

8 And the floor is yours.

9 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Hello. This is Rene Westa-Lusk.
10 And I just have a few questions going back, I guess to
11 the other discussions prior to the one you just had on
12 the timeline.

13 One question I have is, I heard some announcements,
14 I believe by the Communications Director, Mr. Ceja, that
15 there was going to be -- I might have not gotten this
16 correct, that's why I'm asking it. April 20th. Is there
17 going to be a presentation by the CRC on how to use the
18 COI tool? Will that be livestreamed? That's my first
19 question.

20 And then I have another question regarding -- I
21 believe Mr. Ceja said that they had updated either the
22 redistricting basics PowerPoint presentation, the slides
23 or whatever? And they also updated the redistricting
24 basics scripts. And he said there was more detail that
25 was going to be given to the public so they would be

1 guided as to what kind of description or information the
2 Commissioners are looking for about their communities of
3 interests. That's my second question.

4 And then I -- well, had a question regarding the use
5 of public libraries and community colleges. Were you
6 only looking at those two venues for establishing local
7 access centers in rural areas that are maybe two or more
8 hours drive away from one of the six regional access
9 centers for information on COI tool, et cetera? Were
10 you -- were you possibly looking at community colleges
11 and libraries to be used as remote sites where people
12 could give public input when you start having the public
13 input meetings? Where they wouldn't have to drive two or
14 more hours to go in person to do a public input session?

15 Those are my questions. And thank you for all your
16 work.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: And thank you Ms. Westa-Lusk for
18 your comments and questions. They help us understand
19 better where we need to focus more of our attention.

20 Let me turn it over to Director Ceja to respond.

21 DIRECTOR CEJA: Thank you so much. So yes, on April
22 20th the Commission will be hosting a redistricting
23 basics presentation. And it will be livestreamed via our
24 website. So you can catch it there. We're still
25 finalizing the details on broadcasting, but it will be

1 broadcasted through our website.

2 The other announcements I made did include an update
3 to both the redistricting basics presentation and the
4 script. That includes two new slides. One is for
5 letting the community know what COI information is
6 valuable and helpful for the Commission.

7 And the second is in addition to language access and
8 what the Commission is doing to ensure that every
9 Californian has access to our meetings and to our
10 information.

11 And I believe there is one more question and I
12 forgot.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: The other question was on use of
14 libraries and community college as locations for input.
15 I will say that we've -- or at least some of us have
16 always dreamed of having those as part of our network,
17 and enabling people to provide input from those
18 locations, since we know there are so many more of those
19 locations throughout the state. And with that I'll turn
20 it over to Commissioner Sinay to expand on.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. Just to add, we're not
22 only looking at community college and libraries. We've
23 also had conversations with Boys and Girls clubs of
24 California as well as YMCA of California, and are looking
25 at other sites that we know have other statewide partners

1 that have local sites. And almost everybody is excited
2 to talk about how it can be used in different ways.

3 So we are looking. This is still part of the
4 design -- I hate to keep saying. I'm one these people
5 that don't like pushing things off to another meeting,
6 but I'd rather have the conversation now. But it is
7 agendized, and this will be part of the conversation of
8 how do we design it so it's more -- it's easier and
9 accessible and inviting for the communities to
10 participate in all different phases of our process.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: And that public input meeting
12 design, Subcommittee or committee meeting is scheduled
13 for?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Wednesday, 4 to 8.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Wednesday, 4 to 8, this week. Thank
16 you.

17 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Thank you.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: And thank you, Ms. Westa-Lusk.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was it for this
20 time.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Excellent. Thank you, Katy. Let's
22 then proceed to the report from the Finance and
23 Administrations Subcommittee.

24 Commissioners Fernandez and Fornaciari.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Let's see. Just a

1 couple things. Director Hernandez touched on this, but I
2 just want to amplify something that they're working on
3 and share our appreciation. You know they're working on
4 process flows here for information coming in, and working
5 out ways to manage that and record it for us much more
6 effectively than is being done now.

7 And so I just -- I wanted to acknowledge and
8 thank -- or we wanted to acknowledge and thank Director
9 Hernandez and his team for working on that and working
10 on -- behind the scenes. A lot of work going on behind
11 the scenes to make the back of the house run much more
12 effectively. And so thank you for that.

13 And then the other we just want to talk about was
14 transcripts. We -- got a sample transcript and Ravi
15 reviewed the transcript. And just to -- kind of -- as a
16 quality check if you will. There were a few errors, but
17 it took him hours, and hours, and hours to go through it.
18 And so we don't -- we want to make a recommendation that
19 it wouldn't be an effective use of his time to review all
20 the transcripts to ensure they are a hundred percent
21 accurate.

22 We would suggest that, you know, maybe we put some
23 wording on the website that says, the official record is
24 the video. The transcript is kind of a best effort, but
25 we've asked Director Hernandez to work with Marian to

1 come up with some wording to that effect that we could
2 put on the website. And so we'll bring that back next
3 time we meet for everyone to kind of agree to, I guess,
4 at that point. But that's where we're headed -- or we
5 recommend heading with the transcripts. I think Marian
6 has a question.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Marian?

8 MS. JOHNSTON: I asked Ravi what some of the
9 corrections were. And a lot of them seemed to be
10 misspelled names of Commissioners and staff, and that's
11 something we can correct. Ravi is going to make a
12 correct spelling list and send it to the court reporter
13 so that he has all those correct spellings. A lot of the
14 others were punctuation. So I don't think we need to
15 worry too much about those. But I agree, we'll put a
16 disclaimer on there that I'll draft up for your
17 consideration, saying that the official record is the
18 actual recording. But the errors were not of any great
19 significance.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And otherwise, I think
21 we've covered everything already with the videography
22 contract.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Just on that one point, I
24 mean, to me it seems like we're doing what politicians
25 and others ask people to do. Here's a copy of my --the

1 script of my speech, but there's always a footnote that
2 says, check against delivery. So yes, if we say the
3 video record is the official record; the transcript is
4 provided for convenience, check against delivery. I
5 think we will have covered what we need to cover.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Do you think that
7 we need to bring the statement back for a vote, or should
8 we -- I mean, where do you think we should go with this,
9 Chair?

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Personally, I would say, yes.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: I like to view Subcommittee
13 recommendations as recommendations rather than decisions.
14 And so you know, I would like to see it come back for
15 some sort of official action by the full Commission.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez?

18 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I mean, can't we just make
19 the recommendation now? And Marian's going to come up
20 with the disclaimer language, and that way we can move
21 forward with that decision.

22 What do you think, Commissioner Fornaciari?

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I didn't know if
24 folks wanted to approve the exact language or not.
25 That's kind of what my question. Do you think, Marian --

1 do you think you could come up with some language before
2 the meeting's over, so we can --

3 MS. JOHNSTON: I could do it tonight or tomorrow
4 morning, and get it to you tomorrow.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Can we just take a
6 look at it then, Chair?

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Great. Thank you.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. 10-C, Gantt chart we've
10 already covered.

11 10-D, VRA compliance. Commissioners Sadhwani and
12 Yee.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Well, a couple things, I
14 suppose -- and Russell will help me out here, but we are
15 continuing to work through the Legal Affairs Committee on
16 finalizing the contracts for the selected VRA Counsel so
17 we can give an update for that under Legal Affairs. We
18 also have confirmed that Eric McGhee from the Public
19 Policy Institute will give his presentation at our next
20 meeting during October 28th and 29th meeting. And I
21 don't recall what exact time that was, but it is
22 confirmed for that meeting. Russell, do you have
23 anything else to add that I've missed?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: I think that's all. Just to note
25 that we're also following up on the disclosure items --

1 the Gibson Dunn -- that had been mentioned. So we'll
2 report back on that in a memo and a presentation,
3 probably at the next full meeting.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

6 Next is 10-E, Outreach and Engagement. Commissioner
7 Sinay and Fornaciari.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Am I going? Okay. So
9 first off, we want to thank everyone for all the efforts
10 in raising awareness in outreach and all the work going
11 on. You heard from Ms. Kaplan earlier about, you know,
12 the number of education presentations requested and
13 completed and scheduled. So that's awesome effort, so
14 thank everyone. So as you also heard, we have scheduled
15 an English-language version of our education -- or our
16 Redistricting Basics presentation for the 20th at 2. And
17 for the Spanish version on the 26th at 5, I think. At 5?
18 I think it's 5.

19 And so as far as presenters go, for the Spanish
20 version, we have four speakers who speak fluent Spanish.
21 We thought we would try to get one Commissioner from each
22 group, if you will, and I think we've got that. Yeah.
23 Okay. So we've got Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner
24 Fernandez, and then Commissioner Toledo.

25 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Toledo.

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Toledo for
2 that one. And so we also wanted the same thing for the
3 English-language version. And at first we were wanting
4 three folks, you know, that are on the Subcommittee.
5 Since we're doing it prior to the Subcommittee meeting,
6 we thought, well, you know, since we're all going to be
7 engaged that day, we might as well just have three from
8 the Subcommittee, but we can't do that. For Bagley-Keene
9 reasons. So I had volunteered.

10 Oh, go ahead, Marian.

11 MS. JOHNSTON: You can do it complying with Bagley-
12 Keene if you simply extend the time of your meeting to
13 cover that.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Okay. So I mean,
15 is that something we can do now? I thought that we were
16 too late for that.

17 MS. JOHNSTON: I think Alvaro's checking.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Since it's the 20th.

19 MS. JOHNSTON: The 26th, isn't it?

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No, it's the 20th that
21 we're talking about.

22 MS. JOHNSTON: But the 20th you already changed, I
23 believe, to make it part -- it's already agendized as
24 part of the Subcommittee.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh, it is. Okay. Okay.

1 So I'm sorry. I misunderstood what was happening here.

2 So we can do that? Okay.

3 MS. JOHNSTON: It's on the agenda as part of the
4 Subcommittee meeting, so you can have whoever you like on
5 it.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Well, we had
7 thought of myself, Commissioner Turner, and then one of
8 the nonparty-affiliated members. And so since we thought
9 that we couldn't have the third person on the
10 Subcommittee, I had asked Commissioner Le Mons if he
11 might be able to do it. But I know Commissioner Ahmad
12 can't. I don't know if Commissioner Akutagawa would be
13 interested in doing it. So we haven't kind of resolved
14 who the third person is at this point. And if there are
15 other Commissioners who are really wanting to do it, you
16 know, we could consider that, too.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So this would be at 2
18 o'clock on the 20th?

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: 2 o'clock on the 20th.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I could do it. I might be
21 just a couple minutes late, though, but I'm coming from
22 another presentation, but I could do it.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Is that okay,
24 Commissioner Le Mons, or did you have your heart set on
25 it? Okay. Okay.

1 Well, then if it's okay with the Commission, then
2 we'll have myself, Commissioner Turner, and Commissioner
3 Akutagawa conduct a presentation on the 20th? I don't
4 see any objections, so we'll move forward with that plan.

5 Then, for the next bullet, I'll turn it over to
6 Commissioner Sinay to talk about the -- do you want to
7 talk about your interactions? Well, we've --

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sure.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- already talked about it
10 a bit.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I feel like we've already
12 talked about that. So I sent an email out about the
13 California community colleges. They're very similar to
14 the libraries where there's a lot of different levels, a
15 lot of different people. You just kind of keep digging
16 and keep getting more and more meetings. So I did send
17 out a community college email just to give you advice on
18 how to reach out to your local community colleges. You
19 can start with the district representatives, but the two
20 places that make a lot of sense to speak to is the
21 faculty senate and the student senate. That's their
22 leadership branches of the community colleges.

23 And at all our statewide level -- I guess, I should
24 take a step back. The statewide outreach that we've been
25 doing -- it's Commissioner Fornaciari and I and Marcy --

1 Ms. Kaplan. We kind of have two purposes. We initially
2 go in there just to kind of say, how do we raise
3 awareness of your constituents, and also how do we engage
4 your constituents in our efforts? And we purposely have
5 gone to those groups that we know have local chapters or
6 local clubs or local whatever. So it has a local
7 presence, and we let them know about the zones and the
8 zone leads. And the idea's -- and most of them have
9 requested a letter from us that kind of talks about the
10 process and the zone leads. And we've talked about this
11 in the past. And so when the zone leads that's supposed
12 to be kind of a warm handoff -- I mean, a warm welcome.
13 When you all contact them, they've already, hopefully,
14 heard about the redistricting process. And so in one
15 effort, we're trying to connect with them so that we can
16 do presentations or what at the statewide level, but also
17 opening up those doors at the local to those local
18 lead -- those trusted leaders.

19 And I did have that -- I met with the local farm
20 bureaus, and they actually pulled out the letter. So
21 they had gotten it, and it felt really good to, you know,
22 to kind of see the whole loop work. The list of all the
23 folks that we have contacted is in that one -- I emailed
24 it again to you all so you can use it. And it shows you
25 where the local contacts are. So just click on the

1 different links in there, and it'll send you to where
2 those local contacts.

3 And really, we've been getting some great ideas. A
4 lot of the stuff that comes to us or that we present from
5 our Subcommittee has been ideas that have come from the
6 community. So that's been really exciting. After each
7 meeting, we're, like, okay, what can we do? What can we
8 not do? So we're really excited to share all that with
9 the Design Subcommittee, and constantly thinking about
10 how do we keep our minds open so that we can think of
11 things creatively and leveraging what's out there. I
12 think that's about it on that one.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. And then local and
14 statewide groups are asking for curriculum and training,
15 and so we're going to discuss that further in the Design
16 Subcommittee. And you want me just to go ahead with the
17 Design Subcommittee report since I'm kind of going at
18 this point?

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: We've got five minutes before break,
20 and it seems like it might take more than the five
21 minutes.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No, I don't think so.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: No? Okay, then. Go ahead.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Just to comment.
25 We prefer public input design rather than public input

1 meeting design, because that presumes the format that
2 we're going to have meetings. You know, what are called
3 meetings or hearings or whatever. We want to keep it
4 open. So just a note.

5 Let's see. At the last meeting, we talked about
6 legal, budget, contractual and other constraints, and
7 we're putting together a document -- just one document --
8 as a reference, for everyone to understand those
9 constraints. We don't have that quite done yet, but
10 we're working on it. Our next meeting is Wednesday, 4 to
11 8. And again, we encourage everyone to listen in to the
12 first half, as I mentioned earlier. We have a handout
13 that's the working agenda, so you can see what we're
14 going to be working on.

15 But the first part is conversations with community
16 groups and line drawers to understand -- well, with the
17 community groups to understand their efforts that they're
18 going to be going through to provide input to the
19 Commission. But with pre-census and post-census. And
20 then, you know, the line drawers to understand what's
21 going on with local redistricting efforts and discuss how
22 our effort can help support those local efforts and you
23 know, where there might be synergies between those
24 efforts.

25 And then the second part of the meeting is to

1 brainstorm how best to create opportunities that are
2 accessible, inviting, transparent to the public to submit
3 their input to us. And the entire meeting will include
4 the community groups and the line drawers in that
5 conversation. So that's what's coming up.

6 And one thing I just wanted to note, you know, in
7 that meeting, at the very beginning of the meeting, we
8 open it up for public comment. We had a commenter,
9 Rajeev Singh, who began to give input on redistricting,
10 specifically talking about specific districts and how
11 those districts needed to be redesigned for the next
12 time. And you know, after a bit, I interrupted him. I
13 let him know that, you know, in that meeting we were, you
14 know -- that wasn't a meeting of the full Commission
15 where we could accept public input, that we wanted his
16 public input, that we would record his public input, and
17 we would present that to the entire Commission. He
18 submitted his input in the form of a public comment this
19 time around. And I also asked Director Hernandez to have
20 Ravi yet watch the tape, and write down his public input,
21 and put that into the system for us. And they've done
22 that.

23 And I also worked with Director Hernandez to revise
24 the comment announcement that Katy reads for us to be
25 clear that during our Subcommittee meeting, we're

1 accepting comments on the work of the Subcommittee, not
2 public input. And for the second public input -- or for
3 the final public input session in our Subcommittee
4 meeting, I made an announcement to make that clear. But
5 I just wanted to let you all know that that went on. And
6 let the public know that we've captured the public input,
7 that Rajeev Singh submitted his public input, and so we
8 have that captured.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Anything else from the
10 Outreach and Engagement or the Public Input Design
11 Subcommittees?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to say for the
13 line drawers, it's not just our line drawers. We also
14 have a local line drawer from Redistricting Partners. So
15 we're kind of expanding it in that way.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. It is now 4:15. We'll
17 take a fifteen-minute and reconvene at 4:30. Thank you,
18 everyone.

19 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Welcome back from the break. We
21 will continue with our Subcommittee reports. Next up,
22 Item 10-F on the agenda is the Language Access
23 Subcommittee. Commissioners Akutagawa and Fernandez.

24 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Chair. On
25 language access we have great news to report. Three of

1 our documents -- our frequently asked questions, our
2 flyer, and our fact sheet, should be up on our website by
3 the end of the week in the twelve different languages,
4 which we're very excited about. And the PowerPoint, our
5 Redistricting Basics, will follow shortly after. We had
6 to hold off on that one because we did have the two
7 additional slides that we had to get in there.

8 And the last piece is we're working with Ms. Kaplan
9 on the language access coordinator. We feel that it's
10 time to try to get that position up and get the
11 recruitment started, because we're going to need that
12 support in terms of either interpretation requests,
13 translation requests, public input that comes in in
14 different languages, so hopefully, within the next couple
15 weeks we should be seeing that recruitment posted. And I
16 think that is it.

17 Commissioner Akutagawa, was there anything else?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think you got everything.
19 We're making some progress.

20 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We are.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: And I just want to make certain that
22 you have and are taking into account the comments from
23 the March 25th letter received from partner organizations
24 regarding language access?

25 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you. Yeah, we

1 have a standing -- now, we have a standing biweekly
2 meeting, and so if there's any public comment that comes
3 in, or correspondence, we go through that. As well as
4 Ms. Kaplan does forward anything that is of urgent nature
5 to the Subcommittee for attention. Thank you.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Other than the interpretation that
7 we had of public comment during the one meeting, have we
8 received anything in any other language through any
9 channel at this point?

10 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: At this point, I don't
11 believe we have. But we do foresee that -- once we get
12 into the public input meetings, we do foresee the
13 requests coming in for that.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I might suggest to
15 communications staff that we do a release announcing, you
16 know -- we want a splash that we will have these
17 documents -- or we have these documents in these
18 different languages once we get them, and we want to make
19 sure that people are aware of their options -- language
20 options during our meetings, whether they be public input
21 meetings or business meetings.

22 Commissioner Sinay?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Two things. At one point we
24 had said we would have, like, a header or something that
25 had "redistricting" in different languages or "welcome"

1 in different languages, just, you know, something in
2 different languages, as well as different scripts so it'd
3 be easy for folks to find where the diverse languages
4 are. And again, we're promoting that this is -- that
5 this is open to everyone, because that question still
6 remains is if this process is open to all or not.

7 And then the other question that came up during the
8 Design Subcommittee that Commissioner Turner brought up,
9 and I did as well later, was if a community asks us to
10 cover the costs of an interpreter, will we? Because
11 we've been saying since the beginning that we don't want
12 there to be extra burden or costs on community groups.
13 And even if they offered to have an interpreter, like
14 they did with Commissioner Sadhwani, ideally, in my
15 thought is that we would cover the cost so that it's not
16 another, you know, a cost on their side.

17 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I'm hoping I'm understanding
18 you correct, Commissioner Sinay, but our position has
19 been that if it's not a Commission-sponsored event, and
20 if it's an external event, that they are required to -- I
21 shouldn't say they're required -- if they provide
22 interpreters, that's on them versus if it is a
23 Commission-sponsored event, such as our meetings and also
24 our Redistricting Basics presentations, and if a request
25 is made for interpreter services, we would -- as long as

1 they follow the protocol that we have of five business
2 days, we would pay for that. Unless it's beyond the
3 twelve languages, then we would do our best to try to
4 contract for those languages.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Any other questions or comments on
6 Language Access Subcommittee report or anything further
7 from the Subcommittee? Okay. Next is Materials
8 Development.

9 Commissioners Fernandez and Kennedy. Commissioner
10 Fernandez?

11 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So I'll just repeat
12 what I just said for Language Access. No, I'm kidding.
13 We did update the Redistricting Basics presentation to
14 add the two slides, one related to more detail in the COI
15 input in terms of what we're looking for. And then also
16 another slide on language access. And we also updated
17 the script to correspond to the additional slides, and
18 the new versions should be up on our website now, as well
19 as the other documents that I had noted earlier.

20 Was there anything else, Commissioner Kennedy?

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, I wanted to highlight one
22 comment that you had made, and hope that Director
23 Hernandez and staff will do their best on this one. We
24 need to, you know, in line with my comment at the
25 beginning of the day about the importance of accuracy, we

1 need to make sure that we're all working from the same
2 script. And the only way that we can work from the same
3 script is if the script has a date on it, and we can all
4 make sure that our version number -- something that
5 enables us to ensure that we're all working from the same
6 document. Because I've been aware that there are times
7 when some things get lost in the multitude of versions
8 that we've had. So you know, I thank the staff for the
9 work that they've done so far on this and just ask that
10 we all be very attentive in ensuring that we're all
11 working from the same documents and the same script.

12 Commissioner Turner?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Thank you, Chair. I
14 just wanted to say in addition, and maybe during this
15 time period of talking about materials, I wanted to give
16 a shout-out to the staff that I think is absolutely
17 amazing. So of course, we appreciate the script, but
18 I've done several presentations now and wanted to just
19 shout-out. Wanda is an amazing staff member. And Marcy
20 and you know, Patricia -- all of the different ones -- of
21 course, Fredy, that is providing support, ensuring that
22 we are locked and ready to go when it's time to do
23 presentations. And so I just wanted to express how much
24 I appreciate their support. I appreciate the process
25 behind the scenes. It makes it very enjoyable and easy

1 to do the presentations, and so I just wanted to say
2 thank you.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: I will echo that. I see applause
4 and nods.

5 So Director Hernandez, please convey our thanks and
6 congratulations to the staff.

7 Commissioner Fernandez.

8 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And I do want to echo that.
9 And I think the one piece that I really appreciate is
10 either the day before the day of the presentation, Wanda
11 sends an email -- because I got to tell you, it's hard
12 for me to look for the prior email, so I really
13 appreciate her sending the reminder email as well as the
14 presentation and the script and the invite. So thank
15 you.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Next up, Item 10-H,
17 Website Subcommittee. Commissioners Kennedy and Taylor.
18 Commissioner Taylor.

19 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Good evening, everyone. Just
20 want to continue to elicit any of your ideas and thoughts
21 about the website. The Website Committee met over the
22 break. We continue to make changes and to develop the
23 website accordingly so that it is the most efficient.
24 And we drive people to the pages and to the items that
25 they request and they discuss over our public input. As

1 we finalize the process for transcripts, that will be
2 added to the website. And we continue to find a solution
3 for the 2010 website. And we'll continue to work on the
4 website accordingly.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.

6 One of the other questions that we had that we've
7 asked staff to look into is what has happened to the
8 Shape California's Future website from the California
9 State Auditor's Office. That has all of the history, if
10 you will, of the selection process for this Commission.
11 And our concern is that that information could at some
12 point in the future be relevant. We want to make sure
13 that it's not lost. We have asked staff to look into the
14 possibility of obtaining all of that information from the
15 Auditor's Office and hosting it on our website,
16 understanding that it may not make sense to continue the
17 Shape California's Future website during this time when
18 the Commission is actually active and the selection
19 process is not active. But we did want to see if it
20 would be possible for the We Draw the Lines website to
21 have all of the content of the Shape California's Future
22 website that had the history of the selection process.

23 We're also working on looking at where -- and it may
24 be in multiple locations -- but where visitors to the
25 website will eventually be able to link from to see the

1 draft maps. The website has been set up at this point
2 where there are no draft maps, but we need to be
3 thinking, okay, when there are draft maps, how are we
4 going to give the best and the easiest access to the maps
5 from our website? So that's a bit of what the website
6 Subcommittee has been up to, and we will continue to
7 review the website on a regular basis and share thoughts
8 and recommendations. And if there's anything that we
9 need the Commission to approve, we will bring it to you
10 in another report. Marian?

11 MS. JOHNSTON: I'm not sure if this is for the
12 Website Committee or the Public Input Committee, but
13 since the Commission is already getting public input,
14 there was some talk about how it was necessary to get a
15 separate section of the website just devoted to public
16 input.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: So that would be on the Website
18 Subcommittee and the communications staff, so we will
19 be -- we will be looking into that. Okay.

20 Next up, Data Management. Commissioners Ahmad and
21 Turner.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair.

23 Yes, on behalf of Commissioner Ahmad and myself, I'm
24 just wanting to report on the Subcommittee. We had an
25 opportunity to meet with the Subcommittee from line

1 drawing team, also Commissioner Sadhwani and Andersen, to
2 convene our first meet and be able to bring together our
3 line drawers, which Karin, Jaime, and Bradley were there
4 to meet with USDR, Phil and Yon, and we cannot express
5 how excited we are to be able to move forward in this
6 process. And so now, they are in relation with each
7 other. They're going to be able to solidify their
8 interactions and finalize processes for flow now that
9 they're able to talk directly and determine what that's
10 going to look like. So we'll continue to meet to be able
11 to see what they're coming up with and how we're able to
12 structure -- kind of solidify and the little details of
13 how they're going to work together.

14 I also wanted to say for our data manager job
15 description, just to give you an update on that -- Raul
16 let us know that that has been referred to DGS,
17 Department of General Services, and they forwarded it on
18 to the State Controller's Office. We don't have word yet
19 back on that, but that is also moving forward. And so
20 I'd like to see -- Commissioner Ahmad, you want to add
21 anything additional to our brief report? Okay. So we
22 will follow up -- there's a meeting weekly -- and at a
23 different time have more information to share about the
24 data management portion.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. So if there is anything

1 more before this meeting closes, just let me know, and
2 I'll be happy to reopen this agenda item.

3 Commissioner Sinay, did I see your hand?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's okay. Alicia can go. I
5 mean, Commissioner.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Fernandez.

7 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I just wanted to ask, on the
8 data manager position. Can you still move forward with
9 the recruitment or do you -- like, at least the posting
10 and getting applications? Or do you have to wait for the
11 position to be officially, I guess, established?

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: We have to -- I believe the
13 counsel we received was to wait until it was officially
14 established.

15 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sinay.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And on being able to know
18 how -- now that we have the line drawers, are we able to
19 start getting counts on how many COIs we have? You know,
20 getting updates on COIs, how many we're getting, from
21 where we're getting community of interest information?
22 And at what point will we be able to create kind of that
23 map that we've talked about on the website just so that
24 people can see that we've heard them and that it's been
25 submitted?

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Thank you for those
2 questions.

3 May I, Chair?

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Thank you for those
6 questions. Commissioner Ahmad and I had high-level
7 conversation on still-to-be-designed. What we desire is
8 once the data manager is on that we'll also be giving
9 reports such as the ones that Fredy is doing, as far as
10 here's what's going on with our COI -- our comments that
11 we received, community of interest, et cetera. So we
12 will be saying how many we're receiving, where they're
13 coming from, so we'll be able to give kind of reports
14 such as that.

15 And then the other piece that we are looking at is
16 the COI tool is also a public tool. And so we are also
17 looking to see how do we make the parts of that available
18 for public to be able to see directly what's being
19 submitted as well.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner
21 Turner.

22 Anything else on or from Data Management?

23 Commissioner Andersen.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you for that. It was
25 a really lively meeting. I didn't catch all of it. But

1 one quick thing, though. The COI map -- the COI is
2 Statewide Database; it's not line drawers. So all this
3 information is actually forwarding through the Statewide
4 Database. The line drawers have an issue -- which is
5 what the Data Management Committee is working on -- how
6 is the interaction going, for specifically the data and
7 who gets what? But just to remember, slightly different
8 hat, you know. The COI is the Statewide Database.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

10 Next, the Grants Subcommittee. Commissioners
11 Akutagawa and Le Mons.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think I will be making
13 this report. So I know this is one that a lot of people
14 have interest in, and I did hear what our public
15 commentor, Ms. Ponce De Leon, did comment on a letter
16 that they had sent that I have not yet seen. But I do
17 know that this is a topic that it's of great interest to
18 a lot of organizations. I will tell you that for the
19 Grant Subcommittee it is something that we are very aware
20 of and we were wishing that we could be saying something
21 a little bit more promising.

22 Right now, all I can say is that, you know, we are
23 working with taxpayer dollars, state dollars, and there
24 are lots of different rules and regulations and let's
25 just say that we are still kind of trying to figure out

1 what is the best way in which we can actually disburse
2 this money. We're just running across some different,
3 perhaps, challenges with the way that disbursement would
4 go and what's the best way. And so right now at this
5 point we are planning to regroup. We just got some
6 additional information, so we need to regroup and we'll
7 figure out a plan of action. I don't want to say too
8 much, because nothing is very clear to us right now.
9 There's still a lot of "if this", "then that's", and I
10 don't want to create, you know, a lot of angst by saying
11 too much when there is no clarity on our part.

12 So I just wanted to at least just say that that, you
13 know, we've been working on this and we've been waiting
14 to hear on some different points about the process by
15 which we would actually go about this. We thought we had
16 something and we had a little bit of a setback, so we
17 started again. And it looks like we might have to
18 revisit, yet again, our process. And so we're hoping
19 that we'll have a little bit more clarity the next we'll
20 meet, and you know, just get this moving along. So
21 hopefully, fingers crossed, we'll have better news the
22 next time.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
24 Any questions, comments from Commissioners? Okay.
25 Next up is the Community of Interest Tool.

1 Commissioners Akutagawa and Kennedy. Commissioner
2 Akutagawa?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Well, I feel like we did
4 make our report this morning. I was hoping that we would
5 be able to have Jaime, but what I'll do is I'll
6 specifically reach out about scheduling a time with her
7 for her to come and join us and be able to help explain
8 and answer the various questions around the redistricting
9 access centers.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We can hold this agenda item
11 for tomorrow or a later date.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sounds good.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Are there any further questions or
14 comments from Commissioners? Okay.

15 Item 10-L, Cybersecurity. Commissioners Fornaciari
16 and Taylor.

17 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: So nothing extremely
18 tantamount on the security front. I would like to add --
19 and Neal and I had discussed before maybe coming up with
20 tips of the week -- security tips of the week; however as
21 we have our phones and our computers over a longer
22 period, it's more likely that we're going to get
23 malicious email. Please don't open them. Delete those
24 items. I've already started to receive a few on my
25 phone. So just delete those items upon contact. The

1 biggest deterrent to security is the end-user. So let's
2 just be mindful of the things that we receive that are
3 unexpected, and just delete them quickly. Thank you.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: I'll take the opportunity to share
5 my experience. My phone number seems to have belonged
6 previously to a realtor who was working in Arizona. So I
7 get all of these requests from other realtors and from
8 potential property buyers wanting to see this property
9 and that property and so forth, as well as any number of
10 you know, spam calls and spam messages. I finally went
11 online and registered my Commission phone number on the
12 National Do Not Call Registry. So other colleagues may
13 wish to go online and take advantage of that opportunity
14 to get your number on the National Do Not Call Registry,
15 and hopefully that will help cut down on some of the
16 extraneous communications that we receive.

17 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And Chair, not to prolong this
18 conversation, but social engineering is amazing. It's
19 designed to pick at our curiosity and our imagination.
20 So even though that's not your case, it is meant to
21 elicit a response for us to facilitate that malware.
22 Thank you.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much.

24 Item 10-M, the Incarcerated Population Subcommittee.
25 Commissioners Fernandez and Sinay.

1 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Chair. I
2 apologize for the short notice. I did forward a
3 document, and it was posted this morning on our
4 recommendation. If you recall -- oh, I don't know if it
5 was the last meeting or the meeting before -- we did
6 receive a letter asking how we were going to handle the
7 incarcerated people in federal facilities. And so we
8 also -- back in January we -- as a Commission -- we
9 adopted the recommendation -- in terms of those in state
10 facilities -- incarcerated individuals in state
11 facilities -- we were going to take those numbers out of
12 where they're incarcerated and put them into the last
13 known residence. And so back then we had Karin Mac
14 Donald and then also Aleks -- and I can't remember Aleks'
15 last name. But anyway, at that point in time, they had
16 both said that in terms of getting the information from
17 the Federal Bureau of Prisons -- they weren't being
18 forthcoming. And I know having worked for the California
19 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for many
20 years, them being a law enforcement agency, it was always
21 difficult to get information from them. So with that,
22 what we're recommending is that the Commission remove the
23 number of people incarcerated in federal custody in
24 California as of April 1st, 2020, from the institution of
25 incarceration. Because their last known place of

1 residence was not released by the Federal Bureau of
2 Prisons, incarcerated people that were enumerated in
3 federal prisons will not be redistributed to another area
4 in California.

5 And I did provide -- we did provide more information
6 in terms of how we came up with that recommendation and
7 in terms of the various facilities that would be impacted
8 as well as the counties. We identified the counties.
9 And in total there are 14,494 incarcerated people in
10 federal facilities. And then we also are recommending
11 future action is to add this to the Lessons Learned in
12 terms of -- as we recommended last time -- is that the
13 issue of federal incarcerated people in California be
14 added to Lessons Learned to address further with the
15 Federal Bureau of Prisons to discuss the need to obtain
16 the prior known residence of federal inmates that are
17 incarcerated in California federal prisons and detention
18 agencies. So we're hoping that by the 2030 Commission
19 they will be more forthcoming and provide more
20 information in terms of the last known residence of
21 incarcerated individuals in federal facilities.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Turner?

23 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay, did you
24 have anything to add?

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: No? Okay. Commissioner Turner?

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. There was also the
2 suggestion -- and I seem to recall that we at least make
3 a run at the new AG to see if there was a willingness to
4 apply pressure to get those numbers so that they can be
5 counted in their previous residences. Did we go that
6 route at all?

7 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No, we have not.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: And my suggestion had been
9 contacting Senator Padilla as a former Legislator or
10 former Secretary of State --

11 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- who is certainly going to be very
13 familiar with this issue and its implications.
14 Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: This may be -- because I'm
16 not that familiar with what are considered prisons or
17 other areas of detention -- but does this include, you
18 know, people who have just been sort of gathered for
19 other types of immigration issues or not --

20 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No, this would be those you
21 would consider an inmate. Those other individuals are
22 not considered imprisoned.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

24 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And we do have the names of
25 the different facilities on our recommendation sheet.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If I could just add to what
3 Commissioner Fernandez said and just kind of respond to
4 moving forward with sending a letter either to the AG
5 and/or Senator Padilla. We do think both of those ideas
6 are good ideas and as we recommended in the past --
7 because of all the work that we need to do right now --
8 that we could send the letters, but the follow-up -- and
9 if things -- we won't be able to collect the data that we
10 need for this for 2020. We would be able to -- this is
11 as far as we can for the federal -- for the federal
12 inmates. And if we want to continue -- we do think it's
13 a good conversation and want to continue it for 2030.
14 But this is the data that was collected on April 1st that
15 the Statewide Database was able to get. And going back
16 to get the actual places of where their last address was
17 is going to be quite difficult. And also there's --
18 yeah.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Yee?

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Thank you. So I'm
21 recalling that when Karin had initially described the
22 last known address process to us she made a comment about
23 those who do not have a usable last known address. I'm
24 recalling, maybe imperfectly, her saying that they would
25 be randomly assigned a location across the state. So I'm

1 just wondering whether that was accurate. And that's
2 different than federal inmates, then, who will simply not
3 be assigned anywhere. I think, in effect, it actually is
4 a wash, because either way, the maps would effected
5 equally. But I'd want to know for sure were the case
6 simply so we could say accurately what was happening.

7 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Thank you,
8 Commissioner Yee.

9 On that, when Karin was here last time when we
10 talked about the state facilities, right? She did say --
11 they were able to at least pinpoint it down to, like, a
12 county where they were from. So they were going to
13 randomly place that count -- whatever the count was -- in
14 that county. But for federal the only information they
15 were able to obtain is the numbers that are currently
16 being housed in each facility. So they have no idea
17 where their last known residence is at any part of the
18 state. And so that's why at this point, we are
19 recommending to remove the counts from those areas. But
20 we don't have enough information to be able to then place
21 it into at least a county. I hope that answers your
22 question.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And that follows a request by
24 the Legislature. That's a recommendation of the
25 Legislature.

1 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Very good. Thank you.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Commissioner Turner?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm wondering what it would
5 look like to write the letter, send it -- since we have a
6 little bit of time -- and see if there is a response and
7 a willingness to say what areas in California these
8 federal inmates are located so we'll know what we're
9 dealing with?

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We can do -- do we do that or
11 does the Government Affairs Subcommittee do that?

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Toledo?

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Well, like, if it's an
14 advocacy request, Government Affairs can certainly take
15 that on. If it's a request for information, just data
16 points or information, then the Subcommittee should
17 probably -- we can work with the Subcommittee on that as
18 well.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sadhwani?

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Agree to see the
21 same. We're happy to work with the Subcommittee if
22 there's a desire to send a letter. And I'm happy to work
23 on the letter. I think this is such an important issue.
24 And I do feel really great about the fact that I think
25 California's leading in this issue as it pertains to the

1 incarcerated folks in state facilities. I think the
2 federal facilities just presents such a difficult dilemma
3 because there are individuals in there who may not even
4 be from California. They may be actually from other
5 states.

6 So without that information we just don't know. But
7 I do -- I very much appreciate the Subcommittee's
8 attention to -- this is a -- we can really help set up
9 the future for 2030. Not just for California, but even
10 federally, right? To be thinking about how incarcerated
11 folks are being dealt with when it comes to
12 reapportionment and redistricting purposes.

13 So I do appreciate, you know, the work of the
14 Subcommittee thus far. Happy to support in writing a
15 letter. But I can certainly see where the challenges lie
16 in terms of that data sharing from the federal to the
17 state level, and ultimately that we just don't have the
18 jurisdiction to mandate that data being sent down. But a
19 lot could change over the course of the next ten years
20 for sure.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Turner?

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And I just want to
23 say I'm not on either of the Subcommittees but certainly
24 would volunteer to help in any manner. I just think it's
25 one worth pushing as far as we can. And yes, probably

1 some of the findings may not come out until 2030, but I
2 don't feel good about just dropping it here. I think we
3 need to at least write the letter, see how far we can go,
4 see which of those federal inmates are from California,
5 and try to have them reallocated into areas that they
6 came out of where possible -- if possible. It just
7 starts the larger conversation, I think.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: And I'm looking at Senator Padilla's
9 committee assignments. You know, he's on the Committee
10 on the Judiciary. He's on Homeland Security and
11 Governmental Affairs Committee. Just, you know, I have
12 to think that he's going to be able to help us make some
13 progress, even if it's not all the progress that we would
14 like to see.

15 Commissioner Sinay?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If I can recommend maybe
17 Commissioner Kennedy and Commissioner Turner to draft the
18 letter just because Commissioner Fernandez and I are busy
19 on the outreach side and how we're actually going to
20 raise awareness and engage those who are incarcerated,
21 because that's a whole other big challenge. And I think
22 that that's a better use of our time. And because you --
23 you know, we're here to support you all, but if I could
24 recommend the two of you draft it?

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, we could. Or as Commissioner

1 Toledo said, if it's an advocacy thing, which I believe
2 it is, then Government Affairs could. But Commissioner
3 Turner and I will chat and possibly touch base with our
4 colleagues on Government Affairs.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Perfect.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

8 Anything else from the Incarcerated Population
9 Subcommittee?

10 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No. We're still waiting to
11 meet with the other -- this kind of derailed us from
12 meeting with the other three, so once hopefully this
13 recommendation goes through and then we can concentrate
14 on coming forward with some recommendations on outreach
15 efforts for incarcerated individuals in California state
16 facilities.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can you make a motion?

18 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I haven't made the motion
19 yet. No, I just made a recommendation. But I can make
20 the motion that we adopt the recommendation. And of
21 course, if something comes up and for some means we're
22 able to get the information in time, I'm not sure how
23 that would impact the Statewide Database. Of course, we
24 could address it then, but for now, in terms of all the
25 information we have, and in terms also of feedback from

1 the Statewide Database in terms of their inability to
2 collect the information, I make a motion to move forward
3 with our recommendation to remove the number of people
4 incarcerated in federal custody in California as of April
5 1st, 2020, from the institution of their incarceration.
6 And that's pretty much it, because we won't -- we won't
7 move those numbers to another area in California. We'll
8 just remove them from the count.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Turner?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And I just wanted
11 to be real clear because I didn't get an opportunity to
12 read it before the call.

13 On the motion to remove them, if we did not remove
14 them they would be counted in these areas where they're
15 currently housed --

16 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- and by removing them --
18 okay. Great. I'll second the motion.

19 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And this is, of course --

21 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- pending some miracle that
23 we --

24 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- get what we need.

1 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: You believe in miracles
2 sometimes.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, I do.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sadhwani?

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I'm sorry. Can you
6 walk me through the logic one more time of we're removing
7 them and -- just removing them?

8 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So we're removing them
9 because if we don't remove them then the numbers in those
10 specific areas are -- oh, what do they call it?

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Are inflated, right?

12 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Are inflated, yes. So
13 they're inflated, so it makes it seem like they have
14 more constituents than they actually do in that area.
15 And then that obviously affects how you draw your
16 districts.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's over representation in
18 those areas, but this won't affect anything doing with
19 budgets, because everybody asks --

20 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- that question as well,
22 especially those who are from those areas. So it won't
23 affect funding allocations. This is just for
24 redistricting purposes.

25 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And so then those
2 individuals, though, are not represented anywhere in the
3 state? From a redistricting standpoint.

4 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: The numbers are not.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And we also don't know if
6 they're all Californians or not. Because they're in
7 federal.

8 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I have Commissioner Ahmad,
10 followed by Commissioner Taylor.

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I think my question was just
12 answered. I will pass.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay. Commissioner Taylor?

14 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. It's just that along
15 with that assumption, we don't know where they're from.
16 We don't know if they're Californians. We don't know if
17 they're local, so there's a chance that some of that
18 population could belong in that region. So it's
19 accounting for all of the unknowns.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Akutagawa?

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. And I think that
22 that's what I'm hearing is that, you know, for the 2030
23 redistricting cycle that hopefully the work that we'll be
24 doing here will eventually result in some national
25 changes. Because I mean, you know, for us to be able to

1 count -- I mean, you know, we don't have the level of
2 detail as what I saw on the, you know, on the document
3 that was prepared -- which, thank you for that.

4 But also then, what are the implications for those
5 who are here but are from other states? You know,
6 there's just a lot of different kind of what-ifs and then
7 that kind of thing, so I definitely support what I think
8 is being proposed. I mean, I know that, sadly, they're
9 not going to be represented, but I think it's an
10 imperfect kind of solution to the kind of skewing that
11 could happen if we were to continue to include them and
12 their numbers are inflated for the purposes of
13 redistricting.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Ahmad?

15 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I just want
16 to make sure I'm understanding this correctly, that we
17 are removing those folks regardless of whether they are
18 from California or not. Because the Federal Government
19 has not released that information to the states, right?

20 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Well, we're removing them
21 because it's overinflating that specific area where these
22 facilities are. And unfortunately, because we don't --
23 the Federal Government is not providing us with
24 residential information, we can't reallocate them
25 somewhere else.

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Right. So if we had -- if we
2 did have that information from the Federal Government --
3 that we knew their last known address or that they were
4 from California -- a similar process would be employed as
5 with folks who are imprisoned in state facilities as
6 those who are imprisoned in federal facilities within
7 California. But at this point, the Federal Government is
8 not releasing that information to us. Got it. Thank
9 you.

10 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Correct. Yes.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Any further discussion.
12 Okay. We have a -- Director Hernandez.

13 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes. I just wanted to clarify
14 the motion. What I have here is to adopt the
15 recommendation to remove the federal incarcerated people
16 in California from the State's population count. And
17 then I referenced the handout that was provided. Is that
18 correct?

19 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

20 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Katy, thank you for joining us. Can
22 you invite public comment, please?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. In order to
24 maximize transparency and public participation in our
25 process, the commissioners will be taking public comment

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19 down the livestream volume.

20 And the Commission is taking public comment for the
21 motion on the floor made by Hernandez to adopt the
22 verbiage relating to the incarcerated inmate population.
23 I hope that sums it up. And we do not --

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- have anybody in the

1 queue.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: We will wait a couple of minutes for
3 the live feed to catch up and then a little bit longer
4 for anyone to call.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh. And we do have
6 someone in the queue.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Hold on. Before we invite
8 them in --

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- Direct --

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I already clicked it.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Director? Okay. Go ahead then.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Well, they haven't
14 unmuted themselves, but hold on. The floor is yours.

15 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Hello. This is Renee Westa-Lusk.
16 I just want to say that I concur with Commissioner Turner
17 and the other commissioners, I believe Toledo and
18 Kennedy, that you should send the letters and make every
19 last ditch effort to try to find the last residence of
20 the federal incarcerated individuals.

21 I just think it's needed just to make that last
22 effort. So I applaud if you go ahead with the letters as
23 soon as possible. I think you might be surprised. You
24 might get a response quicker than you think. Thank you.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Westa-Lusk. Yeah.

1 I've delved further into Senator Padilla's committee
2 assignments and his position on the commission --
3 committee on the judiciary, they do have jurisdictions --
4 jurisdiction over national penitentiaries. So I'm
5 hopeful that Senator Padilla can at least take us farther
6 than we've ever gone before as far as getting this
7 information. So thank you again for your call.

8 Okay. And did we have another caller?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do. Did you want
10 to -- before I --

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Go ahead.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- go ahead -- okay. The
13 floor is yours.

14 MS. HOWARD: Hi there. This is Deborah Howard again
15 with the California Senior Advocates League. I have a
16 big concern that these people who are incarcerated in
17 federal prisons would not be recognized at all if you
18 remove them from the April 1, 2020 count in California.
19 My concern -- I understand about the State and all that,
20 and I understand it's a relatively small number, less
21 than 15,000, but they're not all in one facility. And I
22 think that they have a right to be representative --
23 represented. And this is not a perfect system, but they,
24 on April 1, 2020, were in these facilities and they
25 should be recognized.

1 And I know that it doesn't make any sense. There's
2 a lot of -- there's a lot more, oh, better ways to do
3 this, but I don't think the right answer is to exclude
4 them from representation overall. So my -- your meeting
5 and my comments are way out of sync, so I have no idea
6 where we are in this, but I urge you to be very, very,
7 very careful about this. I think that is something that
8 is problematic on -- at the deepest core of democratic
9 representation and just procedure of what the job of
10 redistricting is. So I'm going to stop talking now.
11 Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that's --

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Howard. My
14 connection, at least, is unstable. I hope that other
15 colleagues were able to hear.

16 Commissioner Taylor?

17 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. I think, you know, as
18 far as my thinking right now unless I can be convinced
19 otherwise, the thought of having no representation over
20 to a percentage of overrepresentation to me is
21 problematic. I would think that we want to represent --
22 what we're fighting for -- we fought for representation
23 for our state inmates, our state incarcerated folks, and
24 it seems that we're taking it away from these other
25 individuals. Thank you.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sadhwani, did you have
2 your hand up?

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I would tend to agree
4 with Commissioner Taylor. I'm not opposed to this motion
5 necessarily, but I do feel like I would like additional
6 information. If someone who's incarcerated in a federal
7 prison has some concern and wants to write to a member of
8 Congress about their concern, yet we've removed them from
9 that district for redistricting purposes, do members of
10 Congress feel a desire to be responsive to the needs of
11 those folks?

12 It's -- it does kind of present almost a
13 normative -- a quandary about representation. And if
14 we're removing them and not putting them somewhere else,
15 then where or how is it that we anticipate them actually
16 receiving that representation?

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. I mean, I guess this is my
18 political science background crashing in as well. I
19 don't see them as lacking representation so much as I see
20 it as a question of dilution or not dilution of the
21 representation of others. And yes, it remains very much
22 an open question.

23 Commissioner Akutagawa and then Commissioner Sinay.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you for this, and
25 Commissioner Kenn -- Chair Kennedy, I do appreciate what

1 you just said. Yeah, I would -- I would -- well, I guess
2 from my perspective, I would think that they would still
3 be able to write to a elected official and still be able
4 to have their voice heard.

5 However, I think to what Chair Kennedy just said
6 about dilution or not dilution, I think -- what I'm
7 trying to understand is, if we remove those who are
8 incarcerated in federal prisons, we'll remove them from
9 the counties in which they are sitting right now, and
10 therefore, rebalance the numbers so that it's reflective
11 of truly the people who are from that particular area.

12 And if that is the case, then from a redistricting
13 point of view, if their numbers go down by whatever
14 numbers, then to have the equal populations, they may
15 need to be combined with other areas. I am curious. I
16 saw that we at least have county level data for those who
17 are incarcerated into the federal prisons. Is that
18 perhaps not something that we could at least assign to
19 those counties if we have at least county level data so
20 that maybe it's a middle ground to some of the concerns
21 that were raised?

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that. Commissioner
23 Fernandez or Commissioner Sinay, did you want to respond?

24 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I mean, I was trying to
25 understand. I mean, we know where these facilities are

1 located. We have received the information in terms of,
2 as of April 1st, the counts and we know what county it's
3 from, so I'm -- it's county and city and you know,
4 location.

5 I was trying to understand the second part,
6 Commissioner Akutagawa, in terms of what --

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think -- so sorry. I was
8 doing a little public musing that I shouldn't have done.
9 I think the first part of -- I think the first part of
10 what I was asking is that if their numbers are truly
11 reflective of the people who are voluntarily living in
12 those regions, then their representation could change
13 because the numbers of those who are incarcerated would
14 not be included. Because then, you know, to build the
15 districts, obviously, you know, they have to be equal
16 population. And if it excludes those who are
17 incarcerated, then that could change their
18 representation, which, you know, they may choose to
19 prefer.

20 I'm not -- I'm just speculating here. But if we
21 include the -- those who are incarcerated in the federal
22 prisons or penitentiaries, that would then increase or
23 inflate their numbers -- I think that was the word that
24 was used -- inflate their numbers by X number of people,
25 which would enable them to perhaps retain a certain kind

1 of district size that's more concentrated than if it were
2 truly reflective of, you know, an equal population
3 district. Does that make sense?

4 I don't know if it'll skew it that much, but then
5 separate from that, we did get -- I did see on the
6 handout that you gave that there was some data as to the
7 county, I guess, of the last known place of residence for
8 each of those federal -- no, that was not --

9 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- true. Okay. I read
11 that wrong. Sorry.

12 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No, the county -- the county
13 that I noted is where that facility is located.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay.

15 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah, yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I read that wrong, then.
17 My apologies --

18 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- again.

20 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: If we knew the county -- if
21 we at least knew the county they were from, we could,
22 like, randomly put them in that county. But because we
23 don't -- we have no information as to, I mean, if they're
24 even from California --

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

1 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- or where in California
2 they are. That was the issue.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh. Okay. Then scratch
4 the second question then.

5 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I have Commissioner Sinay,
7 Commissioner Taylor, and Commissioner Turner.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. I love --
9 this is a good conversation, and I keep going -- I keep
10 pinging back and forth, so we are having a good dialog.
11 I just wanted to remind a couple of things is that when
12 we talked about the state-level facilities, that one of
13 the things that came -- that came up was that the
14 incarcerated people when they want to plead their case or
15 anything, they go to their congressional member from
16 where they last lived. So that's the congressional
17 member that represents them, and so everybody will still
18 have that representation. Unfortunately, we don't have
19 it here.

20 This recommendation from the Legislature has already
21 passed the Legislature, and it will take into effect at
22 the city and county redistricting efforts just like the
23 other half that we had discussed before. And at those
24 levels, these numbers may not look like a lot at our
25 level, but they are a lot at those levels. So that's

1 going to make some big shifts, but that's already been
2 done and that's why the Statewide Database had these
3 figures for us. So I just wanted to bring up that -- and
4 the final thing is someone had asked, you know, we did
5 start all of this because of a letter that we got from
6 the Legislature and we need to reply back to the
7 Legislature. And we went back and forth on how to -- how
8 to do this, and then we went to Karin and said, Karin, do
9 you -- do we even have any data that we could use for
10 this? And they had already -- as you can see, the
11 Statewide Database had requested this information.

12 And the reason I keep going back and forth is I,
13 too, I'm a political scientist and it's about the
14 representation of -- as I think Commissioner Taylor said,
15 you know, it's a representation of the -- of the people
16 who are incarcerated, and it feels like we're putting it
17 versus the representation of those who live in the -- who
18 live in counties outside of the counties that have those
19 facilities. And so it's not -- as I keep saying,
20 democracy can be very messy.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
22 Commissioner Taylor.

23 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Absolutely agree, Commissioner
24 Sinay. Democracy can be messy. Again, some of the
25 people in these facilities belong to these communities,

1 so there are some people that we would miss. Democracy
2 is messy, as you just stated. We don't know what the
3 rate of inflation would be for event -- for any given
4 facility, but again, I just find that troubling. I wish
5 we had the information.

6 And just looking at the -- at the list as presented,
7 San Bernardino has three facilities, which means that a
8 greater proportion will be removed from San Bernardino.
9 Thank you.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.
11 Commissioner Turner.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I wanted to also,
13 as Commissioner Taylor just said, look at the actual
14 areas because typically where you have prisons they're in
15 areas that are usually more disenfranchised. So I was
16 trying to determine, again, the overinflation, what does
17 it do to the actual places where these prisons are,
18 number one.

19 And then I'm wondering -- looking at L.A. Times, et
20 cetera, so 3,500 inmates were just released or are going
21 to be released, right, from that federal number, which
22 would bring it down from the 14,494 down to just a little
23 bit -- almost under 11,000. And so again, that's a lot
24 of -- that's a big variance, a difference.

25 And so maybe we're not -- and I'm hearing the

1 conversations and I am concerned about no representation,
2 but I also want to know -- I know that they took that
3 number from I think the report said, April 1st, 2020.
4 But if indeed it's verified that there are 3,500 less
5 federal prisoners in custody now, I'm wondering, do we
6 make that adjustment somewhere? Does that even come into
7 play?

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
9 Commissioner Fernandez.

10 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I didn't check all of the
11 numbers when I was going back to see where they -- what
12 counties they were from. But the few that I actually did
13 look to see what the numbers were on April 1st versus
14 now, I think there was three or four that I actually saw,
15 and their numbers are actually higher now than they were
16 back in April 1st. I'm not sure why, but -- so we'd
17 probably have to look.

18 And another thing in terms of adjusting the figures,
19 and the reason obviously we take April 1st is because
20 that's when the census was counted was April 1st, so we
21 try to at least be consistent with the date, but I mean,
22 we could go back to see what their current populations
23 are because that is public information. But I do know
24 when I did review a few, that it was actually
25 significantly higher.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So we used April 1st, 2020
3 because it is the census date. The data, Ms. Kaplan and
4 I were talking about this, I think, just last week is
5 that there are different data populations that the data
6 is not -- is not going to be that great. And we've
7 talked about this a little bit before, and we haven't
8 quite discussed what we might do, and that includes
9 college campuses, prisons, as well as those areas that
10 were affected by fires.

11 All of those are really -- because of the pandemic
12 and the fires, the numbers are really in flux and we
13 could ask a lot of questions. And so if we want to -- I
14 feel that that point is really well-taken, Commissioner
15 Turner, and it's actually a bigger issue that I've been
16 kind of collecting some data around that we need to talk
17 at some point with the Statewide Database about some of
18 this, I think.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Commissioner Yee.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Thank you to the
21 Subcommittee for crafting this consideration and leading
22 us through this important discussion. You know, I'm
23 thinking about it as, okay, well, in the best case,
24 people would -- everyone would be counted at their last
25 known address, right? I mean, if we had all that data,

1 that would be the best case.

2 And if I knew for a fact that removing federal --
3 people in federal prisons now would be a step towards
4 that I would feel, you know, easily supportive of that.
5 But of course, we can't know that. We can't know that
6 that best-case scenario will come about. You know, we
7 can work for that. We can write those letters. We can
8 advocate for it, but there's no guarantee.

9 So meanwhile, we're in a situation where, you know,
10 even with the census, the number one message is always
11 get yourself counted. Get yourself counted, be
12 represented, right? And here we would be effectively
13 taking a step to uncount some people, you know, for
14 various reasons.

15 I'm trying to work through a thought experiment.
16 What if it were the case that people in federal prisons
17 had never been counted in apportionment counts, you know,
18 and that had always been the practice? And then we were
19 presented with a proposal, well, we could count them in
20 the places where they're incarcerated. Would we do that?
21 Would we vote to do that? Would we feel supportive of at
22 least counting them where they're incarcerated versus not
23 counting them at all, you know, if it were the reverse
24 case.

25 You know, I could easily see myself, yeah, that

1 would be better than not being counted at all, you know.
2 Of course, it'd be better if we could count them where
3 their last known address is, but as Deborah -- as our
4 caller, Deborah Howard, you know, mentioned, not being
5 counted at all is a big deal and I'm weighing that right
6 now.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sadhwani?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.
9 I agree with you on this, and I struggle with this
10 because if someone came and said we should remove
11 undocumented immigrants and not have them be counted, I
12 think we would all say absolutely not, right? They
13 absolutely must be counted as a part of redistricting. I
14 definitely understand the concerns of inflating
15 populations. I'm not -- I'm not entirely convinced that
16 simply removing those people and not having them counted
17 anywhere is the solution.

18 I'm wondering if there is an opportunity to explore
19 other distribution of the federally incarcerated folks,
20 right? So I understand it's less than 15,000 people.
21 It's not an enormous number, but is it possible to
22 redistribute them across the county -- the counties of
23 California to the proportion of the population of
24 California in some sort of schema, right, so that -- so
25 that those individuals don't just get uncounted, right?

1 So that they're not left out of redistricting purposes,
2 but they are actually put back into different places of
3 California with the recognition that they're still
4 Californians.

5 I'm concerned about what the precedent is of
6 removing people from redistricting purposes in the long
7 run, right? Like, what does that establish for us?
8 Certainly the inflation piece, I get that and that makes
9 total sense to me, but I'm not entirely comfortable or
10 convinced around the explicit removal of people that they
11 have no place in redistricting, that they -- that they
12 then, therefore, have no representation. And so I'm
13 wondering if there are alternative solutions to simply
14 removing them but instead redistributing them in some
15 other way.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
17 Commissioner Ahmad and then Commissioner Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair, and thank
19 you, everyone, for this really robust conversation. I,
20 too, feel a little uneasy about just removing folks,
21 particularly because we, as an independent commission,
22 haven't taken the steps to get that information for
23 ourselves.

24 I appreciate that the Legislature has looked into
25 this and Statewide Database has looked into this as well,

1 but I report to forty million Californians and I need to
2 be able to turn around and say, yes, I did do everything
3 in my power to find out if these people who are
4 incarcerated in federal prisons are from California or
5 not, and if they are from California, they were given
6 that opportunity for fair representation.

7 So because of that, I don't feel comfortable voting
8 to remove these people yet. In the case that we are
9 unable to receive the data that we need to accurately
10 redistribute that population, this conversation would be
11 very appropriate at that time. But as of yet, I don't
12 feel like I will be voting to remove these people from
13 the count.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.
15 Commissioner Akutagawa?

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I'm thinking about
17 what Commissioner Sadhwani said and what Commissioner Yee
18 said. And you know, perhaps -- and correct me if I'm
19 wrong -- but perhaps instead of thinking about removing,
20 perhaps what we really need to do is instead spend our
21 energy on the opposite, which is to push and as best as
22 we can, I would say, flex our muscle as a commission to
23 get the data that we need, and at least minimal data so
24 that we can at least understand where those who are
25 incarcerated, at least in California's federal prisons,

1 what their last known addresses are.

2 And frankly, I would even say, if we're going this
3 far, we should try to find out where other Californians
4 are residing in other states so that they can also, too,
5 be counted in our -- in our districts as well, too,
6 because if to the point that was brought up that anybody
7 who is incarcerated, you know, their last known address
8 is who they're represent -- who -- you know, basically
9 represents who their representative is, then in addition
10 to California's federal prisons, we should also know
11 where the rest of Californians are also incarcerated as
12 well, too, and that they should also be included as part
13 of our redistricting numbers as well, too.

14 I mean, I'm just thinking like, look, if instead of
15 saying, okay, we don't want to disenfranchise these
16 folks, then we need to go the complete opposite and I
17 think push and push as hard as we can then to get them --
18 to get all of their numbers counted, both here in
19 California but across the U.S. in any federal facility.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
21 Commissioner Turner?

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Really appreciate
23 the conversation and in agreement with Commissioner
24 Akutagawa. We know that our prison population is
25 disproportionately African-Americans and Latinos,

1 statistically speaking. And so I think the
2 overrepresentation or it just provides additional
3 political power to these regions that's hosting prisoners
4 if we do not find out and determine where the appropriate
5 count should be.

6 I am still in favor of writing the letter. I think
7 it needs to be -- we need to push that and expect that we
8 get it. I am having trouble actually saying I don't want
9 people to be counted, but what I don't want is those
10 areas to continue to have the extra representation that I
11 don't believe they deserve. So I want to name that.

12 And I definitely am in support of figuring out where
13 all the Californians are so that they can be counted here
14 as well. So that's my struggle, that's where I'm
15 standing. I'm not for the extra power, the extra
16 political power. Thanks.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
18 Commissioner Fernandez?

19 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So I'm kind of get the gist
20 and the vibes here of the commission. And so what we
21 could do is withdraw the motion and then, you know, move
22 forward with the letters, and then we see if we get any
23 traction and then we can revisit it. I don't know if
24 it'll be any better in a month or two, but that's
25 something that we can do. And when I say we, I believe

1 it was Commissioners Kennedy and Turner for the letter.

2 I just want to make sure it's clear.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Commissioner Sadhwani.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I was just going to say I'm
5 very happy to help in any way possible to write this
6 letter and to push for this issue. I agree with you,
7 Commissioner Turner, a hundred percent, and I think if
8 there is an alternative way to redistribute the
9 population of incarcerated folks in a manner that makes
10 sense, right? And so I'm just trying to, like,
11 brainstorm, like, is it based on, like, the proportion
12 of -- like, you know, L.A. County has what proportion of
13 all Californians?

14 Can we take that same proportion of the prison
15 population, put them in L.A. County? Or given the racial
16 dynamics, could we take a look at the racial -- the
17 racial breakdown of the -- of this this 14,494 people and
18 put them back into racialized communities, right? Like,
19 can we put Black people -- folks that are Black prisoners
20 back into Black communities and Latinx folks into Latinx
21 communities?

22 I don't know, like, what any of the legal
23 ramifications are or anything. I just want to try to
24 think outside of the box of how we can approach this. I
25 see it as like almost a data issue and like, to me then

1 there has to be some sort of data solution behind it so
2 that people continue to be counted. Because I do have
3 this fear and concern that if we -- if we say it's okay
4 to carve-out some and just simply leave them out of
5 redistricting, then what's to say we can't apply that to
6 other groups in the future?

7 And in particular, I think this continues to be a
8 question nationally for the undocumented in other states,
9 right? People want to remove the undocumented for
10 redistricting purposes, and so I'm concerned about just
11 the precedent of what this means on a larger level. But
12 I -- I'm -- I would be very happy to work with you and
13 Commissioner Kennedy to push for an alternative solution
14 on this matter.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani. I
16 have Commissioner Vazquez and then Commissioner Toledo.

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. Thank you. And I'm
18 appreciating this discussion, as always. I feel like
19 there -- I am also in agreement that there must be a way
20 sort of through a data -- through a mindful, like, data
21 approach to sort of do some reassignments as compared to
22 just completely leaving folks out.

23 I mean, that is exactly what the census does for
24 unanswered census forms, right? That they have a process
25 of figuring out sort of where people are based on a bunch

1 of different things, right, so that there is -- we
2 already -- we, the government, has a way of sort of,
3 like, guesstimating. It's not great. It's not perfect
4 necessarily, but it is a process.

5 So is there some way that we can -- that we can
6 guesstimate or make the best sense of what little data we
7 might be able to have to be able to properly -- or at
8 least maybe not properly, but at least reassign folks in
9 a way that makes sense and gives communities the power
10 that they actually have in numbers, even if it's not
11 reflected in people's current physical residence.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.
13 Commissioner Toledo?

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And I'm in support in both the
15 advocacy the letter-writing and also -- I would suggest
16 that, perhaps as once we bring on VRA counsel, that VRA
17 counsel might be able to help advise us on the compliance
18 and legal -- how we might be able to -- some -- give us
19 some options on how we might be able to approach this
20 issue, if there are any. And so -- and perhaps that's
21 something we can talk about once we get to the legal
22 affairs committee.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo. So
24 Commissioner Fernandez, if I recall correctly, you had
25 indicated that you might be amenable to withdrawing the

1 motion in and allowing the letter-writing to proceed
2 and --

3 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: We might --

5 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And then we still --

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: We might --

7 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: We take this --

9 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And we still have to -- yeah.
10 We still have to respond to the email, right? So I'll
11 have to look at that language and then come up with some
12 draft language on our response. And I believe
13 Commissioner Turner was seconded, so.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: So if somebody just --

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Toledo?

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Withdraw.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I was just going to suggest,
19 in terms of response back to the Legislature, we -- I
20 believe, we're meeting -- Sara and I are meeting -- our
21 Commissioner Sadhwani and I are meeting with the
22 Legislature soon, so we could convey the message at our
23 future meeting unless we want to deliver it over a
24 letter.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez?

1 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: They sent it via email. I
2 believe everyone received the email. So I think it would
3 be appropriate to respond in email likewise, but feel
4 free, of course, to bring it up whenever you meet with
5 them.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner -- sorry.
7 Director Hernandez?

8 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: So did I hear correctly that
9 the motion was withdrawn?

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: The motion has been withdrawn.

11 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Anything further on this
13 topic?

14 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Proceeding with our
16 Subcommittee reports, public input meeting design has
17 already reported. Lessons Learned, Commissioners Ahmad
18 and Kennedy. Commissioner Ahmad.

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you. Please continue to
20 send over any Lessons Learned. I heard a number of
21 Lessons Learned today during Subcommittee report outs and
22 have noted them.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: So thank you to colleagues for your
24 ongoing contributions. Keep them coming. Item 10-P,
25 Outreach Director recruitment, Commissioners Ahmad and

1 Fernandez.

2 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So the recruitment did go
3 out. It was posted on April 1st, and Director Hernandez
4 had mentioned earlier today, I do -- we do have a sense
5 that we might be ready for interviews at our next
6 commission meeting, which was currently scheduled for the
7 26th and 27th. So we're thinking that we would have to
8 extend that another day or two.

9 Also the Chief Counsel might also be ready for
10 interviews, so that's something that we -- I would hope
11 that we can discuss today in terms of people's
12 availability, in terms of being able to extend it another
13 day or two. And as noted earlier, so far we have five
14 applications for the Outreach Director recruitment.

15 So if everyone could please look at their calendars
16 and again, if we're not ready at that point, we'll have
17 to readdress -- reassess it and maybe wait for the
18 following meeting. But I think we're all very anxious to
19 get these positions interviewed and on board as soon as
20 possible.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sadhwani.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Will these positions be
23 interviewed in public session or in closed session?

24 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: They're executive-level
25 positions, so they would be in closed session.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sadhwani?

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I just want to learn, like,
3 from our Lessons Learned thus far, I don't know what all
4 of the State rules are for hiring, and I know that we do
5 have to protect the privacy of candidates and such things
6 in general. Like, I think that that's a rule.

7 But I do think that having -- from what we've
8 learned thus far, what I see is, is a lot of value in
9 having at least some portion of the process being public,
10 even if it's simply the release of the names of the
11 candidates we're interviewing or any portion of those
12 interviews, and yet our deliberations are maybe in closed
13 session. I'm not sure what we can or can't do in terms
14 of that, and so I might look to Marian or Commissioner
15 Fernandez or whomever else has more input on that.

16 But I do think that had we had a more public process
17 in some of our earlier hires, that it would have helped
18 us. And I have no idea who the candidates are at this
19 point in time, but just in general, I -- that's my own
20 lesson learned as we've come thus far.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
22 I'm just noticing that the following meeting, we have an
23 action meeting for Tuesday, May the 4th. And you know,
24 we're certainly far enough out that we could extend the
25 hours of that meeting, if necessary, to fit interviews

1 in. It seems to me we're a little on top of things, on
2 top of deadlines if we try to squeeze this into this next
3 set of meetings.

4 Director Hernandez or Marian, do you have any
5 thoughts on that?

6 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: In regards to extending the --
7 or doing the interviews on May 4th versus --

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

9 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: -- earlier?

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

11 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Either way. I think we do have
12 it agendized for the 28th and 29th at this point. If
13 that does not work, then we should agendize for the May
14 4th. I forget exactly when the deadline for putting that
15 agenda out is. I'll double-check that right now.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Fernandez?

17 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair. Just so that you
18 know, I did -- because the agenda was due yesterday, I
19 did ask Director Hernandez to go ahead and add a couple
20 days just in case we were able to do that, so it has been
21 agendized if we need it.

22 Again, if we can even be flexible with that, like
23 the 26th and 27th, maybe those two days are interviews if
24 everyone can make it, and then the 28th and 29th could be
25 our regular everything else that we have on our business.

1 I was just trying to be a little bit more forward
2 thinking of -- and trying to get interviews done. And
3 especially because we do have some.

4 We have received applications, and Commissioner
5 Ahmad and I were going to review -- I think as of this
6 Friday, whatever we have, we're going to review that, and
7 then come together next Monday to decide how we're going
8 to move forward, if we're going to move forward with any
9 of the candidates. And maybe we won't. Maybe it'll be
10 we don't have anyone or we have someone and you know,
11 we'll just have to play it by ear. But I just wanted to
12 put time in there.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect. Yeah, yeah. Perfect.
14 That's very helpful to have that information.

15 Commissioner Vazquez.

16 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: This is maybe a question for
17 Director Hernandez, but just wanted to confirm that the
18 recruitments were also cross-posted in some of the more
19 nonprofit circles. I had sent a list of potential places
20 to cross-post the recruitment, so I just wanted to
21 confirm that that happened.

22 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I believe it did happen. We
23 also shared this information. I believe Fredy, or
24 Director Ceja, shared it through other media or contacts
25 that we have. So you know, we tried to make it as robust

1 as possible to get folks to apply.

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Okay. We are three
4 minutes before our scheduled dinner break. We have made
5 very good progress through our agenda. I wanted to get a
6 sense from Director Hernandez and from the colleagues.
7 My thought would be to solicit public comment now, close
8 for the day, come back tomorrow at 1 o'clock, and it
9 would presumably be a fairly short meeting.

10 If we come back after dinner and continue until
11 8:30, we would have virtually nothing to do tomorrow. So
12 I just wanted to get thoughts from Director Hernandez and
13 colleagues on that. Director Hernandez?

14 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I am all for that, given that I
15 had thought the meeting was at 9:30. So I've been here
16 since 9:30 in the office. I would love to get dinner, so
17 I don't see that being a problem. I think we have to
18 consider that we have this meeting agendized for tomorrow
19 and we need to have content for that meeting as well.

20 If we have the same level of dialog as we had today
21 in regards to the incarcerated folks on any of the
22 remaining items, I think it'll make for a very productive
23 day tomorrow. That starts again at 1 o'clock. Just a
24 reminder. I'm not going to get out of bed too early.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Commissioner Fornaciari, was

1 your hand up?

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I guess my question
3 is, it looks like we just have two more items. I mean,
4 is -- legal affairs committee, is there further report?
5 And is there a government panel?

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: At this point, the government sector
7 panel is not happening.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And the data management
9 reported. So I mean, I could knock out the IT
10 recruitment in one minute. Right? I mean --

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Fernandez?

12 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That, and before we adjourn,
13 if we're going to try to do it tonight, I do need
14 information on whether we're going to have an extra
15 couple of days at the next meeting. So I just want to
16 make sure we solidify that before we adjourn. Thank you.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

18 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think what Commissioner
19 Fornaciari was heading to was a quick lunch, let's do the
20 rest of the agenda, and then we're done, right?

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Actually, I was heading
22 for can we just keep going for 15 more minutes and finish
23 this up?

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Andersen.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I -- these are all great

1 ideas, but didn't we actually request a couple of things
2 to people to come back and that they were going to give
3 stuff to us tomorrow? Like, I believe we actually
4 requested Ms. Johnston to bring back -- you know, I can't
5 remember exactly what it was but I know --

6 MS. JOHNSTON: That was disclaimer language on
7 posting the transcript. I think that could wait.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. And I thought there
9 was something else. It was that one and then -- oh, some
10 other committee was left open because they were going to
11 get some other information.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Akutagawa.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I think --
14 Commissioner Andersen, I think it was the communities of
15 interest tool one, but I think if you're all willing, we
16 could postpone it to the next report. And that will also
17 give us time to schedule Jaime as well, too, from
18 Statewide Database.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Data management, do you have
20 anything further for the full commission?

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So then videography and other
23 support personnel, would we be able to continue for
24 another fifteen minutes or so including public comments?

25 MR. MANOFF: That should be okay, Chair.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Regarding Wednesday, is there a
3 legal affairs -- or is there a legal affairs meeting in
4 the -- okay. I just wanted to make sure that we're using
5 a full day because I know it's best to cancel with two
6 days in advance and all that, but.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think Commissioner Toledo
8 will be chair. I don't know how big of an agenda we
9 have, though.

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Not a very long agenda. As
11 long as the -- it's not a very long agenda, but we do
12 have an agenda.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Then -- okay. Have -- we
14 will continue now. We will finish out before we break,
15 and then we will not reconvene tomorrow.

16 Anything further on the Outreach Director
17 recruitment? Commissioner Fernandez.

18 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We just need to -- we just
19 need to see if commissioners are going to be available
20 for an extra couple of days at our April 26th, 27th.

21 Commissioner Ahmad, do you have anything else? I
22 was hoping that we --

23 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Nope. Just wanted to bring to
24 your attention that our next -- after the 26th, 27th, and
25 28th, our next multiple days of meeting is not slated

1 until May 12th. So that does put us a little ways away
2 for interviews unless we schedule something in the
3 interim just specifically for interviews. But your
4 availability would be very much so appreciated for the
5 26th and 27th.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We'll bring that up under
7 future meeting dates and agenda items. Chief counsel
8 recruitment, Commissioners Andersen and Toledo.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Commissioner Toledo, do you
10 want to --

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Sure. We have three
12 applicants that have applied and meet -- met the minimum
13 requirements. We are in the process of reviewing the
14 applications. We're still accepting applications at this
15 point. Thank you to everyone who has helped in
16 publicizing the position and getting it out to your
17 networks.

18 We -- I know we are -- we've had a couple of the
19 state agency -- state agencies and law firms that we've
20 been working with tell us that they are distributing the
21 application to their networks, and hopefully, we'll be
22 able to yield more individuals and more candidates.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yep.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you. Anything
25 further, Commissioner Andersen?

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just in terms of the dates,
2 I do think it's a good idea to put them on the calendar,
3 allowing time -- sufficient time to cancel those without
4 costing anything on the video ahead of time should the
5 ideal candidates come along.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good. And then
7 Commissioner Fornaciari and Commissioner Andersen, the IT
8 recruitment.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I've had a few
10 conversations with Director Hernandez about this
11 recruitment. We're still trying to get some clarity on
12 the roles and responsibilities and how the roles and
13 responsibilities of the data manager and this role and
14 Karina.

15 And so Commissioner Hernandez and Raul are working
16 together to get some clarity on that. And then
17 Commissioner Andersen and I still need to connect and
18 talk in detail about our thoughts and get with
19 Commissioner -- or Director Hernandez on it. Do you have
20 anything, Commissioner Andersen?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's just a very good
22 summary. Very good summary.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So then government panel is
24 not happening this time. Data management, we have no
25 further information or action on that. No need for a

1 closed session at this point. So we come back -- we come
2 down to discussion of future meeting dates and agenda
3 items.

4 So Commissioner Fernandez, you want to know who is
5 and is not available at the end of the month for
6 interviewing?

7 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. How about more of
8 who's not available? Yeah. But again --

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

10 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- so it's the 26th, 27th.
11 The 28th would only be a half day because we have a
12 public input design, so it would only be, like, a 12 to
13 4. And then the Thursday would be a 9:30 to 4:30 is what
14 I was proposing.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I potentially have a speaking
16 engagement with the Riverside County Voting Accessibility
17 Advisory Committee 10 a.m. on the 28th, but that would be
18 over by 12. So I could be --

19 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- in a commission meeting that
21 started at 12. I saw a hand. Commissioner Taylor and
22 then Sinay and then Turner.

23 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I never want to stop the
24 train, but I think up until 2 o'clock on the 27th, I may
25 have a work commitment, but I -- you know me, I always

1 try to multitask.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I get my second vaccine the
4 morning of the 28th. First one didn't do anything, so
5 hopefully the second one won't do anything. But I should
6 be okay.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And --

8 MS. JOHNSTON: The second ones are worse.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Turner and then
10 Commissioner Fernandez.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Those first
12 Monday, Tuesday is great. Wednesday, I am not available
13 in the morning. I just -- probably up until 4 -- well,
14 yeah. We have our hearing at 4. So yeah. Wednesday
15 morning does not work for me, or Thursday. I am here,
16 though, Monday and Tuesday.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Fernandez
18 followed by Commissioner Akutagawa.

19 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. I just wanted to make
20 sure everybody was aware that on Monday the 26th, it's
21 from 9:30 to 4:30, and on the 27th, it's 1 to 8. The
22 28th is 12 to 4, and the 29th is 9:30 to 4:30.

23 And just, Commissioner Sinay, my first and second
24 shots were fine. So I think it depends on the person.
25 Good luck.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa and
2 then Commissioner Vazquez.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I'm with -- I'm with
4 Commissioner Turner. Unfortunately, the 28th and 29th
5 are pretty bad. I mean, I could -- I'm happy to add some
6 extra time to the 26th and 27th. I could stay later. I
7 could come on slightly earlier on the 27th, but the 28th,
8 the earliest I could get on -- I mean, it would only be,
9 like, from 3 o'clock and then we have the public input
10 design meeting after that unless, you know -- I don't
11 think you want to forego that meeting.

12 And unfortunately, the 29th, I -- I'm back to back
13 to back that day. So unfortunately, I -- and these are
14 things that I can't just cancel. If I had just regular
15 meetings, I can, but they're all presentations that I
16 have, so.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Commissioner Vazquez and
18 then Commissioner Turner.

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: The 26th, 27th are good for
20 me. I'm not available before 4 on the 28th. I could do
21 the 29th, if necessary.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Commissioner Turner?

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. I was just going to
24 offer Thursday after 3 o'clock. I could do something
25 Thursday after 3 o'clock, and also earlier on the

1 Tuesday, 27th, before our other meeting.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez?

3 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm just trying to
4 see. So what I'm thinking what might work best is if we
5 are going to have interviews to conduct those on Monday
6 and Tuesday because I will assume that Commissioners
7 Akutagawa, Turner, and Vazquez would like to be involved
8 in those interviews. And then maybe juggle the -- our
9 regular business meeting to the other days. But then
10 again, that would mean that possibly three of you are
11 gone. So if there's any action items, we'll have to --
12 we'll have to work around that.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

14 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Akutagawa?

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I know that we didn't want
17 to make multiple-day meetings, you know, multiple weeks
18 in a row, but what about adding on to the following week,
19 you know, May 3rd? I know we have a meeting scheduled on
20 the 4th and also on the 5th.

21 At this point, I mean, I could probably even add the
22 6th a lot more easily if I needed to. And I don't know
23 if that would be the same for Commissioner Turner to just
24 having that little extra time. I could just move things
25 around a little bit more easily.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sinay?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We have May 4th right now, but
3 I don't think we have May 6th -- 5th. May 4th is a -- is
4 just an action meeting if we have items.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So the --

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Maybe the -- maybe the 5th
8 is the public input design meeting. Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Not on my calendar, but I have
10 been known to be wrong.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's okay.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner --

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's probably -- it's
14 probably me.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Commissioner Ahmad.

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez, I like
17 your proposal since the 26th of April was already a day
18 where a majority of commissioners said they would be
19 available. So if we hold interviews on that day and then
20 juggle the rest of the business items through the
21 remaining scheduled days, I'm sure we can work out
22 something within our Subcommittees to ensure that there's
23 coverage for report outs.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez?

25 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Commissioner

1 Ahmad. I agree. And especially seeing how quickly we
2 went through our business meeting today. However, we do
3 have a couple of panels scheduled for that week, so I'll
4 have to work with Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner
5 Sinay, I believe, because they're the two that have
6 panels. So yeah, I think we could probably, maybe if
7 we're efficient, conduct all the interviews on the 26th
8 and then maybe go from there. Thank you.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Katy, if you could please
10 call for general comment.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure thing, Chair. All
12 right. In order to maximize transparency and public
13 participation in our process, the commissioners will be
14 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
15 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is
16 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting ID number
17 provided on the livestream feed. It is 98688125251 for
18 this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID,
19 simply press the pound key.

20 Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed in a
21 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
22 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
23 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message
24 that says the host would like you to talk and to press
25 star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your name,

1 please stay and spell it for the record. You are not
2 required to provide your name to give public comment.

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

8 And the commission is taking their general end-of-
9 meeting public comment. And there is no one in the queue
10 at this time.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. We will wait two
12 minutes.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And the instructions are
14 complete on the stream, Chair.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We'll wait one more minute.
16 Commissioner Andersen.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: While we're waiting, I just
18 want to mention that the meeting on Saturday, which I
19 don't think we have the time in here, it's 10 to
20 basically 2 or 3. It is not go until 6 o'clock, so.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Well, thank you,
22 everyone, for a quick and productive day. This concludes
23 our meeting, and our next -- well, there are committee
24 meetings, or a committee meeting, on Wednesday, and then
25 we have our training event on Saturday. I want to thank

1 you all for your patience and your thoughtful
2 contributions and look forward to seeing all of you on
3 Saturday.

4 (Whereupon, the CRC Business Meeting
5 adjourned.)

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