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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 May 25, 2021

1:00 p.m.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome, everyone, to day 2 of our May
4 24th and 25th meeting. Can we start with roll call?

5 MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair. Commissioner Ahmad?

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Here.

7 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 Commissioner Andersen?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

10 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

12 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

13 Commissioner Kennedy?

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

16 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

17 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

18 Commissioner Sinay?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

20 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

21 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I'm here.

22 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

24 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

25 Commissioner Vazquez?

1 And Commissioner Yee?

2 VICE CHAIR YEE: Here.

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

4 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. And before we open
5 up for public comment, I just wanted to review what we
6 have on our agenda for today. Today is motion Tuesday.
7 So most of, if not all, the items remaining on our
8 agenda, we are expecting to have a motion for. And I'll
9 just verbally state those aloud, just so folks have an
10 idea of what to expect for the duration of today's
11 meeting.

12 We have agenda item 9A, in which we would be looking
13 for a simple majority for the motion. 9B, again, a
14 simple majority. 9E, a simple majority. 9G, a simple
15 majority. 9H, a simple majority. 9J is a special
16 majority. And then agenda item 10, we didn't even get to
17 review yesterday, so I'm not sure what the legal affairs
18 subcommittee will bring forward. But when we get to that
19 item, we will all learn that information.

20 And then at 1:30, we do have our line drawers
21 HaystaqDNA and Q2 coming in to give us a dry run, and
22 that is agenda item number 11, which there will be quite
23 a few numbers of motions expected for that item as well;
24 and those are simple majority items for that motion.

25 Agenda item 12, the line drawer updates and

1 training. I'm not sure what the subcommittee will bring
2 forward for that item, so we will review that once we get
3 to that item. And then lastly, but not least, agenda
4 item 14, a discussion of future meeting dates and agenda
5 items with a motion expected and a simple majority needed
6 to move that forward.

7 Am I missing anything else? No? Okay. So if you
8 think of something along the way, please, definitely
9 raise that. But with that, let's start with public
10 comment, general public comment.

11 Katy, would you please help us with that?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, I will, Chair.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to check the --
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9 audio, to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
10 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
11 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn
12 down the livestream volume.

13 And we do have a caller in the queue with their hand
14 raised. Go ahead, the floor, is yours.

15 MR. ICHINOSE: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My
16 name is Daniel Ichinose. Last name is spelled
17 I-C-H-I-N-O-S-E. I'm research director of the Orange
18 County Civic Engagement Table, or OCCET, spelled
19 O-C-C-E-T. OCCET is a multiracial sort of engagement
20 table that's partnered with other key stakeholders in
21 Orange County to form the People's Redistricting
22 Alliance, which is a coalition centering the needs of
23 low-income communities of color and working families in
24 both statewide and local redistricting processes.

25 As a member of the (Indiscernible) Redistricting

1 Alliance, we wish to express our support for the legal
2 analysis and recommendations included in our letter.
3 It's submitted to the Commission on May 23rd.

4 In that letter, the Alliance reiterates the
5 importance of providing the public with adequate time
6 during the final stretch of this process, after the
7 Statewide Database has released California's official
8 redistricting data file to the public. There's a
9 considerable amount of work during this critical period.
10 Communities need time to analyze the new data and develop
11 redistricting proposals that represent diverse community
12 interests, as well as review and respond to any draft
13 maps released by the Commission.

14 As we know, during this redistricting cycle, the
15 State will require the adjustment of census data to count
16 incarcerated Californians at their last known home
17 address, rather than where they're being held. The
18 differences between census data and the official
19 California redistricting file will take additional time
20 for communities to understand and address; especially
21 since those differences --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MR. ICHINOSE: -- are likely to be greatest in
24 communities in color and disproportionately impact them.
25 As the Alliance letter outlines, all of this takes time.



1 So we wanted to reiterate the Alliance's recommendation
2 that the deadline to finalize maps --

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

4 MR. ICHINOSE: -- be extended to January 28th of
5 next year, which we believe is critical to doing what we
6 need to do after the data released and ultimately achieve
7 meaningful public engagement in this process. So as
8 always, thanks so much for the opportunity to come in --

9 MR. MANOFF: Two minutes.

10 MR. ICHINOSE: -- and we look forward to continuing
11 to work with you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 And that was all our public comment at this time.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. And again, we will
15 take public comment again before we close out the meeting
16 for today.

17 So with that, we can jump right in. I do want to be
18 cognizant that our guests will be arriving at 1:30. So
19 if we have a subcommittee that is ready to bring forward
20 their item with their proposed motion and can anticipate
21 that conversation being closed before 1:30, I welcome a
22 volunteer subcommittee to step forward with that.

23 Yes, Commissioner Toledo?

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: At government affairs, we have
25 two policies. So thank you.



1 The government affairs, government relations
2 committee, took the opportunity to draft two policies to
3 codify the practices that we've been using in terms of
4 committee structure in their subcommittees, as well as
5 our definition for communications about redistricting
6 matters. Those are posted on our handouts, on our
7 website, and I believe the Commissioners have had an
8 opportunity to take a look at them.

9 Both of these policies are based on legal advice and
10 training that we have received as a Commission and the
11 policy on communications about redistricting matters,
12 uses a common language or plain language definition of
13 redistricting. We tried to make the policies as plain
14 language as possible, but -- and to put the legal
15 language in footnotes.

16 So in terms of how we define redistricting.
17 Redistricting is defined as the redrawing of election
18 district boundaries. The policy explains that outside of
19 public meetings, Commissioners and staff are not able to
20 communicate with anyone about redistricting matters. The
21 policy on committee meeting compliance with Bagley-Keene
22 recognizes that we have developed a committee structure
23 to fulfill our oversight responsibilities with regards to
24 managing our business and to further the work of the
25 Commission. It spells out the Bagley-Keene compliance

1 for committees of two and also for committees more than
2 two members.

3 Our committees that have one and two members, as we
4 all know, are subject to Bagley-Keene requirements.
5 Subcommittees of two members, are not subject to Bagley-
6 Keene requirements. And of course, we all know that even
7 though Bagley-Keene doesn't apply, outside of public
8 meetings, those subcommittees and subcommittee members
9 cannot communicate with anyone about redistricting
10 matters. At all times, any communication about
11 redistricting matters has to occur in a public meeting.

12 With that, I would like -- with that, I'm open to
13 questions about the two policies. Any questions or
14 comments?

15 Commissioner Kennedy.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: On the policy on committee
17 meeting compliance with Bagley-Keene, in the second
18 paragraph, the fourteen-day notice requirement according
19 to 8253, is each meeting held for the purpose of
20 receiving public input testimony. I do not want to put
21 in a policy that there is a fourteen-day notice
22 requirement for all CRC meetings, because I do not
23 interpret 8253 to encompass all CRC meetings.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'd like to ask Marian to
25 weigh in on that.

1 MS. JOHNSTON: The problem is if you do it that way,
2 and some public comment inadvertently gives you public
3 input on redistricting matters, you've got an issue about
4 receiving that material. So on our recommendation, the
5 safest way is to always give fourteen-days' notice of
6 those meetings that are subject to Bagley-Keene.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And my understanding is that
8 that has been our practice; is to give the fourteen-day
9 notice on --

10 MS. JOHNSTON: That's correct.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- all.

12 MS. JOHNSTON: Longstanding.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I agree with Commissioner
15 Kennedy. While we sort of have been doing that, we
16 should not codify that it is a requirement, because
17 we're -- we should say it's -- we're electing to the
18 fourteen-day notification for all meetings; because it is
19 not required except for those that are for the purpose of
20 obtaining public input. And that's not the purpose of
21 our meeting. So Commissioner Kennedy is correct on this.
22 And it's okay that we decide we want to do that, but we
23 shouldn't say it's because it's required.

24 So I would make that recommendation to change it, if
25 Mr. Kennedy already has the wording prepared. I don't

1 actually have the wording prepared on that. I did miss
2 that on my previous review.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner
4 Andersen. And as I mentioned earlier, these policies do
5 codify what we've been doing. If we want to change our
6 practice, and we can certainly make an update or an edit
7 to the policy if the Commission so choses.

8 Any other questions or concerns?

9 Commissioner Fernandez.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, Commissioner
11 Toledo, my comment is on the other policy. Do you want
12 me just to hold off on that?

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So maybe if Commissioner
14 Kennedy can get some suggested edits for the policy while
15 we talk about the other one and then we can talk about
16 that after. So how about you give us your comment on
17 communications regarding redistricting matters?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And it's really just
19 the last word of your policy, when you say --

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- all revisions to maps
22 after receiving public comment. I think it's more
23 appropriate to say public input, because I think we
24 differentiate between comment and input. And I'm not
25 sure if there is a big issue with that. I probably defer

1 to Anthony and Marian in terms of the word, the specific
2 word that we use.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think both relate back to
4 public input. So I think it would be fine to use public
5 input instead of public comment. Any additional -- you
6 have anything else to say on that, Marian?

7 MS. JOHNSTON: That would be fine.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay. So we can update that
9 to public input. If everyone else is in alignment with
10 it. Essentially, it means the same thing. But public
11 input isn't the statutory and in the language, so we get
12 to align that.

13 Commissioner Kennedy, do you have any suggested
14 edits for the policy on committees or Commissioner
15 Andersen? I think Commissioner Kennedy is frozen.

16 Commissioner Andersen?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. I would just take out
18 the requirement "as modified by a fourteen-day notice for
19 all CRC meetings", because that's our policy. That we're
20 making. And sometimes it's not fourteen, sometimes it's
21 thirteen, but it depends on how you want to count the
22 fourteen. So it's a bit dicey, right? You know, is it
23 twenty-four hour? Is it day of? So I would say, I take
24 it we'll count.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: How about I just -- how about

1 I make one suggestion on how we can deal with this? How
2 about if we just strike the last clause? So if we just
3 say, committees with more than two members must comply
4 with Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act requirements, period.
5 And not go into the details of it. That way we're
6 required to all of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting
7 requirements and --

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, where we just --

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- in terms of -- so let me
10 see if that addresses Commissioner Kennedy's and
11 Commissioner Andersen's concerns.

12 Commissioner Kennedy.

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I think if we said, as
14 modified by the notice requirement for CRC meetings set
15 out in Government Code Section 8253, and just leave it at
16 that; because that already includes the exception --

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- August of years ending in
19 1, blah-blah-blah. It would just be much simpler if we
20 said, as modified by the notice requirement for CRC
21 meetings set out in Government Code 8253, period.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Government Code 8253 is cited,
23 and it is spelled out in the footnote. But we can be
24 more -- we can make the edit and --

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Or --

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Can you repeat what the edit
2 would be, so that we have -- so that we have it one more
3 time?

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: For me? I'm sorry, the
5 connection --

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, that'd be great, if you
7 could just repeat the edit.

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: As modified by the notice
9 requirement for CRC meetings set out in Government Code
10 8253, period.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Perfect. So at this time, do
12 we have a motion on to move these forward; these two
13 policies? Is anyone willing to make a motion?

14 Commissioner Fernandez? And -

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm willing to --

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- Commissioner Andersen
17 seconds.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I'm willing to move
19 with the --

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Commissioner --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- discussed edits.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Commissioner Kennedy?

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sorry about my connection
24 problems. I would not -- I would propose that these be
25 voted on separately.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, we can do that
2 separately. And then go to public comment as one.
3 Correct? So do -- Commissioner Fernandez, do you want to
4 do two separate motions, or --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I can do two separate
6 motions. Yes, I'm ready. You're ready, everyone? I
7 move that we approve the policy on committee meeting
8 compliance with Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act
9 requirements with the noted edit. That's one. And then
10 my -- should I go to the second one or do I get a second,
11 first?

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen, do you
13 second that? Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then the second --

15 CHAIR AHMAD: Just -- okay, yeah, I was going to
16 say, yeah, we need a verbal confirmation.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Sorry. Yes, I do. I
18 do second it.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then the second
20 motion would be that we approve the policy on
21 communications about redistricting matters with the noted
22 edits.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm sorry. Could you repeat
24 what that edit was, I missed that?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, it's the very last

1 word in there. We're going to put -- it's going to be
2 "input" instead of "comment".

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Public input? Got it.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I second that motion as
6 well.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. So I'll turn it
8 over to Chair Ahmad for public comment and then other
9 discussion.

10 CHAIR AHMAD: So the motion was to move forward with
11 the adoption and approval on committee meetings, meeting
12 compliance with Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act
13 requirements, with the recommended changes. First, the
14 motion was moved by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by
15 Commissioner Andersen.

16 The second motion on the table right now is to move
17 to adopt the policy on communications about redistricting
18 matters with the one-word recommended edit made by
19 Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner
20 Andersen. Any further discussion on the motion? No?

21 Katy, can we open public comment for the two motions
22 that are on the table?

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

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17 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
18 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
19 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn
20 down the livestream volume.

21 Well, we had a caller; they just hung up, it looks
22 like.

23 The Commission is taking public comment on the two
24 motions on the floor at this time. There is no callers
25 at this time, but someone was there.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: We can wait one minute to allow
2 callers time.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The instructions are
4 complete on the stream, Chair.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. With that, I'll pass it
6 over to you, Alvaro, for the vote.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. So once again, the
8 motion, the first motion that we're going to look at is
9 the Bagley-Keene motion. So the motion to approve the
10 policy on -- sorry. Motion to approve the policy on
11 committee meeting compliance with Bagley-Keene Open
12 Meeting Act requirements with suggested edits. Motion
13 made by Fernandez. Seconded by Commissioner Andersen.
14 And we'll begin the vote. So we will start with
15 Commissioner Akutagawa.

16 Commissioner Andersen.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Fernandez.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

21 Commissioner Kennedy.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

24 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani.

1 Commissioner Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

4 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

10 Commissioner Yee.

11 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes. I believe the other
12 Commissioners are absent, rather than abstain.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Oh, I -- thank you. I'm sorry.
14 Correct that. And finally, Commissioner Ahmad.

15 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Motion passes. Just to
17 confirm it was a simple majority on this one?

18 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes. I'm looking for the nodding
19 heads of Marian and -- and/or Anthony.

20 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes, you're correct.

21 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, okay. Thank you.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: All right. So that's the first
23 motion. We will now go on to the second motion.

24 The second motion is, motion to approve policy and
25 communication about redistricting matters with suggested

1 edit. Motion made by Fernandez. Seconded my
2 Commissioner Andersen. And we'll begin the vote.

3 Commissioner Akutagawa.

4 Commissioner Andersen.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

9 Commissioner Kennedy.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Abstain.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

12 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

14 Commissioner Sinay.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

17 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo. Commissioner
19 Toledo?

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Turner.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

24 Commissioner Yee.

25 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad.

2 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

4 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, everyone. So that was
5 agenda item 9A. Commissioner Toledo, is there anything
6 else for your report out?

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No, that was the -- that was
8 the only business for today.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. And we have about
10 fifty seconds before our presentation begins. So let me
11 see if they are here. I see Andrew. I see Karin, and I
12 see Jaime. I guess, just right before I hand the mic
13 over, just putting this into context.

14 So this is the report out coming out of the public
15 input design subcommittee. Upon many lengthy
16 conversations we've had in the subcommittee as well as
17 within our full Commission meeting, we've put together a
18 dry run of that COI input meeting session just so that
19 folks can see what the process would look like. For this
20 conversation, I think it will be really helpful for us to
21 really focus in on June 10th and see -- envision this
22 format for the June 10th meeting. As we all know COVID
23 precautions are constantly changing, so there will be a
24 time in the middle of the summer or sooner, whenever that
25 is, that we will have to revisit what that format looks

1 like and all the logistical pieces. Whether that's in
2 the full Commission meeting or we give staff the
3 delegated authority to make those necessary changes from
4 the administrative perspective. So with that, I will
5 hand it over to Karin and Andrew to lead the discussion.

6 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you so much, Commissioners,
7 for inviting us back. Our team is very happy to have had
8 the opportunity to work with staff and with Kristian on
9 putting together some of the methodology involved in
10 doing a dry run public input COI meeting virtually for
11 the first time for all of you. And we also had an
12 opportunity to connect with Chair Ahmad and Vice Chair
13 Yee this morning to talk about how the Chairs might be
14 introducing and kind of helping the public run through
15 this COI input meeting.

16 And so we had a little bit of a discussion and I'm
17 wondering if perhaps Chair Ahmad would like to kick us
18 off by -- you know, kind of maybe introducing the COI
19 input meeting, just before perhaps? I can hand it back
20 to you, if that's okay, Chair Ahmad.

21 The general idea here is that we have, of course,
22 and you are engaged in figuring out how to bring
23 everybody to the meetings and how to make the meetings
24 very accessible to people and having people feel
25 comfortable and have people know how to participate and

1 so forth. But the COI input meetings are also about you,
2 because what you need to get out of these meetings is
3 basically specific information so that later when you are
4 charged with putting districts together, you have those
5 building blocks that people are coming to you to provide.

6 So having -- you know, sufficient level of detail
7 and really understanding what people are saying is really
8 essential. And this is what we're hoping to design so
9 that the public and people that want to participate,
10 understand what it is that you need. But then also,
11 from -- you know, your perspective, to let the public
12 know how they can best provide that information to you.
13 So that there is essentially a communication that gets
14 started where everybody knows exactly what is required
15 and what the other party needs.

16 So with that, I think, Chair Ahmad, do you want to
17 take it from here, and then we can just go right into
18 what this might look like.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah, definitely. And thank you,
20 Karin, for highlighting that. And I should mention that
21 there are three items posted for this particular review
22 on our website. They're labeled under item 11. So we
23 have the considerations for COI public input meetings,
24 the recommended agenda for this meeting, as well as the
25 meeting flyer. Those are there. I expected that

1 everyone has had a chance to review those ahead of this,
2 but just for your reference, while we go through this dry
3 run, Commissioner Yee is actually making his theatre
4 debut and will be playing the acting role of the Chair
5 for the COI input dry run. Really want to emphasize that
6 this is a dry run. It's a practice round. Please, take
7 notes on what you liked, what you didn't like, what your
8 recommended changes are, so that at the end we can have a
9 robust conversation and we can move this item forward.

10 So Commissioner Yee, it's all you.

11 VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Chair. I should mention
12 that it's an open question when we actually get to the
13 real input meetings who will chair them. The statewide
14 ones -- you know, would that be the current Chair at that
15 time or would it be someone else. And then the zone
16 ones, would it be the zone leads or someone else? That
17 will be a discussion we'll need to have. So think about
18 that as we do the dry run.

19 So we'll pretend that it's June 10th, and it's come
20 time for public input. And so I'll pretend to be
21 chairing a public input segment right now.

22 So we'll go ahead with three members of the public
23 who have made appointments to present to us. The first
24 one is Sulma Hernandez, and while we get her on screen.
25 Sulma, if you can hear me. We'll want to give her an

1 opportunity to display a map of what you want to discuss.
2 Our staff will bring that map up. Do you happen to have
3 a COI tool -- a Community of Interest Tool submission
4 that we can bring up and display while you share?

5 MS. HERNANDEZ: At this time, I did not complete a
6 COI tool, but I just wanted to give my input on my
7 communities.

8 VICE CHAIR YEE: That's fine. Can you tell us
9 whereabouts your community is, what kind of zone?

10 MS. HERNANDEZ: Yes. So my name is Sulma Hernandez,
11 and I am representing the East Los Angeles area, which is
12 east of downtown Los Angeles. I would say the boundaries
13 would be east of the 101 freeway, up until the 710
14 freeway, north of the 5 South. And I'm specifically
15 calling because ten years ago there was a split of my
16 community between two of the congressional districts. So
17 there -- that really created a lot of community confusion
18 and I'm advocating for Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles
19 and City Terrace to all remain in the same congressional
20 district. So where I live, my community is no longer a
21 part of the congressional district that it used to belong
22 to ten years ago, even though my street says it's East
23 Los Angeles.

24 And so -- my apologies. And so because of that, I
25 just feel that there's a lot of community coalition

1 building that takes place. A lot of the same nonprofits
2 that are serving our three communities are all lumped
3 together. We share the same -- you know, generational
4 demographics in terms of economy, in terms of language,
5 and historical civil rights. And so I am really asking
6 the Commission to please consider keeping these three
7 communities together. Thank you.

8 VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you. Let's -- if you can
9 help us get a more specific idea of the three
10 communities. Could you give us the boundaries again of
11 the communities you have in mind?

12 MS. HERNANDEZ: Yes. So I am specifically
13 speaking -- I guess you would say from west of the 710
14 freeway, south of the 10 freeway, north of the 5 freeway,
15 and -- it's not the 101 freeway, but whatever that bridge
16 line is that divides the arts districts and Boyle
17 Heights. But close to -- I guess you would say the
18 east -- the river. The river that's displayed there.

19 VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay. Very good. Anything else
20 you'd like to share with us?

21 MS. HERNANDEZ: Aside from the fact that it's really
22 caused a lot of confusion in terms of just the placement
23 of streets and splitting of communities that used to
24 belong to the same congressional representatives. And so
25 it's just added multiple layers of advocacy on behalf of

1 students or nonprofit organizations that are advocating
2 for similar issues.

3 VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you so much, Ms. Hernandez.

4 MS. HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

5 VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay. Should we pause right here
6 for any comments on how that went? I'm wondering
7 about -- okay, so she -- you know, she didn't come with a
8 COI tool map and so she described it verbally. What's
9 our capacity for actually drawing something in real time?

10 MS. MAC DONALD: So Commissioner Yee, if I may? We
11 would not be digitizing these boundaries right then and
12 there, because it takes a little bit of time. So we
13 would be doing that in the background. So we're taking
14 notes and we have somebody in the background, offline,
15 who is digitizing these boundaries so that we have them
16 in the COI tool later.

17 VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And we will associate it
19 with the speaker number of the person that just spoke, so
20 that it can be traced back to the hearing and to the
21 specific speaker, and then also to the tape?

22 VICE CHAIR YEE: Right. So it might be good if the
23 Chair actually repeated back what the speaker said, just
24 to get -- so they're reassured that we heard the
25 boundaries that they described. Since they had no visual

1 feedback -- you know, beside the hand, right, that we got
2 it right. So maybe that will be a good practice?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

4 VICE CHAIR YEE: Fredy?

5 MS. MAC DONALD: I think people would be able --
6 might be able to verify it later. We've talked about
7 this internally. I think people would be able to verify
8 later that we got their input correctly by looking it up
9 on the COI tool. We're still, of course, figuring out
10 what the backend is, the data management component. But
11 you know, if the COIs are being made publicly available
12 then people would be able to verify that we got it right
13 and we were thinking of also putting a note out and
14 letting people know that it would be great for them to
15 actually take a look and make sure that we got it right.

16 VICE CHAIR YEE: Right.

17 MS. MAC DONALD: But this particular COI was pretty
18 specific, so that shouldn't be a problem.

19 VICE CHAIR YEE: Was an extremely well-informed
20 member of the public. Fredy?

21 MR. CEJA: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. One of the
22 things that we did in the mock trial was indicate that
23 the Chair should continue to ask participants to give a
24 street, street names or other identifying factors. So
25 thank you for doing that. That's going to be very

1 important for the Chair to continue stating that.

2 And also to continuously tell the public that they
3 can skip the line by going online and going directly to
4 the COI tool, so that they don't have to stand in the
5 queue.

6 VICE CHAIR YEE: Right. Okay, any comments from
7 anyone else?

8 Commissioner Turner.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I forgot to do it
10 myself. I was just wondering if anyone timed our guest
11 presenter today? Our speaker?

12 VICE CHAIR YEE: Alvaro?

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Just under three minutes.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Under? Just under three.
15 Okay. Thank you.

16 VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay. Shall we go onto our second
17 simulated --

18 CHAIR AHMAD: I see Commissioner Fernandez's hand
19 up.

20 VICE CHAIR YEE: Oh, I'm sorry. I can't see
21 everyone.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, you have to enlarge
23 it. Yes. Thanks, Karin. I don't think it would be a
24 great idea for the Chair to repeat back, because one,
25 it's going to take additional time and then also it may

1 lead to further back and forth. Just a reminder it's all
2 videotaped, so if we did have any questions we could go
3 back to the videotape. And I do appreciate not
4 digitizing it on screen, because it can be distracting,
5 not only to the person giving input, but also to us as
6 Commissioners. We may be more interested in the map than
7 what they're actually trying to tell us. So I appreciate
8 not having that on screen. Thank you.

9 VICE CHAIR YEE: All good. I believe we discussed
10 this morning, when people make their appointments
11 there'll be a heavy recommendation that they do come
12 prepared with a COI tool map. You know, not required,
13 but heavily recommended.

14 So Commissioner Andersen.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Two things. One, I actually
16 do like that you repeat the boundary back, because for
17 the Commissioners, I didn't quite catch the first part.
18 And when they're trying to -- you know, I'm trying to
19 find it -- you know, waiting for the highways to come up
20 and stuff. And so actually, as you repeated it, then I
21 really -- it really got home to me where it was. So I
22 think that is very valuable.

23 But the COI tools, I mean we're not showing a COI
24 map at this point. So why are we asking them to bring in
25 the COI? You know, we're just showing boundaries like

1 the geographical and then showing the area. We're not
2 actually pulling up any COI tools -- the COI maps. So I
3 don't understand if they brought a COI map in with them,
4 are we just going to put it on a projector?

5 VICE CHAIR YEE: I believe so. I believe if they
6 can reference that map number and the team can bring it
7 right up.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Is that the line
9 drawers' understanding?

10 VICE CHAIR YEE: Is that correct?

11 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes. That's our understanding.
12 Essentially, there would be -- they would have already
13 created what's called a polygon. So basically a
14 geographic shape that we could then pull up, we can look
15 at it in detail. And -- you know, sometimes people just
16 want to tell you a little bit more than what they've put
17 into the COI tool. So you know, if they already have a
18 map and we can pull it up, we have the boundaries already
19 and people can tell you a little bit more about it or
20 vice versa they don't have a map yet, (audio
21 interference) people to go back and then import it -- or
22 input it, I should say.

23 It would also help us if people tell us whether they
24 have submitted a COI map to -- you know, kind of flag
25 that there might be a duplication or additional

1 information.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So they're showing you -- I
3 mean, what are they bringing in? They're bringing in an
4 actual file that they're going to give you that you will
5 upload? Or are they giving you just a -- like a PDF or
6 a -- you know, you say, yes, I've done a polygon, but
7 what are you actually asking them to bring in?

8 MS. MAC DONALD: It could be either a link that
9 they're submitting, because they will get a link in an
10 email about where the COI map is, and then we can just
11 click on that link. Or if they have a PDF, and they
12 submit it as part of their scheduling, then -- you know,
13 staff could bring that up.

14 VICE CHAIR YEE: And that could all be built in the
15 appointment system?

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

17 VICE CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay, you had a --

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm concerned by the comment
19 that it's highly recommended that they come with a COI
20 tool -- that they've used a COI and that they have a COI
21 number; because I thought we were saying everybody is
22 welcome. And if you're already submitted the COI you
23 don't need to necessarily come. So those who would come
24 in most -- yeah, in an ideal world, it would be ones that
25 don't have or didn't already present COIs because they

1 didn't feel comfortable using the tool or whatnot. So I
2 would be really careful on how we're saying -- you know.
3 I'd rather be inclusive and let people still feel
4 confident that if they've submitted their COI we've got
5 it and we're going to review it. And it's going to be as
6 equal as someone who comes and presents to us at these
7 meetings.

8 VICE CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Ahmad?

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Oh, I was just going to recommend that
10 we go through all of the examples that our not real
11 participants have put together. And then maybe we can
12 hold all of our questions until the end, as some of them
13 might be answered through some of the other examples.

14 VICE CHAIR YEE: Sure. Shall we do that? Okay,
15 we'll go to our second simulated input submission. We
16 turn to Cecilia Gomez Reyes. Welcome Ms. Reyes. Do you
17 happen to have a COI submission link for us, or can you
18 tell us where your comment refers to?

19 MS. GOMEZ REYES: So thank you for having me. I'm
20 actually -- I don't have anything officially submitted,
21 but I am going to be talking about Santa Paula,
22 California, in Ventura County.

23 VICE CHAIR YEE: Very good. We'll zoom in there.

24 MS. GOMEZ REYES: So I was born and raised in Santa
25 Paula. Santa Paula is three exits off the 126, between

1 the 101 and Ventura and the 5 freeway and Valencia. I
2 would like Santa Paula to stay in Ventura County and not
3 be part of LA County. To stop our district at the county
4 line. Including the 126, the 101, and the PCH. There is
5 a mountain range that divides the Ventura and LA
6 counties.

7 Santa Paula is in the valley. It is a rural and
8 agricultural community. It has nothing in common with
9 the city, but I believe in 2010, it was divided off the
10 coast and joined with Malibu and elected officials tend
11 to focus on city stuff rather than Ventura County which
12 is, as mentioned, more of a rural community.

13 If we must be joined for whatever reason with
14 another county, we would prefer to be joined with Santa
15 Barbara. That's it. Thank you.

16 VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay. Very good. Okay, comments?
17 You know, as Chair I'm wondering whether I would try to
18 clarify -- you know, I don't know. You know, restate
19 what I heard.

20 So what I'm hearing is you want to keep Santa Paula
21 within Ventura County and -- or if not that, Santa
22 Barbara County, but definitely not Los Angeles County.
23 And then she would agree with that or not. And that
24 would be it. We wouldn't need to press her for any more
25 detail or lines or -- yeah.

1 And she's not defining a community of interest.

2 MS. MAC DONALD: I'm sorry. I think that would be
3 sufficient information. And I'm not sure that you
4 necessarily will have the time to repeat back. I think
5 you'll figure that out as you're going, but I could also
6 see that it might get into a conversation and maybe
7 sometimes just letting a comment stand is very powerful.

8 VICE CHAIR YEE: True.

9 MS. MAC DONALD: So but, yeah, it was pretty clear
10 direction from where I'm sitting.

11 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yeah. So maybe I would just wrap
12 up, saying thank you for that comment or that input about
13 Santa Paula. Okay.

14 Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: In terms of how you
16 introduce, I would say do you have a map or a document
17 that you want to share with us, because that includes
18 everything. Rather than say, do you have a COI
19 submission or some -- you know. That isn't like
20 excluding, because they might have a COI map, they might
21 have a map they've drawn, they might have -- or another
22 document. I think that would be just a little more
23 inclusive of, do you have anything you want to share with
24 us. And -

25 VICE CHAIR YEE: Right.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- but don't say anything
2 because we want a map or a document.

3 VICE CHAIR YEE: Right. But that's part of our
4 discussion we'll need to have about what we will allow.
5 Whether we allow screen sharing -- you know.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, a map or a document.

7 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yeah. That's what I'm saying.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Anyway, that's just a
9 thought.

10 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And could the line
12 drawers -- they mentioned county, can you show the
13 county? Yeah, I know that's a different layer and I
14 don't know if it's the same layer.

15 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes. The -- thank you for your
16 question. The county layer is on. I was kind of waving
17 my hand over the county, and if the request of the
18 Commission is to -- you know, really zoom out and just
19 wave the hand around the entire county boundary, then we
20 can absolutely do that.

21 VICE CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Turner?

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I just want to be real clear
23 in the process right now. Are we engaging now in the
24 conversation or are we going to wait to the end, because
25 I do have some thoughts but I think the instructions from

1 the Chair was to wait to the end? And so I don't want to
2 not speak and miss the opportunity to comment on this,
3 but if indeed, we're going to hold it to the end, I want
4 us to do that.

5 VICE CHAIR YEE: Sure. Let me go ahead and then
6 take -- and go through the last example. It won't take
7 long, and then we'll go right to you, Commissioner
8 Turner.

9 And so our third simulated submission will come from
10 Mr. Fredy Ceja. Mr. Ceja, we welcome you to the
11 Redistricting Commission.

12 MR. CEJA: Thank you so much. I'm a resident of
13 Long Beach, located in LA County. We have nothing to do
14 with LA County. We're very different. We actually had
15 vaccines for COVID faster than LA County. We're very
16 prod of that. To zoom in on Long Beach, I'm talking
17 about the community that is next to the Long Beach
18 airport. It's above the 405 freeway.

19 VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay, tell us more.

20 MR. CEJA: If you go to the right, where you see
21 that 19 bubble, that is the airport. And so my community
22 is to the right of that. And it is in between the 405,
23 the 605, and the northern border where you see that brown
24 line at the top. I'd like that community to remain
25 together. And as you can imagine, these are single-

1 family homes, mostly retired vets, and we have that darn
2 airport right next to us. We get all the pollution, all
3 the noise and we are part of Long Beach which stretches
4 down to the south, all the way down to the beach. And I
5 don't like our senate district that goes all the way
6 north to the city of South Gate. We have no similarities
7 to the city of South Gate. So I'd like to remain in a
8 senate district that just encompasses Long Beach, because
9 like I said, we are -- we have nothing to do with LA
10 County. So we want to remain our own community there.

11 VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Mr. Ceja. All right,
12 the northern border you mentioned which was the brown
13 line, we happen to --

14 MR. CEJA: No, that green line. Yeah, that dotted
15 line.

16 VICE CHAIR YEE: You happen to know the name of that
17 street?

18 MR. CEJA: That should be Carson.

19 VICE CHAIR YEE: Carson?

20 MR. CEJA: Carson Street.

21 VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay. Very good. Thank you for
22 that comment about Long Beach.

23 MR. CEJA: Go Long Beach.

24 VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay, thank you, Fredy.

25 Okay, Commissioner Turner.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Actually, we have two people who
2 didn't make an appointment. They're in the queue right
3 now.

4 VICE CHAIR YEE: You have to do that.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Karin and Andrew.

6 VICE CHAIR YEE: We two additional submissions from
7 two people in line. And let's go to the first one. Ms.
8 Mac Donald, tell us where your comment is about?

9 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you so much, Commissioner,
10 for hearing me today. My name is Karin Mac Donald, and I
11 would like to speak about Oakland, please. And I would
12 like to tell you about my community of interest, which is
13 in west Oakland. And I am talking about specifically the
14 area that borders to the Port of Oakland. And my
15 community of interest will actually include the Port of
16 Oakland, so basically the outer boundaries of Oakland as
17 it goes into the bay, to the 80 freeway. Then from there
18 going south on the 980 free, 880, 980 freeway.

19 Actually, let's make it 880 freeway, please. Thank
20 you very much. And roughly to a little bit further
21 down -- actually, you know what? I guess I just didn't
22 really know what I was talking about. So let me go back,
23 please, if the mapper could please go to the outer
24 boundaries in the bay, and I would like to change my
25 community of interest to the outer boundaries of the bay,

1 to the 80 freeway and then going to the 580 freeway,
2 going to the 980 freeway. And then from the 980 freeway
3 all the way down to the Alameda channel and then
4 following the Alameda channel.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Ms. Mac Donald, I am very sorry for
6 interrupting, but you're over your three minute time
7 allotment. We highly encourage you to submit your
8 comment through the COI tool. It allows you to have all
9 the time you need to figure out where you want to draw
10 your community. But we really appreciate you coming in
11 today.

12 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you so much. I'll do that
13 too.

14 VICE CHAIR YEE: Very good. Thank you, Ms. Mac
15 Donald.

16 And then I believe we have one more person in the
17 queue. Go ahead and invite that person in.

18 MR. DRESCHSLER: Hi, thank you very much, Chair and
19 Commissioners. I'm here today to talk about my community
20 of interest, which is in Bakerfield. Bakersfield.
21 Specifically, I wanted to look at the southeast corner of
22 Bakersfield. This is going to the west of -- I'm sorry
23 to -- yeah, the west of interstate or highway 99. It's
24 going to be south of 58, highway 58. And just wanted to
25 let the Commissioners know that this is a community where

1 a lot of longtime residents have been there, and we've
2 seen some outside development come in and just wanted to
3 make sure that this community is kept together. We have
4 a lot of parks. We have South High School in there. And
5 we wanted to make sure that our interests were kept
6 together, so we're not divided by multiple Assembly
7 districts, like we were last time.

8 So thank you very much for giving me the opportunity
9 to speak today. I think the mapper highlighted it quite
10 well. And yeah, you can see how it was split. So thank
11 you for taking the opportunity to listen to me today.

12 VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Mr. Dreschsler. Just to
13 clarify the southern boundary you have in mind, does that
14 include the area marked Greenfield, or no?

15 MR. DRESCHSLER: Yeah, that's part of -- that, that
16 would be fine to keep part. Looks like the city
17 boundaries is in that peach color, so yeah, everything in
18 that peach color that the mapper's going around is part
19 of the southeast Bakersfield, that I would consider our
20 community of interest.

21 VICE CHAIR YEE: Very good. Thank you so much.

22 Okay, is there anyone else in the queue?

23 CHAIR AHMAD: I think that's all the callers we had
24 today, Chair.

25 VICE CHAIR YEE: Very good. And for members of the

1 public that may be watching, those were all simulated,
2 fictitious public input submissions that we're dry
3 running in preparation for our June 10th first public
4 input meeting.

5 Okay, shall we go to discussion? Now, back to
6 Commissioner Turner.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And thank you for
8 the add-on. It just gave me more questions to ask. So
9 simulated Chair Yee, a couple of things. Number one. I
10 wondered when Karin was presenting and she got -- you
11 know, kind of twitterpated, didn't know what she wanted
12 by design and ran out of time. And then you said okay,
13 great. Just, you ran out of time. Thank you for
14 submitting, maybe input on the COI tool. What happens
15 with what they started? Is that scrapped? And then --

16 CHAIR AHMAD: That's a good question. I think
17 that's where we do need to figure out a protocol. Unless
18 the line drawers have a recommendation on how to proceed?

19 MS. MAC DONALD: No, I think that is the question.
20 What is the procedure on that; we should talk about it.
21 I think left to our own devices we would definitely --
22 you know, put something -- we would start to code it and
23 then look for the COI input. We would take what we have
24 and then look for the COI tool input.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Because when we instruct the

1 person to call -- you know, to go to the COI tool, now if
2 they go to the COI tool as a guest, we won't -- I don't
3 know how necessarily we'll connect those a little bit --
4 you know, I don't know how we connect those one way or
5 the other. But anyway, that's just one question. So
6 yeah, we've got to figure that out.

7 And then I'm wondering on the hand, Jaime, for me
8 that was very distracting, to -- for it to keep moving,
9 and I was not sure. I need you all to just situate my
10 mind. What should I be looking at when those hands are
11 circling in the areas one way or the other? It was
12 almost like hypnotizing for me to watch that, you know,
13 listen to the person. What should I be getting out of
14 that? And for others like me that aren't natural map
15 people, every time we shifted down to another part of the
16 map, I had to recenter myself to what the speaker was
17 talking about. And so I'm wondering if there's a
18 possibility to click, and like, highlight an area instead
19 of a -- even if you're not drawing it just yet, this is
20 what you're talking about, oh, now it's this.

21 Anyway, just for the good of those that I represent
22 that's like me. It's like, what in the world. I'm so
23 glad for this training and practice right now and the dry
24 run that we're having.

25 So there's that issue that I need understanding

1 about. Then I wonder, on my little notes that I'm
2 keeping here for our regular calls, that's great. I can
3 follow them as a journal, but for the submissions we're
4 having now, you all are the line drawers. You're
5 capturing it, and I understand we're going to get it on
6 back-end, we're going to have a wonderful data tool
7 that -- what should I be writing right now that truly
8 would be helpful for me on my notes? And what I mean by
9 that, I know I can write whatever I want, but I'm really
10 trying to think how to think strategically about whatever
11 they're lifting up, you're capturing it as line drawers.
12 If it was a real -- we're telling people you can write
13 in, call in with your stories, but if it was an engaging
14 story, yes, I'd probably write that and remember it, but
15 I'm envisioning myself with pages of, you know, 680 to
16 880 not 980 but this -- and what in the world will that
17 really tell me at the end? I can be diligent and write
18 it all down, but I want to know how to think about that.

19 And the last question: will we ask at any point who
20 they want to be considered in a district with? We're
21 right now taking the communities of interest. This is my
22 community. At some point, I know we ask it, and we tell
23 them to prepare for that. That's something they can
24 submit, but unless they volunteer it, are we trying to
25 capture, this is my community, and I want to be in a

1 district with this side as opposed to this side, you
2 know, that kind of thing. That's all.

3 MS. MAC DONALD: Well, should I try to take a couple
4 of those on, Commissioners?

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, please.

6 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay. All right, and I did not
7 write them down, so please help me if I'm not remembering
8 all of them.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry, could we lose the
10 screen for a minute so we can see everybody, please?

11 MS. MAC DONALD: So with respect to the waving hand
12 and all that, I think we should figure out what works
13 best for you. What Jaime, of course, was doing was when
14 the speaker -- so like, when I was speaking, when I said
15 okay, well, now I want to look at the 580, now I want to
16 look at the 980, she was following the testimony, which
17 is why there was some jumping around going on. So she
18 was trying to just highlight where the actual -- where
19 the input was coming from, and you know, what it was
20 directed to. So I think that's why there was a little
21 bit of hoping around.

22 On Andrew's COI, she could've waved less, of course,
23 because he kind of knew where his boundaries were, and if
24 you would like for that to be -- you know, if you would
25 like there to be less highlighting, then you know, just

1 let us know and we'll figure out what the sweet spot is.
2 Because you do want to say, you know, this is where this
3 speaker is talking about, or this is what the speaker is
4 talking about, but then, you know, if it's too much, then
5 you know -- we just have to figure out what works best
6 for you I think, and we can work on that, obviously. We
7 want to be responsive to you and what works best.

8 With respect to what you're writing down or what you
9 might want to write down, I don't think you need to
10 necessarily write down the boundaries, because that will
11 be captured in various ways. It will be you know, we
12 have it on tape. We will enter it into the data
13 management tool. We will have a polygon, so you will be
14 able to call that up.

15 But I think if there is something specific -- I
16 mean, just remember, you're not just going to have five
17 or seven or eight COIs, right? You're going to start
18 hearing about hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of COIs,
19 and you know, in particular when they start focusing on
20 the same area, there will be some themes that will pop
21 out to you, and I would jot those down.

22 I mean, if I were you, this is what I would do --
23 and this is what I will do also, because I'll be taking
24 notes also. Like, if I hear something about a potential
25 conflict or I hear something where maybe a couple of

1 speakers that are roughly in the same area, they make
2 very related points for example, right? They're both
3 talking about something different. They're not
4 necessarily right together, and you know, there might be
5 some synergy there for later. I mean, I jot down points
6 like that so that I can reference them later, and you
7 know, I don't necessarily -- for my own notes, I don't
8 necessarily have reams and reams of paper. I type them
9 out, I have them by meeting, and I always write down the
10 speaker number for everything that I want to reference,
11 so that I can go back and verify if I just have a key
12 word or so in there, then I know I can go back to that
13 particular speaker number, and I if I want to listen to
14 it in its entirety to just make sure that, you know, I
15 heard right, and I remember, you know, five meetings
16 later, then I can do that.

17 So that's pretty much what I do with notes, and I
18 think that's probably helpful, but I suspect you'll
19 figure out your own system after the second or third
20 meeting, pretty quickly.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Um-hum. And thank
22 you, and the other points were -- well, the one we're
23 still needing to figure out a procedure about what
24 happens when is interrupted, but the other part was what
25 do we -- I guess we're waiting on the public, a comment

1 if they have a preference. If not, we're just collecting
2 their community of interest as they give it.

3 MS. MAC DONALD: And yeah, you also made a point
4 about the duplication, and I guess that's related to
5 whether we would input a partial COI, perhaps, and I
6 would actually say, if somebody can't finish, we should
7 still enter what we have and perhaps make a note that
8 they didn't finish, because we don't know that they're
9 going to go to the COI tool and then enter it, and we
10 want to make sure that even if it's partial information
11 that, you know, we acknowledge the time that people have
12 spent, and you know, it's their time. They gave you some
13 information, and even if it's not perfectly finished,
14 there may still be something there that you can reference
15 later.

16 If there is then a COI submitted through the COI
17 tool or perhaps even through your website, you know, that
18 somebody just writes in and says, hey, I didn't finish,
19 very frequently in the past, people would actually
20 reference that. They would say, I was speaking at this
21 meeting, and I didn't finish, so here is my COI, and if
22 that happens, then, you know, you can just note that and
23 you can associate the two comments. If you have a
24 duplicate comment, I mean, it's still the same geography,
25 right? So you're still talking about the same polygon

1 that's just sitting on top of each other, and you get it
2 twice, you know, oh well. That's fine. So --

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Thank you.

4 CHAIR AHMAD: I see Marian's hand up.

5 MS. JOHNSTON: I was wondering if maybe you want to
6 give the chair some leeway. So if someone has identified
7 all but the last east boundary or something, that you
8 give them a little of extra time to finish it because
9 otherwise, you're going to be wasting a lot of time
10 trying to recreate it later, and your time may be better
11 served by just allowing that little bit of extra time, if
12 in the chair's discretion, they think they are nearly
13 finished.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Marian, and that is
15 actually one of the questions that Neal -- Commissioner
16 Fornaciari and I wanted to bring forward are two
17 protocols that we as a Commission need to land on. One,
18 what happens after the three-minute period is over? What
19 do we do? Do we let them keep talking, do we cut them
20 off, do we hang up, do we let them finish if they're
21 close to finishing? I don't know the answer to that.

22 The second protocol is what do we do for when
23 someone comes in and gives non-COI public input during
24 the COI input period. So they come in, and we're
25 anticipating them talking about their COI, but instead

1 they're saying, your meetings run too long, period,
2 right? What do we do in those situations?

3 So those are two questions that we have for the
4 Commission that we would hopefully land on something
5 today, so that we can at least test it out for the June
6 10th, and if it doesn't work, we come back and we change
7 it. If it works, great, but that is a question that we
8 have.

9 Yes, Commissioner Sinay.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Do you want to talk about those
11 two or just continue going with other questions?

12 CHAIR AHMAD: So at this point, I'm trying to think
13 what would be the best way to frame this massive
14 conversation that we need to tackle. If we can go
15 through the items one by one and check them off the list,
16 I think that would be helpful. The easiest that I'm
17 thinking of, and Commissioner Fornaciari, you can tell me
18 otherwise, but the easiest item that I can see us
19 checking of is the proposed agenda which is posted online
20 for the COI input meeting, and we'll come back to the COI
21 sessions, the dry run that we just had, but the proposed
22 agenda encompasses the meat of what we just saw, right?

23 So it includes, you know, the typical call to order,
24 the roll call, opening remarks -- which we didn't act out
25 for you today, but it would just be an introduction of

1 the Commission, who we are, what our charge is. Going
2 over the housekeeping rules so that, you know, we have
3 three minutes per person to share their input, and then
4 jumping into the introduction of the COI tool, that it
5 exists, here is where you can find it. What was the
6 phrase that Fredy came up with? Skip the line, submit
7 online. And then jump right into what you just saw, that
8 public input session, which we anticipate is going to be
9 majority of the meeting. At the end, we have to take
10 public comment -- general public comment followed by
11 adjourning the meeting. So it would be helpful if we
12 have a general consensus on the bigger, high-level
13 structure of these COI input meetings for June 10th, and
14 if we can get that moving forward, then we can start
15 tying some clarity to the meat of the agenda, which is
16 the COI input process.

17 Yes, Commissioner Fernandez.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I just had a quick question
19 on this agenda. It's a public input meeting. Are we
20 required to have a general public comment session --

21 MS. JOHNSTON: Yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We have to?

23 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That just seems kind of --

25 VICE CHAIR YEE: Even though it's not a business

1 meeting? Yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- opposite. Yeah, it's a
3 public input, not a regular business meeting, so I'm
4 surprised we would have to take public comment.

5 VICE CHAIR YEE: You're muted, Marian.

6 MS. JOHNSTON: Because it's under Bagley-Keene, you
7 have to allow time for comments on matters not on the
8 agenda.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Sinay?

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I've got lots of different
11 questions, but I think on the agenda, I just want to --
12 I've shared this and I can't remember where, but one of
13 the things we're going to need to be careful -- I mean,
14 one of the things I want to make sure that we also deal
15 with is the visual that others are having as well as the
16 visual we have. The feedback that I've received is that
17 it's very confusing of who are Commissioners and who are
18 not because everybody is on, and I think for the public
19 input sessions, that piece is going to be important that
20 they, you know -- it'd be very easy if we were in person
21 to know who the Commissioners are and who staff is and
22 who are other contractors and all that.

23 Also, it was a really interesting conversation that
24 someone had that's got me thinking that with Zoom, every
25 meeting looks the same, and since these input meetings

1 and the line-drawing meetings in the future, we do need
2 to do recall. Our memories need to do recall that if
3 there's a way we can think of making something different
4 each meeting, just for that memory. You know,
5 something -- and I'm not sure what that would look like.

6 I mean, we could argue, well, it would be a -- it
7 could be changing -- the chairs changed, or whatever it
8 is, but just to help your memory click into the event.
9 Because if we were traveling from place to place, our
10 memory would click in because it would be that place, and
11 we don't have that place; we just have a Zoom screen.
12 And I have ideas of how do that when we go to the other
13 regions, but for June 10th, I was kind of looking at June
14 10th and then June 18th kind of together, you know, those
15 two meetings, just to have something to help us see them
16 as different to do the recall.

17 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. Do we
18 have any other comments on the agenda, the proposed
19 agenda?

20 Yes, Commissioner Turner.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I think it's a lovely proposed
22 agenda. The only other piece I wanted to add is when we
23 get down to public comment, can we only take non-COI
24 public comment? Can we make that distinction to the
25 point that was raised earlier? We're taking in all of

1 these COIs and if we get down to public comment and
2 someone that didn't have an appointment, didn't get in,
3 and I'm just wondering can we at least state, we're in
4 general public comment for closing. This does not
5 include COI input.

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Anthony or Marian, are we permitted to
7 make such a distinction?

8 MS. JOHNSTON: I'm looking at Bagley-Keene right
9 now --

10 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

11 MS. JOHNSTON: -- to see what it says specifically.

12 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

13 MS. JOHNSTON: Let me check it out, and I'll get
14 back to you.

15 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

16 Great, any other questions or comments on the
17 proposed agenda?

18 Yes, Commissioner Andersen, and then Kennedy.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Oh, I'm sorry, did
20 Commissioner Fornaciari want to go first? Okay, getting
21 no. Okay, because I actually have a couple of answers
22 for some questions here, and then on the agenda itself.
23 Front page looks great; I love what Commissioner Turner
24 just said about the general public comment, which I think
25 is allowable because it's supposed to be about things --

1 well, I guess it's only can be about things that are not
2 on the agenda. Because public input is on the agenda, so
3 anyway, don't have an answer for that.

4 Under the housekeeping rules, reinforce the three-
5 minute rule. I think if we have warnings ahead of time,
6 like, just all of a sudden, I'm sorry, you've gone out of
7 three minutes. I mean, no one would know that. So if
8 you have, like, a thirty-minute (sic) and people know
9 ahead of time, you're going to get a warning, going to
10 get a warning, and then at three minutes we have to stop,
11 then that would be fair.

12 And guidance for public input to include public
13 boundary. I would say there's two things is please give
14 us your boundary location and who your community is.
15 Additionally, who you want to be with or who you do not
16 want to be with, and the chair, I would say, prompt
17 the -- if they say, I want to be with these people, say
18 thank you, are there people you don't want to be with or
19 groups you don't want to be with, and vice versa. If
20 they say, I don't want to be with them, who would you
21 like to be with.

22 Then for the spinning and the geography -- I think
23 if we had a different background color for the public
24 input, like, say it's a completely different color behind
25 all the public persons who come to talk on Zoom, then

1 that would very be distinct, and if it even said you
2 know, public input or something like that.

3 The confusion about the geography and that sort of
4 thing. I think it would be extremely helpful for the
5 Commission if we could have a chance to go through the
6 actual geography so we are quite familiar with what the
7 colors mean, you know, if we see pink dots around, that
8 is an Assembly district, or that's the Senate district,
9 so we instantly recognize the coloration of them because
10 I'm a really good map person, and I was a bit like, okay,
11 wait, what's this, what's that. And if we could have a
12 review for the Commission on that, I think it would be
13 very helpful, and then I think as soon as a person
14 mentions highway numbers, make sure the highway numbers
15 are on. As soon as they mention a county, or a city, or
16 a district, put that one on, and then if the Commission's
17 already familiar with that, you recognize that, even if
18 we're starting to zoom in.

19 Now, I understand there's a protocol when they zoom
20 what can be shown and when you zoom out what can't be
21 shown, but handling that, but I think that would make it
22 much easier for all of us, whether you're a map person or
23 not a map person, to understand what's going on.

24 And then the one who can't finish, if we have an
25 identification, like speaker number, and we're planning

1 to try to -- essentially, like, posting our notes or the
2 review, say, with our COIs, however we want to -- like, a
3 picture of it, whether it a PDF or quite what, and ask
4 for edits, you can catch that, probably, the ones that
5 didn't quite get finished, even if we have to cut them
6 off, even with the warnings. But the only thing is for
7 security, those should be from either the same website or
8 the same IP address. So that was a lot.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
10 Yes, it was a lot. Are there any specific
11 recommendations for the one-page agenda document that we
12 would be posting for June 10th only?

13 Yes, Commissioner Kennedy. You're on mute.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I was on my phone. Can you
15 hear me now?

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. We had discussed
18 having the California Redistricting Basics presentation
19 presented before the meeting. So I understand that that
20 might not be on the official agenda of the meeting, but
21 are we still considering presenting the California
22 Redistricting Basics presentation beforehand?

23 CHAIR AHMAD: Can I ask a clarifying question on
24 that, Commissioner Kennedy? What does it mean, before
25 the meeting? Like, before the official start of the

1 meeting? Before we have --

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Correct.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: So I'm not sure what logistically
4 would need to be in place for a videographer to have that
5 set up if it's outside the meeting time, but I'll lean on
6 Marcy. Maybe you have some more insight into the
7 administrative part of that?

8 MS. KAPLAN: I think we discussed internally some
9 alternatives approaches to that should it infringe on the
10 time that we have the videographers, that staff can embed
11 the video into the website. It could also be posted on
12 our social media pages as well if we want to display
13 those prior, but I think if there's consensus around
14 having that on the live link beforehand, just getting
15 clarity on whether that is something the videographer can
16 do, but it doesn't count as part of the hours of the day.

17 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Sinay.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Really small question, but are
19 we using this header versus the one with the people on it
20 for this agenda? Because our other agendas, we used the
21 people one.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: I'm leaving that up to the discretion
23 of the team to figure out.

24 MS. KAPLAN: This was just a sample just to have --
25 my understanding, it will go in the same format as it

1 always does. This was just having the content up for
2 everyone to review.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Yee?

4 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes, on the agenda on page two on
5 the left, each Commissioner will introduce themselves and
6 the city they represent. I don't think that's actually
7 correct because we all represent the whole state. We
8 might mention the city we're in, you know, if that would
9 be of interest, but we don't represent that city.

10 When it comes to the Zoom identities, we could all
11 add our titles. You know, staff and Commissioner, so at
12 least someone looking would know who's a Commissioner and
13 who's not.

14 Also, just to mention, when people make comments,
15 our input -- we are going to allow them to be anonymous.
16 I didn't handle that very well in my dry run, but maybe
17 in the appointments, we'll have them numbered so it'll be
18 speaker number 3, if they want to be anonymous, or so
19 forth. That's all.

20 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Commissioner Fornaciari?

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, circling back to
22 Commissioner Turner's comment about public comment. We
23 could limit the time to public comment. Right now, we
24 have it at two minutes. You know, it doesn't have to be
25 the same time as we would give for public input. So

1 that's another thing that we can consider doing is making
2 it two minutes or even down to one minute, you know,
3 depending on what we want to do there.

4 CHAIR AHMAD: All right. Are there any other
5 comments on the agenda document? Just for June 10th?

6 Yes, Marcy?

7 MS. KAPLAN: I just had a clarifying question that
8 we put in there but I think helpful to have legal weigh
9 in on, just ensuring that we can close the queue at the
10 scheduled close time of the meeting? Or are we not able
11 to close the queue at all? Like, can we close the queue
12 at 8, and then anyone who was in the queue, we still need
13 to -- Commission still needs to hear a comment?

14 MR. PANE: I'll share my thoughts and Marian may
15 have additional thoughts, but my thought is if the 8
16 o'clock close is for recommendation or an idea of the
17 time to -- sort of bookends, if folks are still in line,
18 my recommendation would be to hear them, not to close
19 off. I can tell you, I've seen Bagley-Keene meetings
20 that go well past their appointment times because of a
21 comment. If they're very boisterous and energetic on a
22 particular topic, and public members need to not infringe
23 the content of speech for members of the public. So that
24 would be my recommendation.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: I have Commissioner Fernandez,

1 Fornaciari, and then Turner.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was looking at some of
3 the agendas from the 2010 Commission when they went out,
4 and I like some of the language they had, and it deals
5 specifically with, you know, the number of people
6 providing input, and it said "the posted meeting time may
7 not extend more than two hours beyond the original
8 closing, subject to venue limitations and speaker demand.
9 No speaker numbers will be given out after the end of the
10 posted meeting time" -- so that kind of goes back to
11 Marcy's issue, and then it also noted, "due to high
12 speaker demand, it may be possible that not all people
13 will have the opportunity to speak".

14 Part of it is if we have a policy or if we post that
15 in our agenda ahead of time, people would know. Again, I
16 realize the first one's going to be virtual, but I also
17 think that if we adopt something for the future, we might
18 want to consider that for starting from the beginning,
19 but I did like putting a limit on it so people know.

20 CHAIR AHMAD: All right. We are right up against
21 our break. I have Commissioner Fornaciari and Turner in
22 the queue. Do I have any other folks who want to speak
23 on just the agenda for June 10th after the break so I can
24 jot down your name now? Yes, no? Okay, and then when we
25 return from break, I encourage us to make a move to

1 either recommend those edits to the agenda, and then move
2 forward with accepting the agenda, and then move onto the
3 ten other items that we have on our list.

4 Commissioner Sinay, I will write down your name for
5 the list, but we have to go to break. See you all back
6 at 2:45.

7 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

8 CHAIR AHMAD: All right, welcome back from our
9 break. Just so that we have clarity on the next chunk of
10 time, our next break will be at 4:15, so just keep that
11 in the back of your mind as we continue this
12 conversation.

13 So before we left for break, in the queue for
14 comments on the draft agenda for June 10th was
15 Commissioner Fornaciari, Turner, and then Sinay.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I just wanted to
17 comment about the question about the public comment
18 session in closing the queue. I think the intent was to
19 close the queue at 8, but whoever's in the queue at the
20 time, to let them all speak. I mean, that was the
21 intent, so just to clarify.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Great, thank you.

23 Commissioner Turner.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, and I'm wondering,
25 can we show the time on the screen in a way where the

1 public will be able to see it in addition to Kristian
2 having to say so many times, because I think that throws
3 people off sometimes. And I am absolutely in favor of
4 ending at three minutes so that we will not lose our
5 appointment times and fall so far behind. So I think if
6 we do a countdown on the screen, and in whatever we're
7 doing to set their expectations, perhaps we can let them
8 know in advance that the session will end in three
9 minutes and then they can perhaps prioritize their
10 comments.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner
12 Turner.

13 Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: On the agenda, is it possible
15 to switch break 2 and break 3 and just call it a meal
16 break?

17 CHAIR AHMAD: Are you referring to the public-facing
18 agenda or the logistics piece?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The logistics.

20 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay, I'm sure the logistics will
21 probably change depending on the timing of the meeting
22 itself --

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. That's the part I didn't
24 understand was if we were supposed to be looking at that
25 and giving input on that as well. Thank you.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

2 Commissioner Fernandez.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I did want to do a
4 quick input on the logistics piece of it, now that
5 there's a differentiation between the two. When you look
6 at page 3, where it has public input session 1 and then
7 session 2 and then session 3. So some are for regular
8 three-minute appointments -- three-minute for speaking
9 versus six-minute for interpretation -- not translation,
10 interpretation. And then there's -- each of them have a
11 two-minute transition, and I'm a little concerned that
12 it's going to take us that long to transition, because
13 then we're actually cutting off the number of people that
14 can provide input if we're giving a two-minute transition
15 between each speaker.

16 Is there some way to cut that down?

17 CHAIR AHMAD: I think the idea was to give a two-
18 minute max buffer, but as the transition gets more and
19 more -- the process gets more and more fleshed out
20 throughout the COI input meetings, I don't know if
21 they'll take two minutes, but I think that was just to
22 have something on paper so that we can work with it, just
23 for June 10th, but I'll leave that to the experts of the
24 videography team to show us their magnificent skills.

25 I have Cecilia, and then anyone else, comments on

1 the agenda?

2 Go ahead, Cecilia.

3 MS. GOMEZ REYES: It's kind of related to the
4 agenda, but just for clarification, maybe for future
5 meetings, when I made my fictitious appointment, I let
6 them know that I was going to speak about Santa Paula,
7 California and Ventura County. So they weren't
8 completely not knowledgeable that -- what I was speaking
9 about. I had to submit, like, an official COI tool on
10 the mapping tool, but I had let them know that, and they
11 obviously told me that I'd be speaking around 2 o'clock.
12 So just to kind of let you all know if that's something
13 that you want to consider for future meetings.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you.

15 Are there any other comments on the draft agenda for
16 June 10th? The public-facing draft agenda?

17 Yes, Commissioner Taylor.

18 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Real easy. This meeting is
19 going to start at 12 and not 1; is that the intent?
20 Okay.

21 CHAIR AHMAD: So what I heard in terms of
22 recommendations for the draft agenda just for June 10th
23 were to add in the time frame for the public input
24 session, so three minutes per person, and then a time
25 frame for general public comment.

1 Is there anything else?

2 Yes, Commissioner Turner.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: That sounds right. I think
4 that was Commissioner Fornaciari made a suggestion for
5 the general public comment that we can do, and he
6 reminded us that we can even reduce that down to one
7 minute, but I don't know if we've made a determination on
8 that one way or the other, so I just wanted to lift it
9 again to see what distinction we want to make for the
10 general public comment.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: That's a good point, Commissioner
12 Turner.

13 Do you all think for the purposes of June 10th,
14 would it be safer to leave the time constraint off of the
15 agenda and just verbally state it once we open for
16 general public comment at this point? I'm not sure how
17 many people will show up for COI input and how much time
18 at the end we'll have for general public comment, but if
19 we write down two minutes, then we can change it, but it
20 would be nicer if we can just verbally state, now we're
21 opening for general public comment. Each person will
22 have X amount of time.

23 Thoughts?

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Are you --

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah, go ahead.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Are you thinking -- are you
2 thinking, Chair, in that that if we've gone through the
3 session and we had lots of public comment, of course,
4 based on our counsel, we know that we'll receive only
5 those that are left in the queue. And is the queue the
6 same as public comment -- or excuse me -- input? You
7 know, because those are appointments and people that we
8 accept into that queue, but then someone watching has a
9 public comment. If it's after the hour, I'm assuming
10 they still won't be able to get in. So maybe if we do
11 not put a time on it, and we know that we've been packed
12 all day going well past the 8 o'clock hour, when we open
13 it up, we can just say we'll have public comment for one
14 minute each, and if, indeed, we are early or not so
15 behind, we can maybe leave it two minutes.

16 But I like giving the flexibility of not putting it
17 on the agenda, and just would not be in favor of putting
18 one thing on the agenda and then later shortening it
19 because of time. I do want us to live up to whatever we
20 say. So given the option, perhaps no time, and state it
21 based on what we're experiencing.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah. That's great feedback. I know
23 we, as a Commission, did agree on three minutes for COI
24 input, so that is pretty clear to me. I hope it's clear
25 for others, but just for that general public comment.

1 And you're right, maybe nobody will show up on day 1.

2 Who knows? Okay.

3 Are there any other pieces of feedback, just for the
4 agenda for June 10th, at this time?

5 Yes, Commissioner Andersen, feedback on the agenda
6 for June 10th.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. Under the
8 housekeeping, it was also -- you mentioned the three-
9 minute rule, which Commissioner Turner had a great idea
10 about. And then on the -- it says the last bullet was
11 "guidance for public input to include boundary
12 information". Also the -- who their community of
13 interest is, and who do they want it to be with, or who
14 they not want it to be with. So those additional
15 comments for the --

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Are you recommending we put that on
17 the public facing agenda for June 10th?

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Is logistics --

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Or is that something -- is that
20 something --

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Is logistics public facing?
22 Is that --

23 CHAIR AHMAD: I mean, everything's technically
24 public facing, but logistics is more for our own planning
25 purposes, right? So staff will be working together a

1 script for whoever is chairing those COI input meetings.
2 So we can include that point into the script, if that
3 works.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Fredy, you had your hand up?

8 MR. CEJA: Yeah. I just wanted to mention that
9 instructions were actually included in the flyer, and our
10 purpose, or our hopes, is that we can also put
11 instructions in all social media postings and e-blasts
12 that we send out, but it's not necessarily on the agenda,
13 but it can be found on the flyer and other postings.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes. Marcy, and then Commissioner
15 Fernandez.

16 MS. KAPLAN: Sorry. Just to piggyback on that. I
17 guess it's -- I don't know if it's on the -- not
18 necessarily on the agenda related, but highlighting what
19 Fredy's noted, and I think what we've all seen, is that
20 the boundary info seems like the first thing we want them
21 to say, so that the line drawer can zoom in, just
22 ensuring that they get their -- that they get their
23 boundaries on there versus, like, if they do get cut off,
24 it may be on some of their narrative, and not on the
25 actual boundaries. So I think just clarifying if that

1 would be good guidance.

2 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez, and then
3 Commissioner Sinay, and then Turner.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just for consideration up
5 top on the agenda, it's 12 to 8 p.m., and I would just
6 add similar wording to how we do it now for our business
7 meetings, in parentheses, "or upon conclusion of public
8 input", only because if -- let's say we only have an hour
9 of public input, then we'll be done in an hour. I don't
10 want it to -- once we're done, we're done. We're not
11 going to stay there until 8 o'clock if we don't have
12 additional input.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
14 Question for legal on that piece, do we have to stay
15 during the time that we have allotted on the agenda
16 regardless of if folks are coming in?

17 MR. PANE: Chair, are you asking the situation when
18 there aren't any more, and there's an absence of it?

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Sure. Like, we start at 12, we hear
20 public comments until 3, and then there's silence, but we
21 have our agenda out until 8 p.m. Are we required to be
22 present until 8 p.m.?

23 MS. JOHNSTON: No.

24 MR. PANE: No.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Thank you.

1 Commissioner Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just for clarification, we keep
3 saying boundaries, boundaries and narratives, and
4 boundaries first, narrative second. And to me, the
5 narrative is more important than the boundaries, because
6 the stories people tell, the narrative is going to give
7 us the reasons why. At some point, we may have
8 conflicts, or different views, or whatever, but we need
9 to be able to -- so I just -- I don't want to discount
10 how important the narrative is over just boundaries.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: If you can just direct me when
13 we are going to talk about the flyer and the handout
14 information, I'll hold until then.

15 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. I'm looking for a motion to
16 approve the agenda and allow our team to make the minor
17 edits that we have recommended here. So time frame to
18 include three minutes for COI input meeting, and then
19 also, include at the top, during the end time or upon
20 conclusion of public input.

21 Yes, Commissioner Turner.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'll make that motion.

23 CHAIR AHMAD: Seconded by Commissioner Fernandez.

24 Any discussion?

25 Commissioner Yee.

1 VICE CHAIR YEE: Also the edit about us not
2 representing cities, but rather representing the whole
3 state.

4 CHAIR AHMAD: And that's on the logistical piece,
5 not the public facing, right?

6 VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay. Sorry.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

8 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yeah. That's right.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Okay. Any other comments or
10 thoughts on the agenda?

11 Yes, Commissioner Taylor.

12 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And just for clarification, so
13 if we run out of community members that want to provide
14 input, our thought is that we're going to conclude the
15 meeting, although it's listed that the meeting's from 12
16 to 8?

17 CHAIR AHMAD: I don't know if we have a consensus on
18 whether we're going to conclude, but what I heard was we
19 can conclude.

20 MR. PANE: So one thing you could also do is you
21 could say, "upon the conclusion of business", and not put
22 in any time, if that would help, and then maybe if that
23 addresses your concern, Commissioner, that then there
24 isn't an end time that people will have the potential to
25 wait for. That might be one option.

1 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Okay. I guess just to the
2 extent that if Ralphs is open from 12 to 8, and I run
3 there at 7:50, and they said, I had no customers at 7:30,
4 I would be a little disappointed. So I think that if we
5 outline this meeting at a prescribed time for input from
6 community members, we have to be respective that someone
7 might want to walk through the door at 7:50.

8 MR. PANE: So to address that concern, Commissioner,
9 You could also say, "upon the conclusion of business",
10 and that would -- then you're not in the circumstance
11 that you just described.

12 CHAIR AHMAD: Oh, yikes.

13 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. Thank you. I
14 didn't mean to open up a can of worms, but I think that
15 this meeting is specifically for input, so again, I'm
16 just -- however, whatever our thoughts are. And that's
17 just because it's on the public facing agenda, so that's
18 why I said it.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: All right. Commissioner Fernandez,
20 Turner, Vazquez, Kennedy, Sinay. No.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And the only -- I
22 understand your concern --

23 CHAIR AHMAD: Le Mons.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- Commissioner Taylor, but
25 the reason I'm not as concerned is that they're supposed

1 to sign up for appointments, and if we have no one signed
2 up for appointments. I would expect someone to be there
3 if they signed up for an appointment, not to, hopefully,
4 not show up at 7:55, hoping to give input at that time.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I share Commissioner
7 Taylor's concern about being open the hours posted,
8 particularly -- different than even a regular Commission
9 hearing that we have ended soon sometimes, from
10 conclusion of business. In this one, I'm not in favor
11 necessarily of the suggestion to state "upon close of
12 business", because we have that other flip side that said
13 that we will need to continue to take public comment of
14 everyone in the queue, and if there is no closing time,
15 then has business concluded, and does that then open us
16 up to just be there till slumber party time. So I would
17 just want to -- if we're thinking 12 to 8, I don't know,
18 maybe we'll get to know each other a lot better while we
19 chit chat and wait on those hours to pass.

20 I do like, again, doing what we say we will. I
21 don't want someone to plan, and I don't, again, want to
22 penalize folks for not participating in the appointment
23 system. That is a nice offering that we're making
24 available, but it is not a requirement for people to look
25 at their schedules of the day and say, oh, I'll be

1 finished with work, and I think on this particular
2 Saturday, or whatever the day is, I'm going to dial in at
3 7 o'clock and wait my turn. I don't want to penalize
4 them for no appointment, and I don't want to be a no show
5 and not there if we told them till 8 o'clock.

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Vazquez.

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Pass.

8 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons.

9 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Well, I'll guess I have to
10 just say I'm confused at this point, because I thought
11 that was the whole point of the appointments. So now I'm
12 hearing that you don't have to have an appointment. I'm
13 just confused, so if we could get some clarity on what
14 the plan is. I particularly don't think we should sit
15 around for four or five hours if we're done. That
16 doesn't make any sense to me whatsoever, and I don't
17 think that's a good use of taxpayer money either. So I
18 think we just need to be clear on what we're doing at
19 this point. Again, I'm confused.

20 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.

21 I saw Marcy, and then Commissioner Turner. Oh,
22 okay. Commissioner Turner.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I don't know if it'll
24 help or not, but when we determined to do the appointment
25 schedule, there was nothing in it that stated it was a

1 requirement that people participate in the appointments
2 that we're making available for them. It was an added
3 offering to help people be able to plot out their time in
4 the day, so that when we talked about it, we talked about
5 2011 Commission people having to wait for hours on end
6 for their two, three, four minutes to speak, or what have
7 you. And this is to help them be able to arrange their
8 day, not necessarily for the convenience of this
9 Commission. So that's was the appointment.

10 There was another piece that I think I forgot. I
11 wanted to just lift up, at least as it was presented in
12 the sessions that I was in. Not a requirement to have to
13 have an appointment to participate in the sessions.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Fredy, and then Commissioner Le Mons.

15 MR. CEJA: I'll let Commissioner Le Mons go first.

16 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So I think, and maybe I
17 missed those sessions, but let's say we have a situation
18 where all the appointments are taken, which is the flip
19 side of this. And if all the appointments are taken, how
20 does that work? And how does that impact this in the
21 queue that we've been discussing in terms of people being
22 able to get in a queue. So those appointments cut off
23 at, say, 6 o'clock, and then there's two hours of in the
24 queue. Or do we announce at the top of the meeting, we
25 currently have whatever number appointments are possible

1 within in that particular session, and so therefore,
2 there aren't any additional slots, so people don't sit
3 around waiting and hoping for an opportunity to speak if
4 all the appointments are already taken.

5 So I think that there are some variations on what
6 could play out, and I think that the 10th of June is kind
7 of that test to see how this all plays out. I think
8 these are some great discussions, and some of these
9 things, maybe we can't solidify yet, but I still don't
10 feel like I have clarity on exactly how we're approaching
11 all of these various scenarios that can bump up against
12 each other.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.
14 Fredy.

15 MR. CEJA: Yeah. So two items, right? What if we
16 have not enough people show up, or what if we have too
17 many people show up? For the first one, if we don't have
18 enough people show up, the intent of having a
19 registration system was to give people a time certain, so
20 that they're not waiting around for hours and that they
21 have a solid place in line. But we also have to take
22 into consideration that people might not have internet
23 access, especially in rural areas, where they will be
24 phoning in, so I think the idea was to both allow people
25 to come up on the spot and call up, or call in, and have

1 our staff give them an appointment by that means.

2 The other problem is -- oh, and in all the years
3 that I've worked in City Council Los Angeles, and the
4 State Legislature, or even committee work for the
5 Legislature, if you finish your agenda, then you're done,
6 and you're not expected to be there till the end time for
7 whatever you had set on the agenda.

8 That being said, if people do show up, and we're
9 done, we can always refer them back to the Draw My
10 California community so that they can leave their input
11 there, or email us their information. We accept that, as
12 well through, email.

13 If we have too many individuals, that's a great
14 problem to have. I think we mentioned at the last
15 meeting that we would try to determine at what point we
16 cut off the waiting line, and for those individuals, do
17 we send them to Draw My California community, and how
18 long we would wait after the 8 p.m. to exhaust that line?
19 So I think those are questions that need to be taken up.

20 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Marian.

21 MS. JOHNSTON: I don't think that you can require
22 only people who have appointments to testify -- to be
23 able to testify, not just for the reason Fredy says it,
24 there may be others, but that would be imposing a
25 requirement on them for literally attending your meeting,

1 and that's the problem that Bagley-Keene says you cannot
2 do. You can't impose pre-requirements on someone to
3 attend a meeting.

4 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Marian.

5 Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I just wanted to get clarity
7 on Marian's point, because there's attending a meeting
8 and there's participating. So it's not that you have to
9 have an appointment to attend the meeting, you have to
10 have an appointment to give input. And that's a
11 question. Like, I really am still trying to get crystal
12 clear on exactly how we're structuring this.

13 MS. JOHNSTON: Well, at the very least, you would be
14 discouraging people from participating, giving their
15 comments, if you said it can only be by appointment,
16 since appointments require them to provide information.
17 There was a -- we were having a conversation with Marcy
18 about you can't require their name, but maybe they can
19 give an anonymous email address or something, so they can
20 get on the line, but even that is requiring information
21 from them, so they can't be identifying information.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: I saw Marcy's hand, then Commissioner
23 Vazquez, and then Le Mons.

24 MS. KAPLAN: So my understanding, to address this,
25 we framed it in the agenda with these appointment time

1 slots, and then also gave a block of time where it would
2 be for no appointments, and so the phone or email would
3 not be required -- this is in the considerations
4 document -- would not necessarily be required. However,
5 if they wanted an appointment slot, they would need to
6 submit something, or there would be -- we would work with
7 Counsel on language to advise that there is still an
8 opportunity for them to call in, in the fourth block of
9 time that's identified in the agenda for individuals who
10 were not able to get an appointment, or who did not want
11 to provide information, if that helps clarify.

12 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Vazquez, Le Mons, and
13 then Toledo.

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Forgive me. I'm
15 coming in midway to this conversation. In terms of the
16 identified problem of us potentially waiting around for
17 hours in an empty virtual Zoom room for 1 or 2 comments,
18 or 100, who knows, right? We don't know, but we'd be
19 waiting. Could we consider blocking off a time certain
20 for the last hour, so 7 to 8, or 6 to 8, what have you,
21 right? That's no appointments needed. You want to show
22 up, and you want to hang out with us for two hours while
23 we go through everybody, fine. That's your time certain
24 for open -- that's the free for all, and whoever we can
25 get through in those two hours, that's how we get

1 through.

2 You don't need an appointment, that at least, we
3 have -- we could, I think then, potentially, if we go
4 from 1 to 2, nobody left, we recess until 6. That's time
5 certain, and we show up at 6, and whoever's there at 6,
6 we'll take you until 8, and that's that. 6 to 8 seems
7 most community friendly, considering folks are working
8 during the day, and they can't make an appointment that,
9 again, requiring these extra steps. I imagine savvy
10 folks, who don't want to wait around, and just want to
11 come and give their comment will avail themselves of the
12 appointment slots earlier.

13 And we leave ourselves an hour, or some change,
14 buffer to get non appointment public comment, but it does
15 put some parameters in it. You have to be there at 6 in
16 order to get in the line, so we know you're there, and
17 know that you got to get there early because if we --
18 when we get to 8, we're done at 8. That's my third way.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons, and then Toledo.

20 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I like the plan that
21 Commissioner Vazquez just outlined. I'd probably go --
22 do it a -- suggest doing it a little bit differently and
23 maybe shortening the number of appointments per session
24 or per block and have a free for all -- not free for all.
25 That's probably not the best choice of words, but a

1 nonappointment window in each of those blocks.

2 So let's say, for example, in the first block
3 there's fourteen appointments at five minutes each, with
4 the transition and the speaking time. If that was cut by
5 four appointments, that's twenty minutes, or three
6 appointments, even, so there's a fifteen-minute block
7 that's just back to back people who didn't have an
8 appointment, but the lines are open.

9 And then that way -- because people's schedules are
10 different. Sure, after dinner might be time sensitive
11 for some, but for people who work midnights, that's not
12 time sensitive at all. So that way, they can just have
13 that opportunity where there's appointments, and then in
14 each of the sessions, there is an open, whether it's ten
15 minutes, fifteen minutes, or whatever. And if we're
16 sticking to the time requirements, we shouldn't have a
17 problem with being able to accommodate those ten, fifteen
18 minutes in each of the session blocks.

19 So I would recommend something more like that, and I
20 think it gets more to the intention of the caution that
21 Marian raised earlier, because even if we sort of narrow
22 it to 6 to 8 at the end of the day, or a specific two-
23 hour block, we've created barriers until we get to that
24 two-hour block, wherever we have it. So I think this at
25 least better balances this idea of requiring something of

1 someone to participate. So it would be my
2 recommendation.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Toledo.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm curious how the analysis,
5 the barriers analysis that Ms. Johnston raised, how it
6 relates to the interpretation requirement, because we are
7 asking for five days requirement, right? Five days to
8 get an interpreter. And certainly, that impacts the
9 appointment process, and also could be seen and serve as
10 a barrier for limited-English-proficient individuals, so
11 I'm curious how that applies, and how your analysis might
12 relate to that. Thank you.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Marian.

14 MS. JOHNSTON: But at present, there's no legal
15 requirement to provide an interpreter, so you're doing a
16 disservice to people and saying that in order to be able
17 to provide an interpreter, you need that notice to get
18 the interpreter available. I think this is different.
19 That's making it more available to the people who aren't
20 proficient in English.

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Appreciate that, Marian.
22 Thank you.

23 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes. Commissioner Turner.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yep. So I think this is going
25 to be really interesting to see play out in our dry run,

1 but one of the things that I wanted to flag, I like the
2 creative thinking about how we get this appointment
3 schedule done without penalizing folk, and allow open
4 spaces. And I envision the first public input session,
5 if we -- when we or should we reduce the number of
6 appointments down to allow some for people that did not
7 have an appointment, if those that are watching in their
8 input session 2 is listening, if they said, hmm, they're
9 asking for open comments, I think I'll take that slot
10 now, I'm wondering how will it -- what will the impact
11 be? Because part of the appointment system, as well, was
12 to give the line drawers, because in that system, it was
13 described, I recall that people will also be able to say,
14 and this is my COI number, this is what I've already
15 submitted. Not that we're encouraging both calls, but
16 this is what I've already submitted. And then the line
17 drawers would be able to call up whatever area they're
18 going to be speaking on.

19 And now, though, I'm speaking earlier, because you
20 have open slots that I didn't know you were going to
21 have, and why would I wait around till 4 o'clock, if
22 you're now calling for open slots? And so now people
23 will give their testimonies, or could conceivably give
24 their testimonies earlier, and maybe that's a nonissue or
25 problem. I'm just lifting it up as we think through

1 what's the best way to move forward, because then, we'll
2 just create kind of more open slots at the bottom that
3 now we're not prepared for.

4 And from a line drawer perspective, though you
5 lifted that up as what you would do, maybe it's a
6 nonissue because everyone won't have that advanced
7 notification. So it just feels like it starts to get a
8 little muddled in what the pristine, prepared way you're
9 attempting to do. At least of what I envisioned in my
10 mind when this was initially presented.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Turner. We do
12 have a motion and a second on the floor.

13 Commissioner Fernandez, would you please restate
14 your motion.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I believe it was
16 Commissioner Turner. I seconded it. Commissioner Turner
17 made the motion.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: It was. And the motion had to
19 do with accepting our front-facing public input meeting
20 agenda with, I believe, a couple of adjustments, Chair.
21 What we have not landed on is what to do with this end
22 time in order for people to be able to actually vote on
23 if they're accepting this or not.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: So the motion, as I understand right
25 now, currently includes "with the adjustment of the three

1 minutes included for the COI input" as well as the "or
2 upon conclusion of public input" language at the top of
3 the agenda. And that is the piece that this conversation
4 is about?

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

6 CHAIR AHMAD: So from my understanding, Anthony, we
7 have to move forward with this or is that something we
8 with -- not we, Commissioner Turner has the authority to
9 withdraw and or amend?

10 MR. PANE: Well, so we have a first and we have a
11 second. We would want to ask for public comment before
12 we have a vote on the motion.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I guess what I was suggesting,
15 Chair, is that the motion was on -- this was prior to our
16 conversation, I think important conversation about the
17 time period, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., and do we block it out
18 and come back? Do we do up on conclusion of business?
19 And before trying to vote on that, I'm really curious to
20 know if we've come to consensus as far as what is desired
21 for that time piece, not so much what's on the agenda. I
22 think that's pretty cut and dried. But the time is what
23 I don't feel yet we have landed on.

24 MR. PANE: So if I could just make a recommendation,
25 perhaps there might be an amendment on that particular

1 aspect that may be incorporated with the blessing of the
2 two Commissioners to make that part of the motion.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: So they are allowed to make that
4 amendment and then --

5 MR. PANE: Yeah.

6 CHAIR AHMAD: -- we can proceed as usual?

7 MR. PANE: So long as that's --

8 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

9 MR. PANE: -- been approved. Yes.

10 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. So I guess we continue this
11 conversation until we come to a resolution on that item
12 of "or upon conclusion of public input".

13 Commissioner Andersen.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Can't we just do the -- like
15 we do on our regular ones -- it says, you know, like,
16 today, or -- well it's from 1 to 8, or upon conclusion of
17 business. Why can't we do the or upon conclusion? I
18 mean, why do we have to do either 8 o'clock or upon
19 conclusion? I mean, why not do what we're always doing?

20 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Taylor?

21 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. Yeah. So when I
22 interpret it, I do see a distinction. Our normal public
23 meeting, we are the engine of that; it is us conducting
24 the business. For this public input, we're inviting
25 people to come and we're giving them a prescribed time.

1 And then we're saying that something falls out and we're
2 going to conclude, but it's still within a prescribed
3 time. So I just think that there has to be another key
4 that states what we'll do, another trigger, another
5 statement, or something that states what we'll do so that
6 someone looking at this can know that I need to be in the
7 room by six or I need to -- I need to -- there's
8 something I need to do so that I can be heard based on
9 the information that I received. That's what I'm seeing.

10 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez and then
11 Fornaciari.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just for clarification,
13 when I suggested adding the "or upon conclusion," it
14 was -- I meant it to be 12 -- including the 8 o'clock, 12
15 to 8 o'clock. Because again, we can go beyond the 8
16 o'clock timeframe. I wasn't recommending that we remove
17 the 8 p.m. end time. I was just recommending you just
18 add "or upon conclusion" after that.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fornaciari and then
20 Sinay.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So yeah, a couple of
22 things. I think, you know, I think we need to be there
23 till 8 because it's a public input meeting, right? It's
24 not a business meeting. We're asking for input. And if
25 people want to show up later, you know, I mean, we've got

1 a time block from simply 5:45 to 7:15 with no
2 appointment. And you know, we don't know how many people
3 are going to queue up. So we've committed to doing that.
4 I think we should just state in the agenda that, you
5 know, we're closing the queue at 8 o'clock, but everyone
6 in the queue at that point for general public comment
7 will be heard.

8 The second thing is, with regard to Commissioner Le
9 Mons's suggestion, I like that idea. I do like that
10 idea. I'm a little worried about the logistics of that
11 idea and figuring out the logistics of how to do that.
12 So I mean, I kind of would like to see, at least for this
13 first meeting, if we could just go with the agenda as
14 it -- if we're comfortable just going with the agenda as
15 it is. You know, just setting aside this one block for
16 no appointments, and giving us a run through to figure
17 out the logistics.

18 And then we can revisit that idea of you know,
19 having each section having some open time later. I just
20 think it adds some complexity to the logistics with
21 regard to queuing people up and the appointment system.
22 So just my thoughts.

23 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I agree with what Commissioner
25 Fornaciari was saying about -- yeah, it is important to

1 keep going back to we're talking about June 10th, not all
2 of them. And I completely support what Commissioner
3 Taylor is saying. I feel that this is -- we're giving an
4 invitation to the community. And you know, you don't say
5 a party is from 12 to 8, and then just -- okay, sometimes
6 you do.

7 But what I would recommend, what we could do is we
8 don't have to have all Commissioners there at the full
9 time. So we could have a team that sticks -- that's
10 there or whatever. But I strongly recommend that we
11 don't close the doors early. As Commissioner Taylor was
12 saying.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner?

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Pass. Motion stand -- I mean,
15 my motion is the same.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Are there any more comments
17 before I go to public comment?

18 All right. Katy, would you please help us go to
19 public comment on the motion on the table, which is to
20 approve the agenda for the June 10th COI input meeting
21 with the two recommended edits, adding in a three minute
22 notice for the COI input time, I believe it's agenda item
23 5. And then adding in "or upon conclusion of public
24 input" at the top of the agenda. Motion was made by
25 Commissioner Turner, seconded by Fernandez.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. In order to
2 maximize transparency and public participation in our
3 process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment
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22 the livestream volume.

23 And the Commission is taking public comment on the
24 motion on the floor in relation to the June 10th public
25 input meeting agenda approval.

1 And we do not have anyone in the queue at this time.

2 Oh wait, here they come.

3 If you could press star 9, indicating you wish to
4 comment. For those calling in, star 9 will raise your
5 hand indicating you wish to comment. Thank you so much.
6 We do have a comment.

7 Caller 9538, star 6 will unmute you. Star 6 will
8 unmute you. Again, caller 9538, the prompt is star 6.
9 It will unmute you. There you go. Go ahead. The floor
10 is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, sorry about that.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's okay.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I was just calling to
16 make -- or ask for clarification on the appointment
17 system. One, for the -- the time slot, there are
18 specific time slots where the public can sign up that --
19 and I'm just making sure that -- that the times there are
20 available are automatically assigned, or are they given
21 the option to choose what time works best for them? And
22 then --

23 CHAIR AHMAD: I'm so sorry to interrupt you.

24 However, the public comment at this time is regarding the
25 motion on the table. Do you have a comment regarding the

1 motion on the table?

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is -- is that for the agenda
3 for the -- the meeting, currently?

4 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So I just wanted to -- is for
6 the appointment system for the meeting? Just so I'm --
7 I'm aware of how to make an appointment.

8 CHAIR AHMAD: Oh, we haven't had that conversation
9 yet. So I encourage you to continue watching our
10 discussion.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. And that was
13 all of our public comment at this time.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Alvaro, can we call role for the vote?

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: So once again, the motion is to
16 approve the COI public input meeting agenda with
17 suggested edits. Add three-minute notice on item 5, and
18 language "or upon conclusion of public input." Is that
19 correct, Chair?

20 CHAIR AHMAD: I'll defer to the Commissioners who
21 made the motion.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Again, the motion was
24 made by Commissioner Turner. It was seconded by
25 Fernandez. And we will begin the vote.

1 Commissioner Akutagawa.

2 Commissioner Andersen.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Could you repeat that? Was that a
5 confirmation, yes?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, I'll say yes.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Oh. Thank you.

8 Commissioner Fernandez.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

15 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Abstain.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

21 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Abstain.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

4 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmad.

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

8 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Moving right along,
9 Commissioner Fornaciari, do we need the line drawers
10 present for the rest of the report out for agenda item
11 11? They have given their COI input dry run? We had
12 only scheduled them until 3:15, so they've been kind
13 enough to stick around for a little longer.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think we're okay. I
15 think we're okay if they go.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay, sounds good. Thank you, Karin,
17 Andrew, and team -- and Jaime.

18 All right. Moving right along. We have a few more
19 items to get approved and move forward for item 11, which
20 is just the June 10th COI input meeting, just the June
21 10th. We haven't even gotten to the contentious part of
22 our conversations yet, y'all.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Y'all.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: The flier. This is something that
25 Fredy has worked hard on to incorporate all of the

1 approved language that we have included in the PowerPoint
2 presentation. So the language should not be anything new
3 to anyone. If you have high-level feedback, very high-
4 level feedback, please use this time to provide that. If
5 it's very specific comments, I would highly encourage
6 folks to email that directly to Fredy. And then on top
7 of that, I would also like to, whenever we are ready to
8 move this forward, to allow Fredy full discretion to make
9 edits and changes to the fliers as needed as this is not
10 something extremely pertinent that we need to
11 continuously bring back to the full Commission meeting.

12 With that, I saw hands up. I saw Commissioner
13 Fernandez and Turner.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you so much, Fredy.
15 This is a great flier. The only thing, the (audio
16 interference) is, like, super hard for me to read. It's
17 just, if we can maybe pick some lettering that makes --
18 especially when it's the blue background, like the top
19 part, and then you've got blue directing them to the
20 website. So -- but other than that, great job. Thank
21 you so much.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner?

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Fredy. Real quick,
24 three high-level items. Number one, under the last
25 sentence on the paragraph where it's underlined, only

1 communities of interest testimony will be accepted during
2 this meeting. We will also have to do public comment.
3 So I don't know if that only is correct or factual or
4 what. And so I just wanted to lift that up, however it
5 shakes out. I'm asking also that we find a way to put
6 "you will only have three minutes to present" on the
7 flier. And then under the save time skip line, I'll send
8 you some email -- I'll email you a thought to have a word
9 before that slogan that means a lot to us, but perhaps
10 not to someone that's just reading the flier for the
11 first time. Thank you.

12 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Kennedy?

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Pass; Commissioner Turner
14 covered it.

15 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Are there any more high-level
16 recommendations for Fredy to take into consideration at
17 this time?

18 Great. What I'm looking for is a motion to approve
19 the flier with recommended edits for the June 10th
20 meeting, and to give Fredy the authority to edit the
21 flier for the remainder of the summer COI input meetings.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So moved.

23 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Marian?

24 MS. JOHNSTON: I think you do need to change that
25 last sentence of the first paragraph. You could say

1 community of interest testimony will be preferred during
2 the meeting, but I don't think you can exclude other
3 testimony.

4 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Yee?

5 VICE CHAIR YEE: Maybe you could say it's -- you
6 know, this meeting is primarily for community of interest
7 input. Just.

8 CHAIR AHMAD: All right. I will go ahead and make
9 the motion myself then. I move to approve the flier with
10 the recommended edits presented here today, and give
11 Fredy the authority to make edits to the flier as needed
12 for the remainder of the COI input meetings.

13 Do I have a second?

14 VICE CHAIR YEE: I'll second.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I second.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. I heard Commissioner Yee first.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That's fine.

18 CHAIR AHMAD: Do we have discussion on this item?

19 No.

20 Katy, can we open the lines for public comment?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can, for motion
22 Tuesday. All right. In order to maximize transparency
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17 down the livestream volume.

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19 motion on the floor.

20 And we do not have anyone in the queue at this time.

21 CHAIR AHMAD: Katy, if you can let us know when it
22 catches up on the livestream, that would --

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Will do.

24 The instructions are complete, Chair.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Alvaro, can you call for

1 vote?

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair. Okay, so once again,
3 the motion is to approve the June 10 COI public input
4 meeting flier with recommended edits and give the
5 communication director, Fredy, the authority to edit as
6 needed for the remainder of the summer. And we will
7 begin the vote now.

8 Commissioner Akutagawa.

9 Commissioner Andersen.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

18 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

24 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

7 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmad.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Motion passes, Chair.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Moving right
12 along, we have two protocols that we need to come to
13 consensus on for our COI input meetings. And those are
14 what to do after the three minutes are up per person; and
15 then also, what to do in the case someone calls in with
16 non-COI public input during that COI input time.

17 We can come to a consensus on a protocol and apply
18 it blanket over every single COI input meeting. We could
19 potentially leave it up to the chair of that COI input
20 meeting to figure out what's the best way to manage that,
21 depending on the situation at hand. Or some other way
22 that I haven't thought of. But I welcome discussion on
23 those two items at this time.

24 Yes, Anthony?

25 MR. PANE: Oh, just a quick word on this. Again,

1 happy to invite Marian if she wants to chime in on this.
2 But we want to make sure whatever policy you all choose,
3 that it's fairly and adequately applied so that it's
4 uniform. That's my quick statement. Thank you.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Your quick statement really tells us
6 the direction we need to go. So we need to come to a
7 consensus, y'all. What are our thoughts on what to do
8 after the three minutes are up?

9 Yes, Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think as long as -- I
11 believe it was Commissioner Turner -- as long as there's
12 a clock and they've been given warning, like, thirty --
13 even a two-minute warning, and then thirty seconds
14 before. As long as they've been given warnings or
15 they're known how much time they have left. I think at
16 three minutes we do need to cut it off because there's
17 other people that are waiting in line as well.

18 And I know it gets a little bit sticky when you
19 think, well, there's nobody -- maybe that's the last
20 appointment and we still have a break. But I think, as
21 Anthony mentioned, we just need to be consistent.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Toledo?

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So I'm just trying to
24 understand Anthony's -- or Mr. Pane's comment. Does that
25 mean that we wouldn't be able to leave it at the

1 discretion of the chair or with guidance for the chair
2 or --

3 MR. PANE: No, I think that is something you can
4 leave to the discretion. The discretion needs to be fair
5 and applied uniformly. So in other words, if it's
6 something where, you know, you're going to say at the
7 beginning of the meeting, we're going to do it at three
8 minutes, then that's the policy that's being applied
9 uniformly. We don't want to get into a situation where
10 we're doing some three minutes, some one minute, some
11 something else. We want to apply it uniformly.

12 So we don't -- so if its policy, call at this point,
13 but you don't necessarily have to know that now. It's
14 something you could determine at the beginning of the
15 meeting, for example. But whatever it is, it needs to be
16 applied uniformly so everyone has an equal level of
17 participation.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Marian?

20 MS. JOHNSTON: One more caveat. If someone's using
21 a translator, they get up to six minutes.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other thoughts on this item?

23 Yes, Commissioner Le Mons?

24 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I think the fair and
25 equitable approach is -- can be subjective. If it's

1 put -- not that the chair, whoever the chair is, is
2 incapable of making calls, but I think that that becomes
3 subjective and circumstantial. So I would prefer not to
4 support the idea of discretion of the chair, and have the
5 time conclude at the time. And we err on the side of
6 really communicating and modeling it through the course
7 of the process so that in some meetings we don't go one
8 way in one part of the state and in other meetings we go
9 another way.

10 So if three minutes is three minutes, then we should
11 definitely have the time signals that Commissioner Turner
12 referenced. And I think they should be visual. We need
13 to figure out how to do that so that it isn't just this
14 voice looming, saying thirty seconds, but you can pace
15 yourself by seeing the clock tick down.

16 And then when it ticks down, either the
17 microphone -- it should be disconnected. Because
18 dependent upon the power of the person's voice or their
19 cadence, even when we do public comment, I notice that.
20 That certain individuals are able to leverage their
21 cadence or whatever it is to where we'll lean in for
22 more; and it's in the body language of the Commissioner.
23 So that's just the power of people, right?

24 So that's why I think the clock, it needs to just be
25 what it is. And it's up to the person. You know, I've

1 done many public meetings and they cut the microphone
2 off. That's your time, the microphone's off. So that's
3 the end of it. And I may not like it, but I understand
4 it. Right. So that would be my recommendation, is that
5 we're clear and we're consistent with all the public
6 input meetings.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sadhwani and then Taylor?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'll pass.

9 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. I think I would
10 agree with Commissioner Le Mons. I think consistency
11 lends itself to fairness and being equitable to all
12 parties throughout these input meetings.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other thoughts?

14 Yes, Commissioner Turner?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm certainly in agreement.
16 I've noticed, though, depending on which of us are
17 chairing, that we have different tolerance levels and
18 it's almost like we're allergic to just saying, you're
19 done, because it seems so harsh. But it really is in
20 fairness to those waiting behind. So I'm wondering if we
21 can also say -- Commissioner Le Mons mentioned shutting
22 down the mics or closing it or ending the call. We need
23 to do something in addition to just saying three minutes.
24 If it's on the flyer, if we've set the expectation, if
25 we're going to go with three minutes, sometimes you think

1 people have one more little thing to say and it goes into
2 the next and the next thing. And so I just want to be
3 able to provide all of our Commissioners with the power,
4 ability, and comfort with being able to let three minutes
5 be three minutes if that's what we're deciding.

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Great point, Commissioner Turner.

7 Maybe that's something we can include in the
8 housekeeping, in the intro of the COI input meetings.

9 Are there any other thoughts on this item?

10 Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

11 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Just to follow up to Marian's
12 point, I think we have to be as diligent about
13 communicating the six minutes if you have an interpreter
14 as with the three so that people are aware. And also, if
15 someone is tuning in and aren't aware and they're
16 wondering why is this person seemingly get -- be able to
17 speak longer, they're clear. So and that should also be,
18 I think, in the housekeeping, as you mentioned.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Any other comments? And if
20 not, do I hear a motion from someone on the first
21 protocol of what to do in the case of three minutes?

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

23 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes --

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So moved.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: -- Commissioner Turner.

1 So moved what?

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: That the motion as was
3 indicated, that we definitely want to be able to end at
4 three minutes and not allow additional time to go on.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Is there a second? Commissioner
6 Fornaciari. Discussion. All right. We're going to do
7 things a little bit -- oh, yes.

8 Commissioner Yee.

9 VICE CHAIR YEE: So are we instructing the staff to
10 turn the person off at three minutes? Bang, goes dark?

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I didn't know if we needed
13 to specify that it's three -- six minutes for if you have
14 an interpreter for the motion, but I know that we're
15 legally required to, correct, Anthony and Marian? Yeah.

16 MR. PANE: That's correct. It's already that
17 there's a requirement that it's twice as long. So six
18 minutes it is, yes.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner, does your motion
20 include any specific guidance to staff to cut off the mic
21 or turn off the mic?

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Based on technology, I would
23 love to know what the options are. If indeed Kristian
24 has the point on or if it's whoever's currently
25 monitoring our systems, if they have a chance to just end

1 it, I think that would be fine. I don't know the
2 technology that's used.

3 MR. MANOFF: Was that --

4 CHAIR AHMAD: Is it appropriate for us --

5 MR. MANOFF: What was that question?

6 CHAIR AHMAD: -- to ask Kristian? Yeah.

7 MR. MANOFF: Yeah. I'm standing by, Chair. We can
8 absolutely mute them. We could also remove them from the
9 meeting, and we have -- we've requested some guidance on
10 that already, so.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So my suggestion in motion
12 would be to mute and remove.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner --

14 MR. MANOFF: Well I --

15 CHAIR AHMAD: -- Fornaciari, are --

16 MR. MANOFF: I'm sorry. Just for clarification, in
17 this particular situation, what would happen is we could
18 mute them and they could still listen to the meeting, but
19 there would be some circumstances where you might want
20 somebody completely removed. And so those would be
21 different circumstances. But you know, as far as, like,
22 a timekeeper standpoint, we can mute them --

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

24 MR. MANOFF: -- and prevent their ability to unmute
25 themselves.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And the reason I say -- can I
2 answer why for that?

3 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: What happens is, is at the
5 end -- what I am hoping for is the fairness and
6 consistency of testimony. And if they're at the end of
7 three minutes, I am hoping we don't then go back into,
8 oh, they look like they had a little bit more. Let me
9 ask you more questions, or can you clarify about because
10 now you're just really giving them additional time to
11 speak.

12 And it sounds a little like I'm being really harsh
13 on this, but I really am thinking about staying on time
14 with the other appointments and everyone else. So okay.
15 Mute them, but I'm hoping that we don't then keep
16 bringing them back into the conversation.

17 CHAIR AHMAD: With that minor edit to Commissioner
18 Turner's motion, do we still have a second, Commissioner
19 Fornaciari? Can you verbally confirm that? I got some
20 training.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. I --

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- accept the amendment
24 and second.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other comments on this item?

1 Okay. Before we jump to public comment, is it okay,
2 Anthony, if we get consensus and a motion and a second
3 for the other protocol item and then take public comment
4 on both of these motions at the same time?

5 MR. PANE: You can certainly do that if you want,
6 yes.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Awesome sauce. Let's do that.
8 So the other protocol in question right now that really
9 staff need clarity, and ourselves, for uniformity across
10 all our COI input meetings is what to do in the case that
11 a non-COI public input comes in during the COI input time
12 frame. I welcome discussion on this item.

13 Yes, Commissioner Fernandez.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It would be my opinion that
15 the Chair would redirect them to let them know right now
16 it's just we're taking input from communities of interest
17 and we will be taking general comment at the end of the
18 meeting and direct them that way.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Anthony.

20 MR. PANE: So again, just a -- just a quick comment.
21 If we were discuss -- if a member of the public were to
22 bring something up that wasn't germane, they still have
23 an opportunity. I think this is what Commissioner
24 Fernandez was talking about. They still have an
25 opportunity to provide the comment. What the Commission

1 would be doing is essentially regulating what we refer to
2 as a time/place/manner restriction. Not now, but later.
3 Not that you can't at all. So I want to highlight that
4 important distinction. Thank you.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other thoughts on what to do if a
6 non-COI input comes in? Yes, Commissioner Turner.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Can we also suggest that they
8 submit their public comment through our website to give
9 them another opportunity? They can wait till the end or
10 make their submission online. We're not currently
11 accepting their comment. Not now, but later. Okay.

12 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

13 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I recommend that a brief
14 script be developed so that could be consistent. So
15 whoever's chairing, it will be the same statement that's
16 made every time. Brief.

17 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other thoughts? Does anyone want
18 to make a motion on this item given the discussion we've
19 had? Yes, Commissioner Fernandez.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I move that if we --
21 if during the public input time, a nonpublic input is
22 received, we redirect them either to a -- we can redirect
23 them to other ways for them to provide public comment.
24 Something like that. And we're going to have some sort
25 of statement, right, Mr. Le Mons? A brief --

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Script. A brief --

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- script.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: -- script, yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: A brief script.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Is there a second for that motion?

6 Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'll second it.

8 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons has seconded this
9 motion. So there are two motions on the table right now.
10 The first is to limit the time for public input -- COI
11 public input to three minutes and use the technology that
12 we have to limit their three minutes. And that was made
13 by Commissioner Turner and seconded by Fornaciari.

14 The second motion on the table is to redirect public
15 comment that comes in that is not about COI public input
16 to another avenue to submit their statement and also
17 include a brief script so that that statement can be
18 uniformed.

19 Before we call for vote, we will need to open the
20 line for public comment on the two motions on the table
21 right now.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, Chair. In
23 order to maximize transparency and public participation
24 in our process, the Commissioners will be taking public
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18 down the livestream volume.

19 The Commission is taking public comment related to
20 the two motions that are on the floor at this time, and
21 there is no one in the queue. And I will let you know
22 when the instructions are complete.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Have you seen --

24 VICE CHAIR YEE: I think Director Hernandez has a --

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Oh, yes. Alvaro, go ahead.

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. I wore blue and red so I
2 wouldn't blend into the background today. I just wanted
3 to confirm the motion, and I'll share my screen so that
4 you all can see that as well. So motion to allow Chair
5 to redirect a non-COI public comment during public input,
6 and I included time/place/manner restriction that chief
7 counsel mentioned, to another avenue and include a brief
8 script for the Chair. Is that correct?

9 CHAIR AHMAD: I see Commissioner Fernandez nodding.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Whenever you're ready,
12 Chair.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The instructions are
14 complete.

15 CHAIR AHMAD: Let's give it about twenty more
16 seconds in case someone's dialing in right now on this
17 very, very interesting topic.

18 VICE CHAIR YEE: How about using a brief script for
19 the Chair?

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Can you repeat that, please?

21 VICE CHAIR YEE: To another avenue, using a brief
22 script for the Chair.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: To another avenue --

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Is that an appropriate change,
25 Commissioner Fernandez, to your motion?

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sure. Yes.

2 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yeah.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: All right. I think we're ready for
4 vote on both of those motions.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. So this is motion to allow
6 Chair to redirect a non-COI public comment during public
7 input, time/placement/manner restriction, to another
8 avenue and using a brief script for the Chair. Motion
9 made by Commissioner Fernandez and seconded by
10 Commissioner Le Mons. And we'll begin the vote.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa.

12 Commissioner Anderson.

13 Commissioner Fernandez.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

20 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

1 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

9 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmad.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes. That was 403.

13 And moving on to the next motion. This is the
14 three-minute protocol motion. Motion to approve the
15 protocol as was indicated to end at three minutes and not
16 allow caller to go on and direct staff to mute their
17 microphone. Is that correct, Commissioner Turner?

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Yes.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. The motion was seconded
20 by Commissioner Fornaciari. And we will begin the vote.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa.

22 Commissioner Anderson.

23 Commissioner Fernandez.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

5 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

11 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

19 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmad.

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes. Thank you.

23 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Moving along, I have two more

24 discussion points for item 11 before Commissioner

25 Fornaciari and I are done with our piece of motion

1 Tuesday, and this is the question remaining that our
2 staff still need clarity on and direction on of whether
3 we are using an appointment system. Just need a yes or
4 no formality on that. And then as well as understanding
5 if we will be directing staff to employ a video option
6 during the COI input process.

7 Let's take these two items separately. First, let's
8 tackle the appointment system. Are we going with a
9 appointment system, yes or no? I welcome discussion on
10 this item.

11 Yes, Commissioner Kennedy.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'm looking at the draft
13 considerations for June 10th public input meeting, the
14 document that was distributed. And in that right-hand
15 cell of the table, first page, it says, are you
16 requesting an interpreter, and then goes on to say these
17 would be for designated interpreter blocks of time.

18 My understanding throughout has been that those
19 designated interpreter blocks are there for convenience,
20 but do not exclude the possibility of people requesting
21 an interpreter for any other time during any of these
22 sessions. And so therefore, I'm wondering if this
23 shouldn't stricken from the document. Thank you.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Marcy.

25 MS. KAPLAN: Just can you clarify that? So in --

1 I'm referencing that the language access subcommittee had
2 recommended -- there are the specific dates where there
3 would be two blocks of time. So again, this is the -- an
4 appointment system for June 10.

5 For the dates where they had not recommended
6 language, they had put in that language access reference
7 document to set aside one hour for every public input
8 meeting for language assistance and that appointment
9 slots would be open until five days. So that's where
10 there's one bucket of time that's -- that we have set
11 aside that is for language requests. Should there be no
12 language requests at five days, the five business days
13 before the meeting, those appointments would open up to
14 anyone.

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: My understanding throughout
16 the discussion is that anyone is able to request
17 interpretation at any time during any of these sessions
18 from the 10th of June until the middle of September. I
19 guess we had -- we had allocated time prioritizing
20 reserving time that might not otherwise be available, but
21 that does not override the principle of anyone needing
22 interpretation can request it for any time for any
23 meeting.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner. Oh. Marcy, do
25 you have a direct response to that --

1 MS. KAPLAN: I would --

2 CHAIR AHMAD: -- at this --

3 MS. KAPLAN: -- defer to the language access
4 subcommittee on the -- what was approved by the
5 Commission.

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm hoping I understood you
8 correctly, Commissioner Kennedy, because I was -- I'm
9 having technical issues and you're -- I couldn't hear you
10 very well. Yes. If it is a public input meeting that
11 does not necessarily have a designated language, you
12 can -- anyone can still request interpretation services
13 as long as it's done five business days prior to the
14 meeting. Is that what you were asking or inquiring
15 about?

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: My understanding throughout
17 our discussions on language access during the communities
18 of interest input sessions has been that anyone can
19 request interpretation for any time slot on any day. The
20 fact that we have set aside certain blocks and
21 prioritized those for individuals needing interpretation
22 does not exclude someone from requesting interpretation
23 at another time.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And therefore -- and

1 therefore, the appointment system should simply ask, are
2 you requesting an interpreter for any time slot on any
3 date.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And they'd have -- they'd
5 have to be specific as to the time block they were asking
6 and --

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- five days in advance,
9 five business days in advance.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right. Exactly.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But because we don't -- we
14 don't know what time will be convenient --

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- for them. Yes, correct.

17 CHAIR AHMAD: I saw a couple hands up and then they
18 went back down again. Commissioner Turner.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

20 CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I think coupled with
22 that, the other part -- my understanding was the same as
23 what Commissioner Kennedy spoke. But coupled with that
24 is that the public can call with their own interpreter
25 and -- which means we would still need to provide the

1 same time. So the question not just will you -- how the
2 phrase -- where's it at?

3 In addition to that, we need to be able to ask are
4 they bringing their own interpreter because we would
5 still need to double the time. So without that
6 information, someone could possibly sign up for a slot
7 thinking I have my own interpreter and if it is then a
8 three-minute slot or five minutes, whatever the time
9 frame on there, we're just going to blow our apartment --
10 appointments out.

11 So I think the wording here needs to be inclusive of
12 will you need an interpreter or will you be bringing --
13 something different. I don't have the words quick
14 enough. But we can't just rely on the five days in
15 advance. People also can bring their own interpreter.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Other comments on the appointment
17 system. Yes, Marcy.

18 MS. KAPLAN: Sorry. I just want to add to this
19 discussion around grouping the appointments for language
20 assistance. If the Commission is looking to be more
21 efficient with the costing of an interpreter, I would
22 recommend that you group a block of time for an
23 interpreter, or else you could be potentially paying for
24 the whole day. So just highlighting that as it's your
25 discretion on that decision, but the intention of the

1 language access subcommittee with grouping the language
2 appointments was to than have the interpreter on for that
3 slot of time instead of the whole day.

4 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Turner.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I appreciate the time for
6 talking and thinking this through, and I know this is a
7 new process, so I'm grateful for that. I'm wondering,
8 our flyer doesn't necessarily say anything about specific
9 times for those, so I'm just trying to think in the
10 mind -- in the experience again of the Californian
11 calling in a couple of different things can happen.

12 Yes, we talked about trying to minimize cost and if
13 it's possible to put it within a same block. But if
14 someone's asking for an interpreter, I guess I don't know
15 enough information about the behind scenes what does this
16 system do as opposed to what we're trying to do. When
17 they're calling in for -- to make a public comment, and
18 even if they answer the question are you requesting an
19 interpreter, then does the system automatically give them
20 an appointment to a time or does the system allow you to
21 ask your time preference?

22 And based on how that works, that would make a
23 difference. And then even with that, back to the -- what
24 we've said from the beginning, five days' advance notice.
25 If they've given us the five days and our block doesn't

1 work for them, I think they still can go to a different
2 time period. And although we desire to have everyone
3 within one block, if they don't choose that block, I
4 think our previous recommendations or our previous --
5 what we've stated previously will override what we're
6 trying to do now.

7 We said from the beginning, five days' notice we're
8 going to get you interpretation. So I don't know. It's
9 kind of challenging to figure out what would be best with
10 cost and to be able to say all of the Californians that
11 call in along with what we've set up and to this point.

12 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. I am jotting down those folks
13 who want to speak next. I saw Commissioner Sinay. Just
14 putting together the queue as we do have to go to break
15 in about 30 seconds. After Commissioner Sinay, is there
16 anyone else who has thoughts on this item, or perhaps
17 you're going to take the break to mull over your thoughts
18 and then we can return and continue this conversation.
19 Sound good? Great. See you all back at -- here at 4:30.

20 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

21 CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back from break, everyone. We
22 left off on a conversation about the appointment system.
23 I just wanted to take a step back so that we can refresh
24 our memories of the document that we're specifically
25 referring to in this conversation.

1 What I'm learning through my conversations with
2 counsel is that, you know, we can have a lot of ideas
3 within our conversations, but unless we actually make a
4 motion and direct staff to implement these ideas, there's
5 no clarity in that, right? So with the appointment
6 system, we've had, you know, robust conversations of what
7 we would envision it to look like. Obviously, it's not
8 going to be as intense and fine-tuned as Disneyland, but
9 you know what, we can get there one day or another.

10 So at this point, I really want us to focus on the
11 conversation at hand of do we want an appointment system
12 or do we not? And staff has outlined in that document
13 that is posted online titled Draft Considerations for
14 June 10th, 2021 Public Input Meeting. In that table they
15 have outlined what the realities for the June 10th
16 appointment system would look like.

17 And I would specifically want to draw your attention
18 to the second bullet point, the second hollow bullet
19 point that says appointments will be assigned to a
20 seventy- to ninety-minute time block. So the system that
21 we have currently won't say, hey, you show up at 2:05 and
22 you speak until 2:10. You'll have a seventy- to ninety-
23 minute time block to show up. So the question is, do we
24 want to go with such an appointment system or do we want
25 to go the route of, you know, our traditional business

1 meetings where we just open the line up and then just
2 call folks up one at a time? And I'll lean on Marcy to
3 elaborate some more on the research that they -- the
4 staff has done to put together this document and
5 recommendation.

6 MS. KAPLAN: And just one additional thing to note
7 is that we folks would be able to choose that time slot
8 based on openings. So if it's, like, 9 to 10:30, there's
9 X amount of appointments that are basically outlined in
10 the agenda document, time slots available. And then
11 there's the next block of time.

12 And so they vary a little because we have the intro
13 of the Commission meeting so some of the slots may not be
14 the full ninety minutes to accommodate for breaks. But
15 essentially, someone would sign up for a time, they would
16 receive a link, they would then come into the meeting and
17 would not necessarily be in an exact order. So they
18 would do a hand raise once they're in the meeting; it
19 does narrow down the time frame. So instead of having to
20 wait the full day, they're waiting seventy to ninety
21 minutes. And so that's the capacity that we have for
22 June 10th. Unlikely -- so I think just in order to set
23 something up for this meeting, that's what we have
24 capacity for, and not a three-minute slot like
25 Commissioner Ahmad had noted.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: And I think we really do need a
2 decision on this item just because the document also
3 outlines that -- the hope is to release the link two
4 weeks prior to the first COI input meeting, and two weeks
5 prior is this Thursday, so that folks can actually get in
6 there and sign up. So us giving direction to staff today
7 would give them until Thursday to get that system up and
8 running and start advertising it.

9 So with that, I had Commissioner Sinay in the queue
10 for discussion on this item before break, so I wanted to
11 go back to her.

12 And then Commissioner Fernandez.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm stuck between two places
14 right -- okay. So what I was going to say before this
15 was I think we keep -- there is a -- we keep saying
16 "costs" and we mean the -- all of us, because we've all
17 said it at different times -- and there's costs and
18 accessibility. And I think sometimes -- we've never
19 really said, okay, when it comes to accessibility, that
20 is more important than cost or whatnot. But I feel like
21 we often have that tension and we've had it twice today
22 just as we're thinking through, do we stay in the
23 meetings past -- until 8, even if it's over, and then
24 we've had it again when we're talking about interpreters
25 and if we can group them, then we'll save money.

1 And I would fall in the camp that if we're making
2 things more accessible, then it's worth the investment of
3 funding and of cost. And there may be other places --
4 you know, we've been pretty frugal along the way on a lot
5 of stuff. But I would encourage us not to limit
6 accessibility because of costs.

7 On your question, Isra, about -- sorry, Chair Ahmad,
8 about bullet number 2, I think even though we can't do
9 exactly a three-minute book like we would like, I think
10 that assigning to a seventy- to ninety-minute block is
11 better for the public than signing up for an eight-hour
12 block. So I would recommend that we do continue and move
13 forward with the system that we have found.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I would concur that I
16 would agree with that. At least a seventy to ninety
17 minute is better than a six-hour time frame, potentially,
18 to think of. But I also want to ensure that past June
19 10th, that staff's continuing to look at appointment
20 systems that can maybe narrow down those blocks, like
21 maybe thirty minute blocks or even, you know, three-
22 minute, six-minutes blocks would be great, too, because
23 if we're going to open up time slots two weeks prior to
24 meetings -- public input meetings, that's coming up --
25 they'll be coming up very quickly. So I just want to

1 make sure that we continue to do -- or research how we
2 can implement that. Thank you.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other questions or comments at
4 this time?

5 Yes, Commissioner Le Mons?

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Just a clarity question,
7 because I missed something. So we have an appointment
8 system, but the window is seventy minutes and not the
9 three minutes? I'm sorry, I missed something. So yeah,
10 so if somebody could just explain that part to me, how
11 that works.

12 CHAIR AHMAD: Marcy.

13 MS. KAPLAN: So just given the time constraint and
14 finding something that we can essentially utilize as
15 something that we have access to already as a Commission
16 that's easy for staff to just build out as, like, a sign-
17 up form. This is a proposition for -- or recommendation
18 just for June 10th. I think we have been researching
19 other types of systems and had conversations.

20 And so one, it's like actually finding something
21 that will give us that more narrowed-down time and also
22 just the feasibility of, like, how long it will take to
23 implement and bring on for the continued meeting. So I
24 think we really were trying to focus -- staff were
25 directed, can you come back at this meeting today and

1 come with a recommendation for some sort of appointment
2 system. This is an appointment system. An appointment
3 sign-up, I guess if you want to say, it's not really a
4 system, an appointment sign-up option that's feasible for
5 the June 10th meeting.

6 And then I think this is where you -- where we,
7 staff, can look at options, but essentially this is
8 something that could be implemented for June 10 should
9 you want to have this type of system. That's the right
10 word.

11 So and then if I -- if you need me to clarify more,
12 it's essentially like -- if we open up that agenda
13 document it might be easier. Like let's say how it had
14 split up public input slots. So there's the first --
15 we're working within time frames where the Commission
16 needs to take breaks also. So we grouped those time
17 slots around the breaks. And so the first one is seventy
18 minutes. We timed out, if you're looking at three
19 minutes per person with the two-minute transition
20 estimate for this first meeting, that gives you, I don't
21 remember, it was fourteen slots or something, we would
22 allow for this sign-up form to have fourteen spaces open
23 and then it would close once there's the fourteen. And
24 then on the back end we would get what we need to then
25 give these people -- give the public a way to then, the

1 day before or -- I think probably the day before or
2 something, to then come into the meeting.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

4 And then Yee.

5 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So I think I get it. So the
6 fourteen slots is the -- fourteen spots, I call, I want a
7 spot, I might be number 1 or I might be number 13?

8 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: But I won't know until day
10 of?

11 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay.

13 MS. KAPLAN: But at least -- yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'm clear. Thank you.

15 MS. KAPLAN: Okay.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Yee.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: So I would know the day of,
18 though, I would know I'm earlier or later?

19 MS. KAPLAN: You would know, like, if you got a slot
20 that you would have that block of time. When you're in
21 the meeting, I think it will likely be a hand raising.
22 So you would come in to your slot and then folks would
23 raise their hand. And then that would be the order that
24 Kristian and his team would go in utilizing the names
25 that they have.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: So it's first come, first serve
2 within the block?

3 MS. KAPLAN: I believe that may be our only option
4 in order to have a system on the other -- on the side for
5 VSS (ph.) and their team to be able to organize this.
6 And so we can look into that, but I understand that we
7 will want to communicate that should it be a first come,
8 first serve once you come in.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. So people know.

10 MS. KAPLAN: And we'll communicate that. Yeah.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sorry, Marcy, I'm just
13 trying to understand. So would each time block have a
14 different call-in number? Or are you going to confirm
15 that those fourteen people, based on the last four digits
16 of their number, are the fourteen that you have? Does
17 that make sense? Like, how are you going to ensure that
18 the --

19 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah. So that would be the info that
20 they're providing. There's a -- like, just logistically,
21 we went through this with Kristian on -- I don't if you
22 need me to go into the details how we can assign an ID
23 for someone based on what they're submitting. And that
24 is --

25 MS. JOHNSTON: Marcy, it's not a call-in number, is

1 it? It's they're listed somehow on a sheet so if they
2 actually appear.

3 MR. MANOFF: So just to answer that question from a
4 technical standpoint, basically they would be logging in
5 to a Zoom meeting. Their name that they provided at the
6 time of registration would appear.

7 If they called in, then we would need to know the
8 phone number. And we know that calling in is always an
9 option.

10 CHAIR AHMAD: So at this point, the question is
11 based off of the proposal that Marcy has brought forward
12 on what is feasible for June 10th, is this something the
13 Commission wants to direct staff to act on and implement
14 for the June 10th meeting? And that is the question that
15 we need to come to a consensus on, or not consensus,
16 whichever way we are feeling.

17 Yes, Commissioner Le Mons, and then Fernandez.

18 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I was going to offer
19 up a motion if you're ready, Chair. Do I make the --

20 CHAIR AHMAD: You have the authority to do so, yes,
21 sir.

22 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay. I move that we adopt
23 the proposed appointment program that's been presented by
24 staff for the June 10th meeting as proposed.

25 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I second that.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Discussion. I see Commissioner
2 Fernandez.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I support the motion. I
4 guess my only concern, and it's not -- has nothing to do
5 with what we're talking about, which with -- for the June
6 10th, but my concern is the June 10th meeting,
7 everything's being done for the June 10th meeting, and
8 then what about the June 19th meeting, which is less than
9 two weeks after the June 10th meeting and we don't have a
10 business meeting until the 16th of June, right?

11 What's going to happen to that COI input meeting
12 date if we're not going to have time to regroup and
13 decide what we're going to do with that meeting? I guess
14 I'm getting a little nervous about that piece of it. But
15 I'm fine with the motion. Thank you.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Alvaro.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. So what I have asked our staff
18 to do is create a repeatable process. So though we are
19 planning for the June 10th meeting, what we are planning
20 is something that we can implement and move forward as a
21 repeatable process for the upcoming meetings.

22 And as we see or as we determine what system, if we
23 decide to go to a system, we'll implement that system at
24 that time. But the whole plan for this June 10th meeting
25 is to create this repeatable process that we would then

1 implement for the next meeting and so forth and so forth.

2 So in the time being, this system that we're talking
3 about, pseudo-system I would call it, is what we would
4 use for the June 18th meeting. And until we get
5 something on board that is more precise that we're
6 talking about, a system that is more precise, we will
7 continue to use this format. If that adds any clarity to
8 the question or to the issue.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Turner.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And I would
11 imagine the only caveat to that is if for whatever
12 reason, the system was a total bust, it just did not
13 work, total confusion, and at which case, perhaps right
14 before the chair adjourns, the meeting would simply state
15 we would just be accepting public comment old-fashioned
16 way, first come, first serve. Because we want time to
17 implement into the system.

18 So it will either be continue it -- I'm just
19 thinking if it was definitely detrimental to the meeting,
20 we have to leave ourselves an option to just take public
21 comment the following meeting without an appointment
22 system, is what I would imagine.

23 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

24 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I concur with that. I'm
25 wondering if we need something a little more -- yeah, we

1 can -- maybe that should be a part of the motion is that
2 that's at the discretion of the chair. Because if it is
3 a bust, how do we determine that it's a bust? Some of us
4 might think it was a bust, some of us might not.

5 So maybe if -- I'd be willing to amend the motion,
6 because I am concerned with what I just heard in terms of
7 it going beyond the 10th. Not that I'm anticipating it
8 not working, it's just if we're making the motion
9 specific to the 10th, we're kind of boxing ourselves in.
10 So I would prefer to amend the motion some way.

11 So I would amend it to say -- I forgot what I said,
12 but the chair would have the discretion to sunset the
13 appointment system or process if the chair deemed it was
14 ineffective, until we're able to revisit a new process.
15 Something along those lines.

16 Is that okay, Chair?

17 CHAIR AHMAD: Is that me? Yeah, yeah, that's
18 totally fine.

19 And I'm also thinking about, you know, along the
20 lines of what Commissioner Turner brought up and what you
21 just said about boxing ourselves into the 10th, we did
22 approve the agenda for the 10th, but in reality, the
23 agenda is set by the chair. And the agenda for the COI
24 input meeting was brought to this full Commission so that
25 we can get that agreement ahead of time.

1 So unless the agenda is, like, completely not
2 working out for some reason, the chair would have the
3 responsibility to set the agenda for the 19th COI input
4 meeting as well, right? Is that -- am I understanding it
5 correctly from a legal standpoint and from a process
6 standpoint even?

7 MR. PANE: Yes --

8 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

9 MR. PANE: -- that's correct.

10 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes --

11 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay.

12 CHAIR AHMAD: -- Commission --

13 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'm sorry.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Oh, okay.

15 Commissioner Sadhwani.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I mean, I'm
17 appreciating this conversation so much. I'm wondering,
18 do we just want to schedule a short debrief meeting? I
19 mean, unfortunately, we're meeting the day prior to June
20 10th. I mean, if we could switch those days, it would be
21 even better. But do we want to just have, like, a short
22 two-hour meeting to just debrief and see what worked,
23 what didn't, and what adjustments can we make before our
24 next -- the next input meeting? We still have time to
25 book that.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: We certainly do. The -- we do have a
2 full Commission meeting, if needed, on the calendar for
3 June 16th. I don't know what items folks have to bring
4 forward for subcommittee report-outs, but I anticipate
5 that meeting will be very heavily focused on the first
6 COI input meeting.

7 But if we need an additional meeting outside of that
8 time, please raise that so we can schedule that as
9 needed.

10 Yes, Commissioner Fornaciari.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So we do have a two-hour
12 public input design meeting tentatively set for the 14th
13 that -- where we were going to -- as a design committee
14 review the outcome of the meeting, and we could redirect
15 that to more of a full Commission meeting to spend that
16 time sort of reviewing how the first one went, and that
17 would give us at least a few days to make some tweaks.

18 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So I was going to say with
20 that, I don't think I need to amend the motion, if we go
21 in that direction. So it's just a question of -- so I
22 guess I'll wait to amend. If we go in that direction, I
23 don't have to. If we don't want that direction, I will.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fornaciari, are you
25 proposing that the public input design committee not meet

1 on the 14th and rather we meet as a full group on the
2 16th?

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No, I was proposing that
4 we meet on the 14th as a full group to take that time.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Unfortunately, we missed the deadline
6 of fourteen days post the agenda for the full Commission
7 meeting to be held on -- no, we didn't. Just kidding.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We have until the 3rd.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, we do. We do. Okay, so if folks
10 are okay with that, we can push that date over. But I
11 know that gets into agenda 14 of future meeting dates, so
12 I don't know if we want to hold off on that conversation
13 or if that is going to be very pertinent to the motion on
14 the floor.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I vote that we leave it to
16 the Chair's discretion.

17 CHAIR AHMAD: It's too much discretion, you guys.

18 Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Just so I don't tie this
20 motion to that date, I'll just add the discretion and the
21 discretion is there. So I'll amend my motion to include
22 how we move forward with the process post the 10th to be
23 left to the Chair's discretion.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Is there a second?

25 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: My second remains.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Oh.

2 Discussion? All right.

3 Katy, can we open the floor for public comment on
4 this item, on the motion on the floor?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can, Chair.

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7 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
8 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
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16 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
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18 says, "the host would like you to talk", and to press
19 star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your name,
20 please state and spell it for the record. You are not
21 required to provide your name to give public comment.

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23 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
24 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
25 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn on

1 the livestream volume.

2 The Commission is taking public comment on the
3 motion that is on the floor at this time in relation to
4 the public input meetings.

5 And we have no one in the queue at this time.

6 Chair, I believe Marian has her hand up.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Marian. You're on mute.

8 MS. JOHNSTON: I pressed the wrong button; I didn't
9 mean to raise my hand. Sorry.

10 CHAIR AHMAD: No worries.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And the instructions are
12 complete on the stream, Chair.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: All right. I believe we are ready for
14 roll call for the vote.

15 MR. HERNDANDEZ: If I may, Chair, just repeat the
16 motion. The motion to adopt the proposed appointment
17 system process for the June 10th public input meeting and
18 leave to the discretion of the Chair on how to move
19 forward with the system -- with the process. Is that
20 somewhat accurate?

21 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons.

22 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah, I think I would just
23 add leave to the discretion of Chair how to move forward
24 with the process post the 10th.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: The process post --

1 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah, post June 10th.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Post --

3 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Is that (audio interference)?

4 Yeah.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: You okay with that,

7 Commissioner Taylor?

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Absolutely.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: All right. Thank you.

10 And we'll proceed to the vote.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: PM, Alvaro.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. It defaults to a.m. I

13 tell you.

14 All right. Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 Commissioner Andersen.

16 Commissioner Fernandez.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

23 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

4 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

10 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

12 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmad.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Alvaro.

17 Marcy, I know there's two more items that you all
18 need clarity on. I'm seeing the video or nonvideo
19 discussion.

20 So based off of all of the conversations that we've
21 had as a group regarding displaying videos for our public
22 commenters through the Zoom platform, we need clarity on
23 whether we are going to go with that route or not so that
24 we can provide direction to staff to either set up for
25 that or not to set up for that. So I welcome discussion.

1 Yes, Commissioner Turner.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I just wanted to clarify,
3 which video? This is the presentation video?

4 CHAIR AHMAD: I'm sorry. The video for seeing the
5 person who's giving the comment.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, okay.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Their webcam video.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Sinay.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just wanted to say I had a
11 great point at some point last night, and now I have no
12 clue what it was. But yeah. I'm sure we all have had
13 those -- have --

14 CHAIR AHMAD: So we've had a number of
15 conversations.

16 So Commissioner Fernandez, and then Le Mons.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And just for clarification,
18 this is video in terms of being able to see them provide
19 their input, correct?

20 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: As if I was a member of the public,
23 right? We would be able to see.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I know there's
25 security issues with that. So I guess in my opinion, I

1 would opt to not have the video because it's providing
2 some security issues that would come with that.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons.

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Can -- yeah, I was wondering
5 about -- I'll piggyback it off our conversation -- yeah,
6 whatever those security concerns, I think we've resolved
7 them, I guess, because it -- yeah, I guess that's my
8 question, is this even a question based upon the
9 potential security risks? Yeah.

10 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Alvaro.

11 And then Commissioner Sadhwani, and then Yee.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: More than anything, we just want to
13 make sure we're clear and we're not -- we being the
14 staff -- that were not being asked to still consider that
15 as an option. So that's where we want the clarity that
16 we're not going to do it so we stop going down that path.

17 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sadhwani, and then Yee,
18 and then Sinay.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So I was not under the
20 impression that we were canceling the videos. I continue
21 to support the videos. And I think let's see how it
22 goes. June 10th is our opportunity to test this out. I
23 think we can have certain protocols in place should
24 things go awry. And we'll continue to monitor that as we
25 move forward.

1 I think it's fair to say that a big concern would be
2 Zoom bombing, where people presenting something that is
3 inappropriate. And I would say let's put our faith in
4 Californians until we can't, because I think we've
5 discussed in the past the pros of being able to see folks
6 who want to be seen, right? And there will certainly be
7 some who want to call in and not have their cameras on,
8 and that's okay, too. But I think at least starting out
9 with the videos is certainly something I support.

10 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Yee, and then Sinay.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, I'm generally in favor of
12 allowing videos. I myself would even consider allowing
13 screen sharing. But that's pretty risky.

14 I'm wondering if Kristian could review for us the
15 pros and cons and maybe even does he have a
16 recommendation?

17 MR. MANOFF: Certainly. Just a second. So from a
18 pro standpoint, we can offer the Commission the ability
19 for people to enable their video. So that's pretty cool
20 that we can do that. That would be in addition to
21 providing an interactive conversation with the mapper in
22 real time. So it would enhance that conversation. That
23 would be a pro.

24 The con would be is that once somebody's video is
25 enabled, they're in control of that space. With the

1 guidance of the Chair and anybody that the Chair
2 deputizes, we could have a set of criteria for dealing
3 with times that the video was considered inappropriate by
4 the Chair.

5 I'm confident that we could have -- we've got a
6 great team and we would have a lot of eyes on it. Is
7 that a recommendation? I don't know. I'm willing to
8 give it a shot and -- if that's what you all want to do.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I still am very for having the
11 video. And as Commissioner Sadhwani said, people can opt
12 not to be seen. But I think as this process moves on and
13 we may go live, as much as we can make it similar -- I
14 mean, to me it's -- I really appreciated what
15 Commissioner Taylor -- I definitely understand the con.
16 But I do, I trust Californians until we don't. And I
17 just think that the pros make it worthwhile.

18 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you for your comment.

19 And we've had discussions about the video in the
20 past and allowing -- video being seen, but what we're
21 really looking for right now is that clear direction to
22 staff to actually enable that for June 10th, given all of
23 the discussions that we've had prior in a number of
24 meetings, both public input design and full CRC meetings.

25 So if folks are ready -- yes, Marcy?

1 MS. KAPLAN: Just want to add one note that's in
2 this document, that video could be capable for people
3 with appointments. Someone who is calling in at the end
4 of the day will not be able to call in -- come in via
5 video, and they will need to call in.

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Sinay?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I make a motion that we do
8 direct staff to use video as part of the June 10th
9 community of interest input meeting, and if it works, I
10 guess the June 18th community of interest meeting, or do
11 you want just for the 10th?

12 CHAIR AHMAD: I think we would need clarity on what
13 "if it works" means, as that might be differently
14 perceived by different folks, so.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, depending on what the
16 conversation is -- okay. Let's just -- I guess
17 everything's up in the air until we have the meeting on
18 the 14th, if we have the meeting on the 14th. So let's
19 just go forward.

20 I move that we have video accessibility for those
21 providing input at the community of interest public
22 meetings.

23 CHAIR AHMAD: Is there a second to that motion?

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Second.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Seconded by Commissioner

1 Sadhwani.

2 Discussion? Commissioner Le Mons, and then Kennedy.

3 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I just have a clarity
4 question based on Director Kaplan's comment whether
5 Commissioner Sinay's motion is for both appointment
6 holders as well as open sessions at the end?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: My thought it was whatever is
8 doable. I kind of left it ambiguous on purpose. I know
9 for right now, we're saying that it can only be for those
10 who have appointments, but maybe some miracle happens
11 between now and June 18th and we can do it for everybody.

12 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Kennedy?

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Pass. Commissioner Le Mons
14 made my point.

15 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other discussion on the motion on
16 the floor?

17 Katy, can we open public comment for the motion on
18 the floor to allow video capabilities and implement video
19 capabilities for the COI input meetings?

20 Right, Commissioner Sinay?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Okay. Yes, I can.

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23 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
24 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
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14 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
15 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
16 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn
17 down the livestream volume.

18 The Commission is taking public comment on a motion
19 on the floor in regards to video during the COI, or
20 community input -- community of interest, input meetings.
21 There you go.

22 And there is no one in the queue at this time.

23 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy.

24 While we wait, Commissioner Kennedy, I saw your hand
25 up?

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. So I was, on the
2 basis of Commissioner Le Mons's point, if I could offer
3 an amendment that this apply to those individuals with
4 appointments. That we don't ask the staff to do the
5 impossible by setting up video access for those without
6 appointments.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I agree. I was keeping the
9 flexibility in case another system was found, or
10 something is found, but yes. I'm not asking for -- yeah.
11 To do the impossible.

12 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay, I just wanted to
13 clarify, are you changing your motion at all, or -- okay.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The instructions are
15 complete on the stream, Chair.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: All right. Alvaro, we're ready for a
17 vote.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. So let me get that set up.
19 And I want to make sure I confirm the motion. There we
20 go. So the motion is to have video accessibility for the
21 June 10th COI public input meeting and apply to those who
22 sign up for an appointment.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, I didn't put that second
24 part.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: That was the amendment that was

1 being discussed. So not include that amendment?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I had left it open in
3 case -- yeah. Okay. We can leave that. My thought was
4 I was leaving it open in case we did find something that
5 would work for those who had appointment and those who
6 didn't have appointment.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. My mistake. I can remove
8 that.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Also, the second is by
10 Commissioner Sadhwani.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Oh, thank you. So the motion is
12 accurate as it stands now?

13 Motion to have video accessibility for June 10th COI
14 public input meeting. And we'll begin the vote.

15 Commissioner Akutagawa.

16 Commissioner Andersen.

17 Commissioner Fernandez.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

24 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo. Commissioner
7 Toledo.

8 CHAIR AHMAD: He stepped out.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Turner.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

12 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

14 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmad.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

18 CHAIR AHMAD: All right. The last item for agenda
19 item number 11 that we need a decision on so we can
20 direct staff is regarding attachments.

21 Marcy, I will let you lead this conversation.

22 MS. KAPLAN: Thank you. So this is under the
23 assumption that we are not going to allow screen sharing
24 for participants. So I think if we can do a thumbs up
25 acknowledgment on that and then move into attachments?

1 And so there's a few reasons that we are not
2 recommending attachments. Just the logistics around
3 getting the -- compiling the attachments, and then
4 getting them over to our -- the assess team, and also to
5 the line drawers team to then be able to bring them up.
6 So I think there's the logistical side. There's
7 additional timing side of that it could take to do that
8 upload.

9 What we did note in this document was separately
10 from an attachment, there is the submission ID for the
11 COI tool. And so it was not clear on the timing of
12 whether with the Airtable setup would be finalized for
13 the June 10th meeting. So we noted that as a possibility
14 for a future meeting, but not necessarily a
15 recommendation for the June 10th meeting to also, in
16 people's registration form, to allow them to note their
17 submission ID, which may be an easier process for the
18 line drawers to bring up during the meeting versus
19 getting all the attachments somewhere for them to then
20 cull through the attachments and match them with the --
21 with whoever is speaking at that time period. So it just
22 could cause some additional time in the transition from
23 speaker to speaker. So that was just a little bit of the
24 background to help make that decision.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Questions and/or discussion on this?

1 Yes, Commissioner Sinay?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think I'm confused on what
3 the question is.

4 MS. KAPLAN: So recommending yes for attachments or
5 no for attachments. And so staff is recommending no for
6 those reasons I pointed out. And that the public could
7 still submit an attachment to the Voters FIRST Act email
8 or through the COI tool. And so it would run similar to
9 the meetings -- the dry run we did today, where there
10 were no attachments and the line drawers had a map up,
11 and folks used the line drawers to point out their area.

12 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner, and then Sinay?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Director Kaplan,
14 you may have already said this, but say it again one more
15 time. So someone that will be calling in, of course, if
16 they've already completed a COI, they'll have a COI
17 number. They'll be able to tell us that ahead of time.
18 But this is in case someone is calling in, but they've
19 created something separate, different, whatever, and they
20 may want to bring it with them to their phone appointment
21 or to their --

22 MS. KAPLAN: Yes. Or their video appointment.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And they would want us to then
24 be able to match it with them and screen share?

25 MS. KAPLAN: So essentially, we're -- if we don't

1 allow attendee screen sharing as a security protocol,
2 this would then fall on staff to consolidate attachments,
3 associate with them with the speaker, and ensure that the
4 line drawer and the VSS team have those to then upload
5 and display them as that specific speaker that's
6 associated to that document is up. So there's just a lot
7 of additional logistics around that that could also cause
8 more of a transitional delay during the actual input
9 meeting.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Got it.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay, Le Mons, and then
12 Sadhwani. And then Turner.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Go ahead and skip me.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Le Mons, and then Sadhwani.

15 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I support not accepting
16 attachments. However, encouraging the speaker -- so the
17 speaker participating in the live experience using the
18 maps that the line drawer puts up so they can, if they
19 want to have that reference point and talk to us from
20 that point of view, and then follow up by submitting
21 their attachment, like if they have a copy or something
22 that they want to give us, to still send that to us, but
23 we're just not able to make that document live in the
24 moment. So I think we should still encourage people to,
25 if they have gone through the trouble of creating

1 something, to submit it to us, and I think at that point,
2 we should be able to attach it to them after the fact.

3 Would that be fair?

4 MS. KAPLAN: I think that that's a process that we
5 are looking at in terms of notes that will be taken on
6 the public input and the -- I don't have all the
7 background of that, but I -- sorry. I couldn't have
8 spoken because I don't have the -- I think that someone
9 else on staff may be able to. I think we could look into
10 that. Sorry. I'm going to go on mute now.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sadhwani, and then
12 Turner.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. I completely agree
14 with Commissioner Le Mons. I don't think that we have to
15 view the document, or whatever it is that they -- that
16 folks want to show us at that point in time, because
17 technologically, it's just too complicated, but I do want
18 to make sure on the back end, and I think this is where
19 the data manager comes in, if and when we have that
20 person, that that testimony, that might also be emailed
21 separate from a public testimony, that those get matched
22 together.

23 One of the things we've talked about is that we want
24 to assess all of our public input and think about the
25 quantity, the volume of input. So if we're thinking

1 about that in just like a simple spreadsheet, right, if
2 these pieces are coming in separately, one person might
3 ultimately generate, like, three different lines within
4 that spreadsheet. So if we're thinking about the
5 quantity of input that we've received from a specific
6 area and saying, oh, we've gotten a lot, or we haven't
7 had that much, but several of those pieces are all from
8 one person, then that's not going to be very informative.
9 So I do think on the back end, once that data manager is
10 in place, that we need to be able to connect those pieces
11 for that larger analysis that we would want to be able to
12 do. So I support the staff recommendation, but I think
13 this is a piece that we would want to continue to work on
14 as we bring on that data manager.

15 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Definitely support
17 the staff recommendation. When it's time, I'd like to
18 make a motion that we accept the staff recommendation,
19 and I want to state that there still are other pieces
20 that we're going to have to feel our way through. So of
21 course, once someone submits through the community of
22 interest tool, there is an assigned designator, that
23 person can have that, or print it out and come into the
24 meeting without any attachments and talk about whatever,
25 and we would be able to then attach them to what they've

1 already done. If they did not utilize our COI tool, or
2 if they used the Districtr, or something else that
3 they're using, and if they just show up before the
4 Commission and give public testimony about whatever they
5 want to say, I'm wondering what that looks like for them
6 to then later go in.

7 There is not a process that I'm aware of yet that
8 would allow them to attach their brand new testimony to
9 something that's going to happen in retrospect. And so I
10 still think that it is cumbersome. I think it will take
11 additional time for us to try to match up and bring up
12 all of the additional attachments. So I agree with the
13 proposal here, but I think that we have to work out some
14 more pieces with post COI input based on them just
15 showing up, giving public testimony.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay, and then Kennedy.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm kind of -- I'm struggling
18 on this when I understand why staff is saying this, and
19 it is one of the reasons why I thought it was too early
20 maybe to do some of this. I keep going back to kind of
21 all testimony is -- all input is important, be it
22 written, be it at our meeting, be it -- however it's
23 submitted, it's important. We keep talking about COIs,
24 and I'm kind of concerned that those people who have COIs
25 are going to demand more of our attention, just we will

1 pay more attention to them because they have COIs, and
2 I'm wondering if it just speeds up the process, if we
3 know that there's a COI, and we attach it to the
4 testimony, but we don't have to pull up the COI at that
5 moment, so that the process is equal across everybody
6 who's presenting to us.

7 And then, my other question, and these are minutiae
8 that probably staff needs to ask the line drawers, but if
9 each speaker is going to have a number, and each COI has
10 a number, is there a way that we can use those numbers
11 interchangeably? So a speaker's number is their COI
12 number, and that -- if they already have a COI, and if
13 they're a speaker, is there any way that that speaker
14 number can be used as a COI number later?

15 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Kennedy, and then Alvaro.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. I support the
17 staff recommendation. The one thing that I want to
18 highlight is if we expect people to have their COI tool
19 submission number in front of them, that's going to take
20 some education. I don't think we can count on people
21 having that in front of them. So we're going to need
22 to -- going to need to do this outreach on that. Thank
23 you.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Alvaro?

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. So we did have a conversation

1 with the line drawers in this regard, and this is
2 something that we'll have to work out with the data
3 manager as well. And the COI number is an identifier
4 provided or created by the COI tool, so we can't create a
5 separate COI number. That's a COI number exclusive for
6 the COI tool. We are going to create a number for the
7 public input, so there'll be the date, 001, or 002, and
8 so forth, for us to be able to map and connect any
9 attachments to them. And we're not saying we're not
10 going to accept the attachments, we're just not going to
11 be displaying them. So those attachments would have that
12 same reference number that we can then, if it's input
13 into the COI tool, put that reference number included in
14 there, or in our Airtable, have that number and reference
15 connected to a COI submission that has the same number.

16 So there's a lot that needs to happen in the back
17 end for us that we would have to do, the data manager and
18 so forth, but there is a way to connect that attachment,
19 that public input together. And we're not saying that --
20 again, we're not saying that we're not going to accept
21 it. We're just not going to display it during the public
22 input meeting. So they can attach it, and we would be
23 able to collect that information. Thank you.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And maybe Alvaro

1 said what I wanted to ask about the reference number for
2 an individual that's giving their public testimony. A
3 reference number will be assigned. We will internally
4 have that. I'm wondering, are we giving that to the
5 speaker so that when they leave that space, they're
6 actually able, should they choose, to enter that
7 reference number into the COI tool?

8 Short of that, I'm wondering what is the process
9 that would match my public testimony, because I can have
10 multiple COIs, and if I -- or the same, whatever it is
11 I'm trying to describe, and then go home into a computer
12 and submit my COI without me having the reference number
13 and putting it into my notes, I'm still don't know how
14 we're saying we're going to match reference numbers with
15 input that was received in retrospect.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Other thoughts?

17 Yes, Commissioner Yee.

18 VICE CHAIR YEE: I think the best case scenario is
19 when somebody has already done a COI map, has noted the
20 number, if the appointment system allows them to include
21 that number in their appointment request, and it all
22 comes up the day of, staff can call up their map ahead of
23 time. They have it all ready for them right when their
24 moment comes, and away we go. That's the best case.

25 The harder case is, indeed, if somebody does

1 testify, and then later submits the COI map, how do we
2 back-associate that with them? If they do have their
3 testimony number, at least we could have some reference,
4 I guess, but it's also not the case that their map, that
5 map would actually exactly match what they said that day,
6 even, you know? We don't know. So that is a lot more
7 cumbersome.

8 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons?

9 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So I guess the idea is to
10 connect people to their various forms of testimony. The
11 COI tool is a form of testimony, the verbal in front of
12 us, talking to us, elaborating, or saying something
13 completely different even, maybe, since they did the COI,
14 but connecting all of the input from that particular
15 Californian together, to the degree that we can. So I
16 think what Director Kaplan was talking about is the
17 attachments and being able to real time, as Alvaro
18 outlined, and so my concern or desire was that -- and I'm
19 clear that we're not saying we won't accept it. The
20 question is, can we connect it? And it sounds like you
21 guys have some ideas about how to maybe do that.

22 And the same thing with Commissioner Turner's point.
23 If I come as a Californian and give testimony, then I
24 decide that I want to go and do a COI tool after, which I
25 can identify or label, right, then we probably

1 shouldn't -- we should be transparent and say if you want
2 this testimony tied to a COI that you create after the
3 fact, please include your testimony reference number, and
4 we make sure that we actually do supply that to the
5 person. So that's about a feedback loop, and there's a
6 whole process that would need to go into that. But our
7 goal, I think, is to tie all forms of testimony, which
8 would be multiple, from one person together.

9 Is that what we're trying to accomplish? So that we
10 know -- yeah. I think that's what we're trying to
11 accomplish.

12 CHAIR AHMAD: In a perfect world, if I may, that
13 would be nice, but this is a classic data management
14 problem, right? How do we ensure that someone from the
15 public enters in the correct reference number on either
16 way, right, of their COI input or their live input? And
17 how do we ensure that the correct COI input is matched
18 with the correct Californian without any identifiable
19 information, which we are not collecting either? So I
20 guess it's the beauty of the messiness of democracy. I
21 don't know.

22 Commissioner Turner.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I was going to say, I
24 think all that's right on, but then the other way to
25 think about it is is does it have to be connected? So if

1 they are spot on and create the exact same thing they
2 talked about, it's just going to be layered, as Karin
3 mentioned earlier, on top -- one on top of the other. We
4 know people can submit multiple COIs. We've encouraged
5 that, talked to them about it.

6 So I don't -- I'm wondering at this point, even if
7 it is crucial, critical, what is the fallout if it
8 doesn't get connected? Again, it's a nice to know, but
9 we don't have to use real names, all of the other -- all
10 of the above. I think where we can connect it, great,
11 and where we cannot, I don't think it's detrimental. We
12 still want the information, and it's still good data.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Vazquez.

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. That was basically
15 going to be my point, in that we're not creating a system
16 of votes, right? And we're not not trying to make sure
17 that people don't have, like, multiple bites at the
18 apple. Like, we're not trying to reduce input. We're
19 trying to paint a picture, and in many cases, more data
20 is a fuller picture, and sometimes, more data is just --
21 there's a signal to noise ratio.

22 And I'm guessing if -- I'm guessing if the same
23 person is submitting similar-ish input in multiple
24 avenues, that's just going to clarify a signal around
25 certain boundaries, and if they're submitting slightly

1 different things at different points, again, it could be
2 noise, or it could be signal based on what other folks
3 are also inputting. So I'm a little less concerned
4 about, like, tying specific testimony together per
5 person.

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons, and then Sinay.

7 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Thanks for that perspective,
8 Commissioner Vazquez and Turner, because it got me really
9 kind of pondering the idea, because I was thinking about
10 it through the lens of the richness of that individual's
11 story, not anything other than that. Just I drew it, I
12 talked about it, I decided I was going to free hand draw
13 it, too, and then you put it all together, and just
14 really got this rich insight into my perspective.

15 So I was looking at it purely through that lens, but
16 in hearing the two of you speak, I go, well, you don't
17 necessarily lose that, I guess, if it's not tied to the
18 individual, and therefore, maybe that is a signal that we
19 don't need to overcomplicate it for ourselves from a
20 system point of view, that the richness of the story will
21 be rich because it will just be all of this different
22 data, period, whether it's tied to an individual or not.
23 So okay. That was helpful. Thank you.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, that was helpful because

1 one of my notes that I never got - one of the questions I
2 had when we did the dry run that I never got to was Karin
3 had said, well, if we receive something twice, that's
4 fine. And I was like, wait, how's it fine? How is it --
5 and so now I can see why it's fine. And as you -- yeah,
6 it's painting right now -- a lot of this is painting.

7 I wanted to share a quote that -- I just went
8 through a lot of my notes in the last few days because I
9 was trying to put something together and someone had
10 said, let folks see the whole process and where we are
11 now. And that really struck me as we're thinking about
12 the script and stuff because it's we can -- how we
13 describe what we're doing right now, how all these
14 different pieces of communities of interest goes into the
15 map drawing, that's going to be really important in our
16 transparency and building that trust with the communities
17 that we keep mentioning.

18 And so I just -- if we're kind of -- we were kind of
19 struggling with this a little bit, it'd be just really
20 important in the script to kind of just explain how we're
21 painting this picture with everybody's input. And until
22 we get the data from the census, there will be no
23 drawing.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay, for
25 that. Are we ready to make a motion on whether we will

1 be accepting attachments or not during input meetings?

2 Commissioner Fernandez.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I move that we not accept
4 the -- we take the staff's recommendation of not
5 accepting attachments during our community of interest
6 public input meetings.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Second.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Seconded by Commissioner Sadhwani.
10 Discussion?

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6 it's your turn to speak. And again, please turn down the
7 livestream volume.

8 The Commission is taking public comment about the
9 motion on the floor in regards to not receiving
10 attachments for the June 10th public input meeting.

11 There is no one in the queue at this time.

12 And the instructions are complete, Chair, and there
13 is still no one in the queue at this time.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. While we wait in
15 case there's additional callers, or callers, for this
16 item, Commissioner Fernandez, would you please verify if
17 your motion reads correctly?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Then with that, I think we are ready
20 to vote.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll begin the vote.

22 Commissioner Akutagawa.

23 Commissioner Andersen.

24 Commissioner Fernandez.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Oh, not yet.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: I think --

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I got excited.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I was excited.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner. I mean --

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. Sorry. I jumped. I got
19 excited, too. Commissioner Taylor.

20 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo.

22 Commissioner Vazquez.

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

25 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmad.

2 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

4 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. I believe that were -- that
5 was all the items that we needed for public input design
6 committee report out. Thank you, Commissioner
7 Fornaciari, and thank you, colleagues, for your
8 collaboration on this.

9 Just so we have an idea of what the rest of the day
10 looks like, we do have a dinner break scheduled starting
11 at 6 p.m., and we have a few Commissioners who are in and
12 out until a little bit later. So we wouldn't be able to
13 take up the special vote item, which is item 9J, until
14 after we get back from dinner. So I just wanted to make
15 sure folks were aware of that.

16 So with that moving forward, item 9B, finance and
17 administration.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. We do
19 have one action item that will be a special vote. It has
20 to do with recommending moving forward with an outreach
21 manager position, so we'll have to hold off on that.

22 The other one is we posted the public comment during
23 Commission business meetings draft policy online.
24 Hopeful that the Commissioners had time to review the
25 policy. It was brought up during our last meeting in

1 terms of what to do when callers -- basically it stemmed
2 from what to do when callers come in when you have public
3 comment for a specific item in terms of what we're voting
4 for and what our process moving forward. So and expanded
5 it just a little bit more.

6 This is for our Commission business meetings, and a
7 lot of the language will look familiar -- or some of the
8 language will look familiar because it is posted on our
9 agendas in terms of our public comment. And what we also
10 did was to split out the two types of public comment.
11 One is for general, and those are normally the general
12 comments at the beginning of the day and towards the end
13 of the day. So they're just specific information saying
14 that normally we have general public comment shortly
15 after we open our meeting and then also towards -- at the
16 end of our open session for that day.

17 And then the other public comment is a specific when
18 we are calling for public comment prior to a vote of an
19 action item. And in there, basically what we drafted is
20 saying that if an individual is presenting comment not
21 related to the specific action item, the Chair will
22 advise the individual that the Commission is only
23 accepting comments for that specific item and then direct
24 them as to how they can submit their public comment, and
25 that could be either, you know, later on in the day or we

1 also noted down below there's other ways for them to
2 provide public comment.

3 And then I also put in there -- or we also put in
4 there that, at the Chair's discretion, if it's towards
5 the end of the day and sometimes this happens where it's
6 the last agenda -- or the last action item and it's also
7 going to be the end of the day, you could call for both
8 general public comment as well as specific comments all
9 at one time.

10 So Commissioner Fornaciari, is he -- did he leave
11 me? He left me. Okay. That's okay. Commissioner Le
12 Mons.

13 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: The only thing I didn't hear
14 in there was the after lunch one.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, Commissioner Le
16 Mons, our -- what's in our agenda, our actual agendas, if
17 you read it, it only notes that we will have public
18 comment at the start of the day and at the end of the day
19 and then at other times prior to a vote.

20 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: At the last meeting -- when
22 I was Chair, I only did it at the beginning of the day
23 and then also at the end of the day. I did not do it
24 after lunch. But again, I do have information in there
25 that it's at the Chair's discretion. They can always

1 call for public comment as they deem appropriate.

2 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

4 CHAIR AHMAD: You have a hand.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I do?

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner --

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, how'd I do that?

8 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Kennedy.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh. Commissioner Kennedy.
10 I'm sorry. Oh, on my -- okay. I'm sorry. I just
11 completely -- Commissioner Kennedy.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: If my memory serves me
13 correctly, way, way back -- and this may even have been,
14 like, September, October, way back -- there was some
15 discussion about lengthening the public comment period,
16 if not to three minutes at least two-and-a-half minutes.
17 And I just wanted to raise that to see if -- I guess to
18 get a sense of the group. If increasing the comment
19 period to two and a half at least, or perhaps three might
20 be useful.

21 I don't see that there are so many that that's going
22 to cause us any significant harm, and I do feel like it
23 would provide better opportunity for meaningful input
24 into the process. So again, I'm just bringing this back
25 up however many months later to see if there's any

1 interest in extending the period for public comment.

2 Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'll respond. I do
4 remember having that conversation, but as you noted,
5 Commissioner Kennedy, it wasn't a formal, I guess, action
6 at that point. And so we are -- we have stuck with the
7 two minutes. I guess my personal opinion, it seems like
8 two minutes seems to be appropriate so far in terms of
9 individuals getting their message across. Again, they
10 can also provide public comment via email if it's
11 something that's lengthier. There's other avenues, but
12 of course, open to what my fellow Commissioners would
13 like.

14 Commissioner Le Mons?

15 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I'm comfortable with
16 staying with two minutes. I think that having a
17 distinction between input -- for the input, we're doing
18 three minutes, which is more specific and targeted and a
19 little more in depth, and that makes sense to me. And
20 the two minutes seem to have, to your point, we've been
21 doing it for quite some time now and people seem to be
22 able to get their comments in in that length of time.

23 I think if we received some feedback contrary to
24 that, that people just didn't feel like they did, want to
25 look at it again. The other thing is, I think as we get

1 more into this, we're probably going to have an increase
2 in the amount of feedback that we get, so I think that
3 there's this balance -- not balance. There's this
4 perspective that we can give more time, but there's also
5 a reality about there being a finite amount of time.

6 So there's also the other side of that is with two
7 minute, you give more opportunity to the number of people
8 who can speak within any particular time window. So my
9 position at this point would be to stay with two minutes.

10 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I think I'm comfortable
12 for sure with two minutes as well. But kind of along the
13 same lines of the conversation we had earlier, I do know
14 that there are some individuals that consistently go over
15 the two minutes and just keep talking beyond Kristian
16 with his lovely velvet voice, the two, one minute, one
17 and a half, two minutes, two minutes and one -- you know,
18 two minutes, thirty seconds, three minutes until they
19 just finish.

20 And so I think we've also created precedent in our
21 lack, I guess, of discipline around that because we've
22 not talked about it. So it's great to say two minutes,
23 most people can fit within two minutes. And I'm just
24 wondering -- and I think more people will start
25 participating right in through here as well for public

1 comment.

2 And I'm always worried when we allow people to go on
3 to, you know, two plus, two-and-a-half, three minutes, I
4 worry about the inconsistency and someone else that
5 watches and will be concerned when we get to the place of
6 closing them down at two minutes. So I just want us to
7 kind of see where we're hanging out and if, indeed, we're
8 going to allow two minutes, but not for real, maybe three
9 minutes, let's state that. But I really do want us to be
10 disciplined in what we say.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, I agree. Maybe if we implement
12 that time clock that we're going to do for our public
13 input meeting, we can do the same thing with our public
14 comments. Any other questions?

15 Commissioner Andersen.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I apologize.

17 CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Thank you. I
19 apologize if I -- it was already discussed, but it used
20 to be that public comment was at the beginning, after
21 lunch, and at the end of the day. When did we drop after
22 lunch?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Commissioner Le Mons
24 brought that up as well. If you look at our agenda, the
25 agenda actually states a public comment will be at the

1 beginning of the day and at the end of the day and does
2 not note that it will be right after lunch, and the
3 last -- I did note that the last -- when I was Chair for
4 the last few meetings, I only called for public comment
5 at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right. But when did that
7 happen? Because, I mean, we've had a whole bunch of
8 Chairs that happened all the way through.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That's at the discretion of
10 the Chair. And it's also in the policy at the discretion
11 of the Chair is they can call for public comment at
12 different times. But if you look -- if you go back to
13 the agendas, the agendas all state --

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. All of them --

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- at the beginning of the
16 day and at the end of the day. Well, the ones -- as far
17 back as I've gone with some of them.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Because I -- okay.
19 And so how -- did people -- did we talk about it, like,
20 well, that's okay? I mean, because the public was sort
21 of expecting that I -- I know that our lunches vary.
22 Maybe that's why we wanted to drop it or -- just again,
23 for consistency, which I agree with Commissioner Turner
24 was saying about we need to be consistent with whatever
25 we do. I personally kind of liked it, but.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Turner.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Yeah, I recall we
3 made that change because we were getting a lot of
4 critique, I think, or encouragement to be consistent, set
5 expectations with people. And I believe we just kind of
6 layered that extra meeting in to allow kind of people to
7 feel like they can get in and make public comments, and I
8 believe they've done that.

9 I like the policy, as it's noted here, at the
10 beginning, at the end, because it does set clear
11 expectation, and then also it allows the Chair to be able
12 to add in additional time. If we felt like we had a lot
13 of people that's engaged and participating, they
14 certainly can call for additional general comment
15 meetings when we come back as well.

16 So I think we -- I think we're getting ready to go
17 into a whole different phase of participation, and it's
18 exciting, but I think I'm still leaning towards the
19 beginning and end and flexibility if there is any
20 additional time needed.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Any other comments? Okay.
22 I will make a motion to approve the policy, the public
23 comment during Commission business meetings policy.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Is there a second?

25 VICE CHAIR YEE: I second.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner --

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'll second.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think Commissioner Turner
4 was getting there with the -- with her mouse.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner seconded. Is that
6 okay, Commissioner Yee? All right. Commissioner Turner
7 seconded. Discussion on the motion on the table.

8 Seeing none, Katy, can we open the line for public
9 comment?

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5 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn
6 down the livestream volume.

7 The Commission is taking public comment on the
8 motion on the floor in regards to adopting the policy
9 around public comment.

10 At this time, there is no one in the queue at this
11 time.

12 The instructions are complete on the stream, Chair.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. While we wait a few more
14 seconds in case others want to call in, Commissioner
15 Fernandez, does your motion read correct?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, it does.

17 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. I think then we are ready for
18 the vote.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: We'll begin the vote.

20 Commissioner Akutagawa.

21 Commissioner Andersen.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

1 Commissioner Kennedy.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

10 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.

12 Commissioner Turner.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

17 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmad.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

21 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. And we will return to item
22 9B for the special vote. By my count, once we return
23 from our dinner break, we should have exactly the right
24 number of people broken down by party to make -- even
25 call for a vote on the special vote item. So with that,

1 let's break for dinner and be back by 7 p.m.

2 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

3 CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back from break. Just wanted
4 folks to know that we do have three Commissioners who are
5 here but off-camera. And so we have quorum to start this
6 meeting, and we will just pick up where we left off with
7 item 9B. I believe there is an expected motion for a
8 special vote.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair.
11 Yes. Executive Director Hernandez and Outreach Director
12 Kaplan did forward information on a candidate that they
13 would like to build for our outreach manager position.
14 We're very excited. It looks, based on all the
15 information that we've received, the candidate will be
16 able to jump right in and start with the outreach
17 efforts. I'm not sure if, Director Kaplan, would you
18 like to add a little bit more information?

19 MS. KAPLAN: Sure. Do you want me to also cover the
20 role or just some more background on the candidate?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: How about the background?

22 MS. KAPLAN. Okay. So this candidate was recently
23 an executive director of a congregation in Northern
24 California where she managed day-to-day operations and
25 supervised over thirty employees. She also has extensive

1 experience implementing and managing programs for
2 government, nonprofit, private, and legal sectors, as
3 well as an extensive contract management experience.

4 She's a natural problem-solver, effectively aligns
5 project operations with organizational objectives, and a
6 keen ability to foster a culture of collaboration, and
7 that really came through in our conversations with her.
8 And she also was a senior analyst for Language Access to
9 Justice as a part of the California Judicial Council.

10 So there was a lot of her background in contract
11 management and also language access as well as outreach
12 was a really good fit for the position and she had
13 glowing references as well, and really, just as
14 Commissioner Fernandez noted, the attitude and ability to
15 really jump into the work.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sadhwani?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I'm really excited
18 about this hire. Can you remind me the reporting
19 structure, though? We, of course, just had our field
20 staff introduced. Will field staff be reporting to that
21 outreach manager, to you? How does that -- can you just
22 remind us of how that works, and do you anticipate -- it
23 is somewhat -- not unusual, but you know, it does present
24 some dynamics that the outreach manager didn't hire the
25 field staff. Do we anticipate that all of this will run

1 smoothly as we move forward?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm not -- I'd
3 probably pass that onto Outreach Director Kaplan, but the
4 position would report directly to the outreach -- our
5 outreach director, which is Ms. Kaplan, and then the
6 outreach coordinator that -- the field staff would report
7 to the coordinator and the coordinator would report to
8 the outreach manager. Is that correct? That's how it
9 will work.

10 And I think -- you know, I envisioned it being
11 similar to any of us when we go into a new job being a
12 supervisor or a manager or a higher level, the staff's
13 already there. And in a way, that's probably -- that
14 could be somewhat of a relief for her because she
15 won't -- hopefully, won't have to train them, although
16 she'll be training at the same time. So but that's the
17 reporting structure.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. Thank you very
19 much.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: If there aren't any other
21 questions, I'd like to make a motion to move forward with
22 the hiring of the outreach manager with the candidate
23 that was forwarded to us by executive staff.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Is there a second for the motion?

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Second.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Seconded by Commissioner Sadhwani.

2 Discussion on the motion.

3 Seeing none, Katy, can we open the line for public
4 comment?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. In order to
6 maximize transparency and public participation in our
7 process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment
8 by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided
9 on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When
10 prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on the
11 livestream feed. It is 92638886526 for this meeting.
12 When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply press the
13 pound key.

14 Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed in a
15 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
16 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
17 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message
18 that says, "the host would like you to talk", and to
19 press star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your
20 name, please state and spell it for the record. You are
21 not required to provide your name to give public comment.

22 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
23 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
24 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
25 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn

1 down the livestream volume.

2 The Commission is taking public comment on the
3 motion to hire the recommended applicant by the executive
4 staff on the floor.

5 There is no one in the queue at this time.

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Yee.

7 VICE CHAIR YEE: When could this person start, and
8 will this person be working remotely?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: In terms of when the person
10 will start, I believe, it will be the first week in June,
11 so fairly soon. Which would be great, if everything goes
12 well. In terms of working remotely, I can't answer that
13 right now. I'd have to defer to Outreach Director
14 Kaplan. Or Executive Director Hernandez.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: So she will be starting June 7th and
16 she'll be working remotely. She's in Oakland, so
17 depending on, you know, needs and when the COVID
18 restrictions are lifted, she may join us here and there
19 in the office.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't know. An Oakland
21 candidate; what do you think, Commissioner Yee?

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The instructions are
23 complete, Chair.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: All right. I think we are ready for a
25 vote.

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez, is the
2 motion correct? Motion to approve the hiring of the
3 candidate recommended for the outreach manager position?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion made by Fernandez.
6 Motion seconded by Commissioner Sadhwani. And we will
7 begin the vote. Commissioner Akutagawa.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

14 Commissioner Kennedy.

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons. Commissioner
17 Le Mons?

18 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

24 Commissioner Toledo.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

4 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

6 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad.

8 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Motion passes.

10 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Commissioner Fernandez, is
11 there anything else you need or would like to report out
12 on for agenda item 9B?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: The only thing I want to
14 report out is that Commissioner Fornaciari and I met with
15 Executive Director Hernandez, and Ravi has done a
16 wonderful job of doing an agenda time table. So
17 basically, he went back to prior meetings, and he's
18 identified the specific timestamps on our videos of when
19 every agenda item was discussed. And so he will be
20 posting those to our website. And we're going from most
21 recent and then trying to go backwards. So be patient,
22 but that's very exciting for us to start seeing that on
23 our website. So thank you so much, Ravi, for all that
24 work that you've done. Wonderful job. Thank you.

25 MR. SINGH: You're welcome.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Wonderful. Moving right
2 along. Agenda item 9E, outreach and engagement
3 subcommittee. Commissioner Sinay?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Commissioner
5 Fornaciari is moving this week, so that's why he's coming
6 in and out. But we met with outreach staff, and we heard
7 what has been said a few times about what do we do with
8 public education sessions. And we have a motion -- well,
9 our thought is we're moving into a new phase -- our
10 community input phase -- and the community input meetings
11 are one piece of that phase. There will be various
12 strategies, because, as we keep saying, you know,
13 community input meetings can only accommodate a small
14 number of people, but what we want -- we want to get COIs
15 from many more folks.

16 We also want to make sure as we're collecting the
17 communities of interest, that we really put a separation
18 and we don't create confusion between when we're
19 accepting input and when we're not accepting input. And
20 so our thought was to really kind of phase out the public
21 education phase -- not completely. What we're proposing
22 is that after today we will no longer accept public
23 education requests -- requests for public education
24 sessions. We will honor all the ones that we have
25 received.

1 And any that are after July 1, when we're really out
2 there a lot more collecting, you know, at the community
3 of interest meetings, those will be done by the
4 Commission field staff. We're really seeing now that
5 we've staffed up, we can use this time to transition from
6 Commissioners doing outreach and engagement in the
7 different zones to transferring, you know, sharing their
8 contacts and the work that they've done, and the field
9 staff can build on that. More than anything, we really
10 want to, you know, put kind of a -- this is an
11 opportunity to stop the confusion of when it's a public
12 input session where we can get input from the community
13 and when it's us just sharing and education. Before, you
14 know -- let me stop there, take comments, and then I can
15 share what the motion is.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay, would you like me
17 to help you facilitate the conversation?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, I can do that. I'm sorry.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. No worries.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I see Commissioner Kennedy, and
21 then Commissioner Fernandez.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. You know, I've
23 long supported creating a clear distinction, but from our
24 last discussion I was happy enough with the consensus
25 that seemed to be there to continue these

1 presentations -- or continue accepting requests a little
2 bit longer. So I'm a bit taken aback with the abruptness
3 of stopping them as of today and would propose that we
4 extend it a little bit. I think if we can have them
5 done -- let me put it this way, the only ones that I
6 would hand off to staff are ones after the 10th of June
7 that have not already been scheduled, if that makes
8 sense.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Commissioner
10 Fernandez.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I kind of agree
12 with -- I do agree with Commissioner Kennedy. I would
13 like a little bit, I guess, to give the public, I guess,
14 one last chance and not do it as of today. I was
15 thinking more of end of -- you know, end of May --
16 anything after that. And in terms -- I think I have one
17 scheduled in July and I would still want to honor that
18 instead of handing it off. So if it has been scheduled
19 and a Commissioner's okay with doing it then I think
20 that's okay. That's my only request, that if we feel
21 that we can handle it and we prefer to do it, that's
22 fine. If we want to hand it off, obviously we can do
23 that as well. But yes, I agree with having some sort of
24 date to cut off the requests. However, I guess you could
25 continue to receive requests. We just wouldn't be the

1 ones to present them -- do the presentations.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Le Mons, I've seen
3 you unmute. Did you want to be in the line, too?

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. I have Commissioner
6 Andersen, and then Commissioner Toledo.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I agree. Sorry. I
8 agree with what Commissioner Kennedy said. I did not
9 think we were just doing this abrupt stop. And I do have
10 others that are coming in still. So I would be made a
11 liar at this point if you say that's it today. And I
12 actually thought we were at least, you know, continuing
13 to accept things through the end of June and that be the
14 clean cutoff, giving people time. Because if we just
15 say, now -- you know, like, particularly I'm working
16 with, you know, councils and things like that. They
17 can't actually get it together in time to get that in
18 next week.

19 So I would like to -- I understand -- and also if
20 people want education sessions, my understanding was that
21 we were still going to present -- say, either the staff,
22 like, we'll still accept these, but they have to
23 understand that even past our date, that it wouldn't be,
24 say, necessarily a Commissioner. But it would be staff
25 and/or the videos. So I would still like to honor that

1 because I know people who'll say, oh, can I have the
2 presentation? Or you know, can I have some staff asking
3 questions. So I would propose the end of June, and we
4 still take requests with that caveat from then.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Toledo?

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm supportive of entering
7 phase 2 of our phases -- I think we had three phases.
8 And phase 1 was education. Then there is this -- then
9 there's the public input, and then there's the line
10 drawing. And so it does make sense to move into phase 2.
11 I don't think it needs to be as abrupt as today. I do
12 think -- but I am concerned with some confusion that
13 might happen as we're getting -- we're going to be having
14 public input sessions where those'll be public, we'll
15 have to meet all the Bagley-Keene requirements and
16 certainly any other requirements. And then having
17 education sessions where we won't be able to take public
18 input on redistricting matters.

19 And so I know the distinction. I know we all
20 know -- everyone on this Commission knows the
21 distinction. I'm not so sure the public will. And I
22 think we just need to be clear in our communication about
23 that. And there may be a way to do that. And I'm sure
24 there is a way to do that. I think we just need to make
25 sure in whatever we do and whatever we decide to do we

1 have very clear distinction about what we can and cannot
2 do in the education sessions if we decide to continue
3 them on a little bit longer and to have a longer
4 transition time. Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Turner, and then
6 Commissioner Kennedy.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Thank you. I like
8 the phases. And I don't think there's anything abrupt
9 about stopping the sessions. We've been providing these
10 sessions since January of this year, and in my script --
11 every time I read it when we go through the time line --
12 we explain the time period that we'll be doing
13 presentations. And that time period ends in May. And I
14 know we've continued to take the requests, and they are
15 currently scheduled, but I don't think this should come
16 to a surprise for anyone that's accessed the information
17 that's online or that we've shared based on what we've
18 stated. Now, if we're stating something different than
19 what was in the script, then that would be a different
20 issue. But we did say we were going to pretty much stick
21 with the script, and that's the time line that's in
22 there.

23 Also, we took time to create a video that does the
24 exact same thing. And we, to me, are not promoting that
25 to the extent that we should. I think the video is a

1 wonderful video. We all are featured on it. And I think
2 that we could just as well send the information out --
3 we're moving into our next phase and next time period,
4 and what we do have, though, is suggesting that you view
5 this video that we have. And for sure if they have
6 questions we have methods whereby they could still submit
7 questions, and they can still be answered by this
8 Commission. So I support the proposal and even in that,
9 I think it's going on even longer than what we said --
10 what we've stated -- but to be able to end it today, and
11 at least complete what we said we would, I think is a
12 great kind of compromise.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Kennedy, and then
14 Commissioner Yee.

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Two things. One is, I just
16 looked at the outreach calendar. It looks like there are
17 seventeen events scheduled for after or maybe on and
18 after, the 10th of June. So it would require quite a bit
19 of undoing for what's already on the schedule.

20 Second of all, my sense -- and I've been very happy
21 with this -- is that, A, staff have done a very good job
22 of conveying the limitations on the educational events,
23 because anytime I get online to do one people have been
24 very, you know, aware and already cautioning their
25 members about the limitations even before I say the first

1 word. And then, of course, we have the slides at both
2 the beginning and the end of the presentation, which,
3 again, have been very effective. I mean, I would like to
4 honor the commitments that we've made and just have a
5 discussion at this point of, you know -- and I do think
6 that a stopping -- or not accepting any further requests
7 after, you know, this week might be a reasonable way to
8 go with this. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Yee, and then
10 Commissioner Sadhwani.

11 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes. I definitely support a
12 transition, and especially as we go into the public input
13 phase. Two thoughts, though. One, I'm wondering if
14 Director Kaplan may be looking over the educational
15 events that have been held so far. Looking at the state,
16 and you know, I would want it to be clear to somebody
17 looking at the ones that we've done, that we've covered
18 the state, you know. So I'm just wondering if -- I don't
19 know if she'd be prepared to speak to it right now, but
20 whether, you know, looking at that you would get that
21 impression, you know. Or whether there are holes that we
22 actually should make some effort to fill before we
23 completely wind down this phase.

24 Before she responds to that, though, one other
25 thought. It occurs to me -- so after this educational

1 phase is formally over, are we not to appear anywhere,
2 you know, that anyone invites us to? Not for an
3 education presentation, but -- right, you know -- even to
4 say, hi to a group that -- and some of these educational
5 events have actually been almost that, really, more than
6 an actual full educational event, like, if they give you
7 ten minutes. If I'm, you know, given fifteen you really
8 can't do all that much. But would that be a policy that
9 we would not visit -- Commissioners would not visit
10 groups after this phase is over? Just as we're thinking
11 about this, I'm wondering about that.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Director Kaplan, can I just --
13 can we wait to respond until all of the questions come
14 in? Thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, I was just going to say
16 I agree with Commissioner Turner and others. I fully
17 support a sunseting of the public education time period,
18 largely for the purpose of separating between our
19 outreach versus our, you know, our collection of input
20 and just making that clear distinction. You know, I
21 think -- the point was that Commissioner Kennedy around
22 honoring our commitments, I think that was a part of the
23 recommendation, so I think that we would honor those
24 commitments.

25 I do also think, though, that when it comes to

1 handing some of this off to staff, we do have a lot of
2 new field staff and staff on the outreach team. And you
3 know, I don't mean to put it on them, but at the same
4 time I think I have learned a lot. Like, the more I give
5 the presentation, I'm like, okay, I feel more comfortable
6 talking about the Commission and our work. And I think
7 that could be a really valuable experience for staff
8 also. You know, I would support ending as of today, but
9 if others are feeling uncomfortable about it, then I
10 would say end of May as the cutoff date for receiving new
11 requests.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Le Mons, and then
13 Commissioner Turner, and then I have some responses.

14 Commissioner Le Mons. Commissioner Le Mons?

15 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'm sorry. Can you hear me
16 now?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Can you hear me? Okay. I
19 was chattering away. I apologize. So what I was saying
20 is I support Commissioner Turner's comments in their
21 entirety. And I wanted to echo that what I heard in the
22 recommendation was that any requests that were currently
23 booked were going to be honored and that any future
24 requests would be handled by staff. So it sounded like I
25 was hearing a lot of feedback, like we were just going,

1 you know, as of today no Commissioners were going out,
2 and I just wanted you to clarify that because that's not
3 what I heard at all. I think that putting the partition
4 there is of the most importance.

5 And I agree with Commissioner Turner that we have
6 made this available for a significant amount of time,
7 we're honoring the wind-down, and I think we do need to
8 move to phase 2. And I'd love to see the video put out
9 there and really pushed. It's a real opportunity. So
10 that's my comments.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Commissioner
12 Turner.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I was just going to
14 ensure that I heard you correctly that we will be
15 honoring these -- Commissioner Le Mons just said yes.
16 And even for the ones -- I think the distinction was is
17 that the recommendation was to make the cutoff in July
18 that it would be turned over to the staff. And as I look
19 at the schedule, there are only five meetings currently
20 scheduled in July that's hosted by five different
21 Commissioners. So if they all want to do one more in
22 July, I mean -- or turn it over to staff after that. I'm
23 hopeful that we'll be able to sunset the offering from
24 live Commissioners outside of what's posted and any new
25 requests that come in. You know, we're right at the end

1 of the month, so even if they come in then at the end of
2 May we're able to turn them -- I'll suggest that they
3 utilize the video offering.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Okay. Commissioner
5 Kennedy, I'll let you go, and then I'll answer.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. I would be very
7 happy with not accepting -- or any requests that come in
8 after this week are handed off to staff. If they come in
9 this week and can be accomplished on or before the 10th,
10 then I would say I would be happy with Commissioners
11 doing them. And anything after the 10th would have to be
12 something that's already on the books by the end of this
13 week.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right. So let me see if --
15 Commissioner Andersen, I'll get back to you after. Let
16 me just answer some of the things that came up. There's
17 a real reality on why we're doing this and part of it is
18 that it is staff-intensive to organize these -- to
19 organize it all. Staff will be -- yes, we are staffing
20 up, but the staff needs to be trained now. So Director
21 Kaplan and Director Ceja will be busy training. And also
22 we have the community input sessions that are beginning,
23 and so staff is busy with those. And that was why the
24 kind of the sudden stop. I'll be honest, it was sudden
25 for me too. But I was convinced that, you know, that it

1 was better to -- you know, to have a date just because
2 there is so much going on for staff.

3 The people that we're getting -- that we're doing
4 the public sessions for, they're not confused -- or they
5 may be confused -- but it's about perception. And we
6 really need to really be careful about the perception
7 that's put out there. And because these sessions are
8 public, anyone can -- you know, we do post a lot of
9 these. We post the flyers. So anybody could attend one
10 of those sessions and turn it into an input session. And
11 so that's why we're trying to say, hey, let's stop. We
12 purposely chose July 1st as the stop date for when
13 Commissioners would be out in public doing these sessions
14 because there were only a few after July 1st. We didn't
15 choose June 10th because there was still a lot between
16 June 10th and July 1st. So that's where the July 1st
17 one.

18 We are honoring all our commitments. The only thing
19 we're not -- we're just changing who the speaker is. And
20 I have a big one that I had been working on for a long
21 time, and you know, they didn't get it in in time and
22 I'll have to work with staff to figure out how it's going
23 to happen. And it's in one of -- you know, it's in
24 Chico. We've only had one presentation. We're going on
25 our second one in Zone B. And so it would be good to

1 have. But I really believe that this separation is going
2 to be critical.

3 Commissioner Yee, we're not saying what to do right
4 now in regard to all appearances and speaking to the
5 media. That is a longer conversation that I think that
6 we all need to have. Right now, we'd like to focus this
7 just on the public education sessions, and take that step
8 back to kind of create that space that we need. And also
9 create the space that staff needs to refocus -- and
10 outreach teams -- and all of us need to kind of refocus
11 through -- sorry -- shift to this new phase. Thank you.
12 I did add "by CRC field staff or offer the video"; I had
13 forgotten to put that in. So thank you, all, for
14 reminding me about the video. And we also have discussed
15 creating a shorter video, because it's hard for some
16 groups to show a video for twenty-three minutes. So you
17 know, we are working on -- there's PSAs and vignettes and
18 others that are being created.

19 With that, Commissioner Andersen, you had your hand
20 up?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. I did. I
22 understand the need for change, and I understand that,
23 hey, we've been out there a lot. But we've been out
24 there a lot in areas which it's easier to get to and it's
25 easier to be received by. There are a couple of areas in

1 our state which are not -- people, like, oh, you know,
2 we've been telling them this, telling them this, sure,
3 they don't even know that we exist yet.

4 And that's a little bit what I'm working with. And
5 I've made some great in-roads. And I have people who are
6 calling in now to make appointments. So they would be
7 literally, like, see, never should've trusted the state
8 in the first place, if we cut it off today. Because
9 those requests aren't in yet. They're coming in. And so
10 I can't go with that. That's not -- you know, to hear
11 that all of a sudden we're doing this today. Now, I
12 understand that, oh, it was in our literature, but if you
13 look at our website, we have public meetings scheduled.

14 Now, if we say, we can only schedule things, you
15 know, boom, they have to come in and they're only in June
16 period. I think that's very fair. But the public does
17 not know that we're doing this right now. And we've
18 been -- you know, hey, get in touch. We're doing
19 presentations, doing presentations -- and not that many
20 of -- not that many people -- even our partners, who are
21 watching this now -- they'd have to then start telling
22 all their groups. And a lot of them are going, like, oh,
23 I just reached the people up in, you know, in Humboldt.
24 Or I just reached the people in, you know, different
25 parts of our state.

1 And so I understand that need -- we want to do this,
2 but I'd say the two big statewide meetings that we're
3 having are in June -- the first parts in June -- June 10,
4 June 19. So why don't we have -- those are still
5 statewide. We don't start going into the zones input
6 meeting until June 21st. So if we don't want to go
7 through the end of June, you know, let's do at least past
8 the statewide meeting, so at least we're still reaching
9 statewide. Then we're clearly going into individual
10 zones. But I really do not like the idea that we're just
11 saying, we're not taking any more requests as of today.
12 It just doesn't give the people enough time.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner
14 Andersen.

15 Director Kaplan, I meant to call on you after me.
16 Did you want to add anything?

17 And then Commissioner Le Mons and Commissioner
18 Akutagawa, I see you both.

19 MS. KAPLAN: Thank you. I really appreciate this
20 conversation and all the different viewpoints. I do want
21 to just follow up on Commissioner Yee's comment, and then
22 just one other point. I did do an analysis of the zones
23 and presentations about a week or two ago, which I'm
24 trying to find the document -- but for the most part,
25 besides for Zone B, there was two to three where we had

1 done five. And I think since then some of those have
2 increased. And all the rest, including statewide, we had
3 done at least ten to twenty per each zone, including ten
4 to twenty statewide.

5 So I think the presentations are one component. And
6 I hear Commissioner Andersen's point. And what I want to
7 also add to this is we do have field staff who are going
8 to be focused on doing an analysis of their zone,
9 evaluating communities that have been engaged so far and
10 ensuring that we're reaching all across those zones. And
11 so while, you know, should we close these presentations,
12 there is the opportunity for them to still reach out to
13 groups, to send the video to, you know, provide
14 information on how those groups can activate the members
15 and communities that they serve. And so there still is
16 opportunity to get the word out in particular regions
17 where we feel like we, you know, need to really ramp up
18 public education as well.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Director Kaplan.

20 MS. KAPLAN: I'm sorry. If I can just add one other
21 layer that Commissioner Sinay had noted in terms of
22 scheduling and coordination. There's also the follow-up,
23 which is a lot. It's getting the flyers. It's getting
24 it over to Fredy to post. It's the, you know, getting
25 the recordings, having those uploaded so that we have

1 original files. So it's a lot of moving pieces that
2 involve a lot of staff in that layer as well.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And there's still a lot of
4 planning also for phase 2 that hasn't been done. We've
5 focused a lot on one strategy, which is the community of
6 input meetings, but there's other strategies that we are
7 developing to bring to you all.

8 Commissioner Akutagawa, and then Commissioner Le
9 Mons.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you for this
11 really interesting conversation and discussion. I want
12 to just bring back, I think, what Commissioner Andersen
13 is saying, and to a degree what Commissioner Kennedy and
14 also what Commissioner Yee also referred to as well, too.
15 And Director Kaplan, thank you very much for sharing some
16 of the regions that maybe had significantly more
17 presentations because the organizations in those areas
18 were organized. Others maybe where there has been a
19 little less, I think you noted, like, in some regions it
20 might have been only two.

21 I'd like to see if maybe there is some middle
22 ground, and whether you know -- the end of May is just
23 basically at the end of this week. I'm wondering if
24 there's maybe some middle ground where maybe we wait an
25 additional week and we get into, like, that first week of

1 June to give organizations, like Commissioner Andersen
2 was referring to -- to give them that time to just get
3 their requests in.

4 And then I hear what you're saying, Director Kaplan,
5 about the amount of work, and I understand that. But I
6 also wonder if in the communication with the groups as
7 they bring something in -- asking them, you know, we're
8 moving into a new phase, would a field staff be an option
9 for them or an acceptable option for them? Is that
10 something that could be asked? And/or, you know, perhaps
11 offering the video to them as another option as we move
12 into this other phase, too. And that it could be, then,
13 also up to the Commissioner as to whether or not they
14 really feel strongly that they would like to make the
15 presentation. Because to Commissioner Andersen's point,
16 you know, she's made some commitments, and I think she's
17 worked really hard.

18 And I want to just acknowledge that even though we
19 have been doing this since January, I really feel that
20 it's taken some of the groups some time to really get to
21 understand what it is possible that could be done through
22 these public education presentations. And so it doesn't
23 happen quite as quickly as I think maybe some of the
24 other groups have done. And so I just want to be able to
25 honor some of these other organizations and be able to

1 allow them the chance to get these presentations. But
2 also giving them the option that it doesn't have to be
3 one of the Commissioners, that it could be, you know,
4 field staff or the video.

5 But to the point that Commissioner Sinay also said,
6 there are some regions that don't see Commissioners, and
7 it is a big deal to have a Commissioner come. So I also
8 want to just acknowledge that as well, too. So I just
9 wanted to share that perspective.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So Commissioner Akutagawa -- I
11 see Commissioner Le Mons; I see Commissioner Turner. I
12 want to acknowledge to everybody that I'm the lead staff
13 to the one region that's had probably the most
14 presentations and the one that's had the least. And I
15 probably have worked harder on the one that has the
16 least. But even just reaching out has been really
17 positive. And that is still going to be happening -- I
18 mean, outreach staff will be happening. And we shouldn't
19 be reaching out as I, Patricia Sinay, am reaching out to
20 you, but the Commission is reaching out to you. And you
21 know, it is relationships 101, but it's a relationship
22 we're creating with the Commission and that organization.

23 Commissioner Le Mons.

24 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I guess, I hear what
25 Commissioner Andersen is saying, and I guess I -- and I

1 might be still confused -- that to me is predicated on
2 the notion that we're saying -- when they say, cut it
3 off, I'm not hearing that that's what we're suggesting --
4 that we're cutting it off completely. It's just that
5 Commissioners won't be doing them after July 1. And I
6 just feel like -- I don't know why we're so stuck on this
7 idea that it's got to be a Commissioner. The education
8 is to get the public to engage in the process. It's not
9 about us as individual Commissioners. Yeah, that's a
10 nice to have if a Commissioner came out, but we are all
11 in the video as well. So staff represents the
12 Commission. They're not Commissioners, but if you're
13 thinking the value of the information is only if it's
14 coming out of the mouth of the Commissioner, I don't know
15 if that's a little egotistical. I'm not saying it is,
16 but I'm not sure. I mean, the information is what's
17 important and getting it to the people is what's most
18 important.

19 And if organizations are brought into this and want
20 the communities they represent to have the information,
21 they validate it. They're the ones -- the organizations
22 validate it. It's not so much that it's you or me or
23 some other Commissioner. So I'm a little confused by
24 that part. And that's not to negate the hard work that
25 Commissioner Andersen has done to see hers through.

1 Great. But we're talking about the outer dates in July,
2 not the end of the week. So that's where I'm a little
3 confused on where people are interpreting the dates --
4 the drop-dead dates of what happens when. And maybe that
5 needs to be reviewed. Or I could have it all mixed up.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner Le
7 Mons. I see Commissioner Turner, Toledo, and Fernandez.
8 And I'm just going to repeat -- well, let's do it this
9 way. Okay. And then I'll repeat the motion with some
10 tweaks based on what we've been hearing.

11 So Commissioner Turner.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I found it really
13 helpful when Marcy -- Director Kaplan -- gave us the
14 breakdown, just off the top of her head, and maybe if we
15 had that exact number of how many presentations that's
16 been done in each area. Perhaps we have a perception of
17 not reaching into different areas, but I think she
18 sounded like she said most areas, including statewide,
19 had twenty presentations, which I think is kind of
20 impressive.

21 So I would love for her to state that again, but it
22 sounded like there were lots of presentations that's
23 going on. I feel like I've done a lot in my area. And I
24 love doing them. I volunteer quickly, respond quickly,
25 love giving the presentations. I just do feel strongly

1 that this isn't anything that's a surprise. The time
2 line has been there, and I think that, again, being able
3 to complete what we already committed to still allows
4 these going on through the July time period, but to leave
5 this open for more presentations to come in for live
6 presentations when we have an option of having people see
7 the presentation that we took time to prepare, to me,
8 seems like something that's not necessarily prudent when
9 we can just have people view the video.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Wait. I've lost
11 my -- okay. Toledo, sorry.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No worries. So I'm very
13 supportive of having staff conduct the education sessions
14 moving forward. I do worry about the fact that if I'm
15 remembering correctly, we haven't hired northern
16 California field staff yet. And that it's been difficult
17 to recruit that position. And I worry, representing some
18 of the rural north, that that might be a challenge for us
19 I know, but Alicia and -- representing the other side of
20 the rural north -- has had a challenge as well in just
21 reaching out and scheduling these forums.

22 So just ensuring that we have the staff to be able
23 to do the -- continue our outreach, continue and expand
24 upon it. And ensure that we're reaching all areas of
25 California, it would be my -- yeah. It's something that

1 I just think that we -- we all prioritize, we all want to
2 happen. That's the only concern that I would raise,
3 because I know we've hired staff for other portions of
4 the state but not yet for northern California area.
5 Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Commissioner
7 Fernandez, and then Commissioner Ahmad.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you,
9 Commissioner Sinay. I was going to say the exact same
10 thing that Commissioner Toledo just said. As you are
11 aware, I had to hand off my Zone D for a while due to
12 personal obligations, and unfortunately, there wasn't any
13 progress. And again, there hasn't been field staff hired
14 for north yet, for the northern zone, so I'm really
15 concerned about that.

16 I feel at this point I'm able to jump back into Zone
17 D, which would be great, and to reach out to those
18 communities. So that really is my concern. And I
19 realize that we have hired some field staff for central
20 and southern, and normally what happens -- that's what I
21 happen -- when I start a new job is I concentrate on what
22 I know first, right? Instead of jumping into what I
23 don't know. So that really is my concern. It really is
24 for the northern regions, northern zones, that we really
25 need to delve into.

1 And then the other part of it is -- I understand
2 part of the justification is that staff are busy. But
3 then staff are busy, but then we're going to have them do
4 the presentations. So it's almost like, okay, they're
5 not going to be busy doing this and that. Another thing
6 you may want to consider, Director Kaplan, for those
7 presentations that we're still conducting in the next
8 month or so -- you may want to have one of your field
9 staff attend, you know, to be there because that's always
10 learning as well, as the Commissioners do the
11 presentation. So I'm just kind of offering that up to --
12 it would probably be helpful. They can learn more about
13 redistricting and also about the Commissioners and their
14 area as well, so. Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Ahmad, and then
16 I'm going to reiterate kind of our recommendation and add
17 some of what I've heard.

18 CHAIR AHMAD: Just administratively, we have ASL
19 until 8:30. So we do have a hard stop. And that's it.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Hold on, Commissioner
21 Andersen. Well, okay, I'll let you go, and then please
22 let me so that we can -- there's a lot of other motions,
23 and I know other subcommittees really want to get to
24 theirs and we're repeating a lot of the things, so that's
25 why I'm trying to move us forward.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I just --

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So is it new?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I just need to make a
4 correction. And I appreciate Ms. Kaplan. We just
5 verified this. There have only been four in Zone G, and
6 there's one more that's scheduled to this point. And
7 there are several coming in. So it was -- so that's why
8 there's a difference. And all of those have been in the
9 same three counties. There are four counties I still
10 have not -- and they're the ones who are coming in. So I
11 really --

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So let me encourage us to say,
13 "we" instead of "I", because now, some of --

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, correct.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Because it is -- and there is
16 support now. The reason we all started going out there
17 was we didn't have staff. And if we wanted to get the
18 public education going, we had to jump on. And so we
19 created the presentation and the script. Staff is
20 coming. We are allowing for a transition. So what I
21 have heard is it might make more sense to put a cutoff
22 date of June 4th. And the reason I say June 4th versus
23 June 1 is because June 1, I think, is Memorial Day, but
24 that gives us kind of you know, a little time with the
25 Memorial Day weekend.

1 And then we will honor all scheduled requests that
2 are -- all the ones that we already have that are
3 scheduled and those that are coming in. Those that we
4 have already, you know, that haven't been scheduled.
5 Those public education sessions scheduled post-July 1
6 will be done either by staff or they can be offered the
7 video. We won't say, would it be okay, but we would say,
8 yes, you can have a session. You can either do -- a
9 staff member can come and do it or it can be -- or it can
10 be the video.

11 Mr. Pane, you keep looking like you may want to say
12 something, so I just wanted -- no? Okay.

13 MR. PANE: No.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just was checking in on you.
15 And so if -- I mean, I understand what you're saying --
16 what everyone is saying. And keep in mind again that I
17 am -- one of the leads is north of the -- you know, the
18 north region. We've done a lot of outreach. I feel
19 really positive of the outreach we've done. I think
20 Commissioner Yee can speak to it as well. We haven't
21 done a lot of presentations but there has been a lot of
22 connection, and that's what they were looking for. I
23 hear what Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner
24 Toledo's saying. And if I can suggest that the outreach
25 subcommittee, when meeting with staff, you know, staff

1 come up with a plan on how we will not lose the focus on
2 the far north. And we'll, you know, continue that
3 conversation and bring it back. So whenever --

4 Commissioner Turner wants to say something. And
5 then if someone wants to make the motion -- or if you
6 want me to make the motion, Chair.

7 Commissioner Turner, then Commissioner Fernandez.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I do want us to spend
9 time, at some point, focusing on did we do what we said
10 we would? I would love, Director Kaplan, if we can see
11 the analysis of what was accomplished for California in
12 the education sessions, presentations that we've had. If
13 that shows that there is a zone that only had less than
14 what we think it should've been for whatever, if there
15 seems to be a disparity. I would recommend that we all
16 then make an offer of going into whatever the connections
17 were and maybe we can lift up all of us doing them.
18 Because even if they start responding right now, one or
19 two people are able to provide the presentations it still
20 will drag them out.

21 So maybe if there's a great disparity in one area,
22 we can post something in that area via whatever the best
23 form of communication, saying that you have fourteen
24 Commissioners that want to ensure that we provide this
25 for some kind of like, covering the area, blanketing it.

1 And whether they took us up on it or not, perception is
2 everything. We gave you the same opportunity as everyone
3 else. You had people assigned that reached out. And
4 now, yes, we are also willing, able, excited to cover
5 your area -- G, B, D -- whatever the areas are -- and do
6 knock out five, ten, presentations because we'll divide
7 and conquer, and then we'll feel good about any area that
8 was not necessarily covered. Of course, that would
9 depend on them responding to allow us, to invite us in.
10 But I'm trying to think -- I don't want us to leave the
11 space feeling like we did not cover an area or do our due
12 diligence of whatever we could.

13 So I just wanted to name that as well. You know I'm
14 for moving on to the next phase. But if the -- if the
15 statistics -- the numbers, whatever it is, Marcy, that
16 you have for us -- if it shows that we've failed in an
17 area -- and I say failed intentionally just for drama
18 purposes, but if it looks like there's an area that we
19 did not do our due diligence, then let's try something
20 different to get it done.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And if I can -- since I'm one
22 of the -- since Commissioner Yee and I are one of the
23 failed zones -- I would say that --

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. It's
25 not your zone. I think you just gave us that caution.

1 It's our zone.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, that's why I said
3 Commissioner Yee.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Nope. Nope. Not you and
5 Commissioner Yee.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. So Zone B has only had
7 one, but it was cohosted with the United Way of Northern
8 California and two League of Women Voters, and they're
9 putting it on two different government channels. And so
10 the spread of that one is much more than a lot of the
11 ones that I've done in San Diego combined. And so I
12 think it's deeper than just looking at how many
13 presentations were done, was kind of what I was -- I was
14 trying to share. And there's different ways to reaching
15 people, is what I've learned.

16 Yes, Commissioner Ahmad -- Chair.

17 CHAIR AHMAD: I believe Commissioner Fernandez was
18 ahead of me.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just quick. I love that
20 idea, Commissioner Turner. I'd also like to see it maybe
21 by county. Sometimes you can cover a zone and it looks
22 like you've done twelve, but it might've all been in one
23 county versus widespread. Commissioner Sinay, I can
24 support your motion; however, for those that have been
25 scheduled in July, I would like to still have the option

1 of me presenting -- or the Commissioner presenting if
2 it's already been scheduled and we're able to do so
3 instead of automatically handing it off. Because those
4 have already been requested well in advance.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Ahmad?

6 CHAIR AHMAD: I am in favor of sunseting for the
7 very reason that I would not feel comfortable giving an
8 education session and having someone give public input.
9 And that distinction being very difficult when we're
10 having a public input session the same day as a
11 presentation. I just looked at my calendar and I have a
12 public input meeting scheduled right ahead of an
13 education session on the same day. So I wouldn't know
14 how that would pan out. So I'm in favor of sunseting;
15 however, given the conversation, Commissioner Sinay, I
16 want to engage what you think about bringing forward a
17 recommendation based off of the comments that we've
18 heard, at the next meeting. I really want to see what
19 your thoughts are on that, considering time and other
20 items we have to get through.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I was in favor of that
22 originally. And my partner in crime isn't here. So I'm
23 okay with that. But I do want -- I was one of those who
24 didn't want to let go and wanted to keep them going, but
25 as I started speaking to the -- where I was talking to

1 community groups and explaining kind of this line, all of
2 them said, oh, wow. That makes a lot of sense. So yes,
3 we've made some commitments, but when you explain it it
4 makes a lot of sense to people why we're creating kind of
5 this line. I'm perfectly okay bringing, you know -- just
6 if we bring it up again I would encourage us -- well,
7 yes.

8 The only thing I would say -- sorry, Commissioner
9 Ahmad. The only thing I would say is that that's going
10 to extend the deadline of what we're accepting, and it's
11 going to get longer and longer and we're just avoiding
12 the inevitable. And so I would recommend that we make
13 a -- that you maybe you allowed me to make the motion,
14 see if it dies or lives. If it dies, then we refix it --
15 you know, we jimmy it until it can pass. But I just
16 don't --

17 CHAIR AHMAD: We --

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- want to kick the can.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: No. Every Commissioner has the right
20 as a Commissioner to make a motion. You don't need my
21 permission. So if someone wants to make a motion, please
22 feel free to do so.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, Commissioner Fernandez?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I will make a motion, but
25 I'm going to ask you to help me through it. I make a

1 motion that we, as of June 4th, that will be the last day
2 that we -- June 4th, right? It'll be the last day that
3 we accept requests for our educational
4 sessions/redistricting basics. What else did we have
5 there? We also had -- oh, and we will honor all requests
6 up until that point. I'm going to modify from what you
7 had. If -- we will honor the requests, and anything
8 beyond July 1st is the option of either the Commissioner,
9 staff, or just directing them to our video.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'll second it.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Did I catch everything?

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'll second it.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Sounds good.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Seconded by Commissioner Turner.

17 Discussion on the motion on the floor? Specifically, the
18 motion.

19 Yes, Commissioner Akutagawa.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just thinking about
21 this. I wonder if -- I agree with the June 4th cutoff.
22 I'm wondering if we could also caveat it by saying to
23 anybody, if you want any, you know -- if you want a
24 presentation, we're encouraging, you know, that you
25 request a date by the end of June if you want a

1 Commissioner. And so we try to keep any new requests
2 from going into July. And we try to as strongly as we
3 can, just encourage that any Commissioner-lead
4 presentations, public education presentations be done,
5 you know, before the end of June. So that way, then, it
6 will help to alleviate some of these concerns. And then
7 we could try to just for those who want to, you know,
8 finish out any presentations previously scheduled in
9 July, it could be done and we could try to minimize the
10 amount of additional presentations in June conducted by
11 Commissioners.

12 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Toledo and then Turner?

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. And I just wanted
14 to -- I know we know this -- but just remind the
15 Commission that public input can't be received by
16 Commissioners or staff of the Commission when on
17 redistricting matters. It's our policy; it's also the
18 law. And just to the point that it's -- to Commissioner
19 Ahmad's point about the, you know, the difficulty in
20 having public input and being part of both public input
21 and education sessions. It wouldn't just be difficult
22 or -- it could potentially be difficult for employees,
23 especially newly hired employees, to know the distinction
24 and to -- so just making sure that we have very good
25 training, which I'm confident Director Kaplan and others

1 will develop, so. Thank you.

2 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner, and then
3 Commissioner Le Mons, and then Commissioner Andersen.
4 Comments on the motion on the table.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Wondering if the motion
6 needed to include anything with the fifteen, I think was
7 reported, presentations in the pipeline, which is not on
8 the schedule. But they are already submitted.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons? You're on mute,
10 Commissioner Le Mons.

11 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Oh, thank you. This is only
12 on the motion, though, right?

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay. I'll pass.

15 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen, comments on the
16 motion?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. Commissioner Kennedy
18 had said, his original one when he was making
19 modification was if we're cutting it off -- cut it off --
20 when I say cut off, I'm specifically saying that we're no
21 longer taking requests for Commissioners, and that those
22 requests could come in as late as the 9th just before
23 first day of the public input meetings. And specifically
24 say that -- and all these new ones coming in can only
25 have a Commissioner if they are scheduled before the end

1 of June, okay? And that is -- so essentially what the
2 motion was -- but if we extend that from the 4th to the
3 9th.

4 CHAIR AHMAD: There was only one motion made, and
5 that was by Commissioner Fernandez.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. So Commissioner
7 Fernandez's motion is to the 4th --

8 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- I believe. So if we made
10 that through the 9th, at least we would be consistent
11 with -- we have had no Commission -- no public COI
12 meetings yet. So that would be through the 9th, and I
13 believe --

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Was the motion -- just to
16 clarify the motion -- is that as long as it's scheduled?
17 The new ones coming in -- as long as the new ones coming
18 in are scheduled before June, they could still have a
19 Commissioner?

20 CHAIR AHMAD: It is up to Commissioner Fernandez if
21 she so chooses to amend her motion based off the
22 comments. But we do have a motion and a second on the
23 floor. Commissioner Fernandez?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm keeping my motion. I'm
25 keeping the June 4th date. And I did say anything

1 scheduled past July would be up to the Commissioner to
2 decide if they still wanted to honor that date, or it
3 could be passed off to a staff member or video. And I
4 don't think -- Commissioner Turner, you asked if we
5 needed to include the fifteen in the pipeline. We would
6 not -- as long as the request is received by June 4th.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay, is your comment on
8 the motion?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It was, but Commissioner
10 Fernandez answered it. I was going to say, we could put
11 "submitted or scheduled", but I think the way she said it
12 was clean.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Are there are any
14 other comments on the motion?

15 Katy, can we open the line for public comment on the
16 motion?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. In order to
18 maximize transparency and public participation in our
19 process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment
20 by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided
21 on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When
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3 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
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5 says, "The host would like you to talk. Press star 6 to
6 speak". If you would like to give your name, please
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8 to provide your name to give public comment.

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10 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
11 call. Once you're waiting in the queue, be alert for
12 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn
13 down the livestream volume.

14 The Commission is taking public comment on the
15 motion on the floor at this time.

16 And there is no one in the queue. And I will let
17 you know when the instructions are complete.

18 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. While we wait for
19 callers, Commissioner Fernandez, is the motion reading
20 correct?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I wish you would get my
22 spelling right, but that's okay. I'm trying not to be
23 sensitive about that.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: It's late in the day. I can't see
25 well.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That's okay. I'm teasing
2 you, Alvaro.

3 Yes. Could --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And the instructions are
5 complete at this time.

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, Commissioner Fernandez,
8 could I ask for a confirmation of "no public education
9 sessions", regardless if it's -- I thought this was only
10 Commissioners -- request for an actual Commissioner. I
11 thought -- is that not the case? This is -- no more
12 public education sessions will be scheduled.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen --

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

15 CHAIR AHMAD: -- I think we should leave
16 Commissioner Fernandez to yes, confirm if it's accurate
17 or no, confirm it's not.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. That's -- yeah.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could you just confirm that
21 is -- that's the case?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. It's accurate. Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Give me an E. There we go.
25 Thank you.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: All right. We are ready for a vote.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We're only one letter
3 apart.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: If we're ready for a vote, I can go
5 ahead and start. Just let me know, Chair.

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, we are.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Chair. Okay.
8 Commissioner Akutagawa.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.
15 Commissioner Kennedy.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Pass. Come back to me,
17 please.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.
25 Commissioner Toledo.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

7 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: Chair, if I can verify, is this a
13 special vote?

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Simple majority.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Simple majority, then --

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Anthony, can you confirm that?

17 MR. PANE: Yes. That's correct.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: If that's the case, the motion
19 passes.

20 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Alvaro.

21 So at this point, we are at a decision point, and
22 I'm going to need the subcommittees to step up and
23 volunteer or step back. We have three subcommittees left
24 who need to bring forward a motion. The materials
25 development subcommittee, the website subcommittee, and

1 the grants/contract subcommittee.

2 After that, we still have the discussion of future
3 meeting dates and agenda items. We have not heard from
4 legal affairs committee and we have not heard an update
5 from line drawers updates and training subcommittee.

6 I would recommend that since we have the critical
7 mass here to conduct the special vote, that we continue
8 the conversation 9J, the contract subcommittee, finish
9 what we can finish by 8:30, and then I'll work with
10 Alvaro and team to figure out if we have enough items to
11 cover for next Wednesday's as-needed business meeting
12 that is scheduled. And we can figure out if we need to
13 meet on certain items next Wednesday or if certain items
14 can be pushed to the 9th.

15 So based off of that, is it okay with folks if we
16 have a conversation -- a continued conversation on item
17 9J at this time? Yes. Okay.

18 Commissioner Akutagawa and Le Mons.

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So where we were -- I think
20 I'd like to just start with reintroducing the motion that
21 we closed with last time. I think that might be -- and
22 then we can open for discussion. So can we pull that
23 motion up? I just don't remember it from memory. That's
24 what I'd like to do.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: I'll read it off and then I'll

1 retype it. Give me just one second. So the motion that
2 was made was motion to make the edits to the outreach
3 RFP, as noted by Director Kaplan, follow up with OLS and
4 incorporate releasing funds for technology equipment, and
5 changing the opening of the proposal time to June 25th at
6 10 a.m.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons, are you making
8 that motion?

9 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

10 CHAIR AHMAD: Do we have a second for that motion?

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'll second it.

12 CHAIR AHMAD: I heard Commissioner Akutagawa as a
13 second. Discussion on the motion.

14 Commissioner Fernandez and then Toledo.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. Could you just
16 read the motion one more time? I apologize. It was --

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I couldn't hear all of it.
19 I apologize.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Motion to make the edits to the
21 outreach RFP as noted by Director Kaplan, follow up with
22 OLS and incorporate releasing funds for technology
23 equipment, and changing the opening of proposal time to
24 June 25th at 10 a.m.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And just to remind

1 everybody, we did report back on some of the equipment
2 questions.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: I have Commissioner Toledo and then
4 Fernandez.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Just a quick
6 question. Does this motion authorize the approval of the
7 contract or are we just -- it's just unclear to me from
8 the language -- from the reading of the motion whether
9 we're approving this contract to move forward without it
10 coming back to the Commission for full approval. So I'm
11 just trying to gauge whether this is approval of us
12 moving forward with the contract should all of these
13 items be approved by OLS?

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons, would you
15 clarify your intended motion?

16 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes. So it would -- with
17 Director Kaplan making the edits per our previous
18 conversation, it would go back to -- there shouldn't be
19 anything substantive, but it would go back to OLS for
20 approval. And if they gave their approval, we would
21 post.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Akutagawa.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I realize -- so one of the
24 things -- I think we -- what we did is we just reopened
25 this just to get the conversation started. So OLS did

1 say, or Raul did say that computer purchases are
2 allowable under the contracts as it stands right now. I
3 think the bigger question is whether or not this
4 Commission believes that allowing contractors to purchase
5 equipment as part of the contract is a good use of State
6 funds.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: I would ask colleagues to consider the
8 motion on the floor, rather than a discussion on the
9 specifics of your questions related to the contract. So
10 if you have a specific comment on the motion --

11 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Chair?

12 CHAIR AHMAD: -- please. Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Can I clarify something,
14 because this was a question in the last discussion on
15 the -- with the motion?

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Sure.

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: The motion -- because I --
18 unfortunately, I'm not reading it, but it was to
19 incorporate. So once -- part of the motion that I didn't
20 hear, actually, this time, and I may not just remember,
21 was the portion of clarifying with or OLS, since that
22 step has already been done.

23 It was a two-part, that we will clarify whether
24 computers could be included. And if they could, we
25 would. And so if you could just have Executive Director

1 read the motion again, just so I can make sure that it is
2 my intention.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: Alvaro, would you please read the
4 motion?

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. Motion to make the edits to
6 the outreach RFP as noted by Director Kaplan, follow up
7 with OLS and incorporate releasing funds for technology,
8 and changing the opening of proposal time to June 25th,
9 2021 at 10 a.m.

10 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay. So I would like to
11 edit it. I apologize. The OLS piece can come out,
12 because we already have the answer to that question. So
13 the part where it says incorporate it, it would be
14 dropping that bullet.

15 We would be removing computer from the equipment
16 bullet, as one of the noted edits, because that was to
17 get to the point of people being able to use the
18 resources for tablets, et cetera, and then that would get
19 handled in the review process, if they made the case for
20 and we felt that those were a good use of funds based
21 upon what they were proposing. So I'm not saying all
22 that goes in the motion, but it is just that edit of
23 taking out the OLS part and removing the word "computers"
24 from the equipment bullet, whichever bullet that was.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That was unallowable.

1 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Correct. That's unallowable,
2 removing from that statement.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: Given that change to the motion,
4 Commissioner Akutagawa, do you still second that motion?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen, is this about
7 the motion specifically?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, it is. Would -- with
9 that answer, would the proposers and second agree to an
10 amendment that would request any equipment purchases of
11 this be so indicated, and like, justified in the
12 proposal? Because it doesn't -- remember we were looking
13 for a limit or something about it?

14 Right now, it wouldn't necessarily -- it wouldn't
15 have to -- the way it's written, they wouldn't have to
16 say anything about it. We wouldn't be able to evaluate
17 that option. And so I would request if they'd -- if we
18 could put in a wording saying any equipment purchases in
19 this -- in the budget must be documented or I'm not sure
20 how you would --

21 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen, are you asking
22 Commissioner La Mons to edit the motion to include
23 specific language on the purchase of equipments?

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons, would you want

1 to make that edit or no?

2 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes. Yes. If that moves us
3 forward, yes.

4 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Akutagawa, do you still
5 second that edit --

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: -- edited motion?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. The RFP has language
11 that -- I think it's ten percent that it would be for
12 technology.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I just feel like we're
15 really, like, digging in the weeds and getting in their
16 business if we ask -- let me just finish, please. Like,
17 I didn't interrupt you. We're just digging in the weeds,
18 if that's how they choose to use their ten percent.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: At least. No. But it --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. It does say "at
21 least", so I am --

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen, you're not on
23 mute.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry.
25 I'm sorry. It's -- yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I'm sorry.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. That was the only
4 concern that says at least ten percent. I think if we
5 could maybe specify the percentage instead of saying "at
6 least". But again, it's how -- I don't want to get into
7 the business of telling them how to do their job and what
8 resources they're going to need to do their job. They
9 are going to have deliverables. I don't know. I guess
10 I'm just trying to stay in my lane.

11 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay. I know how I want to
12 edit it. I know how I want to edit the motion. So
13 Executive Director Hernandez, so the part where it talks
14 about -- drop bullet 5. I mean, drop the -- I don't know
15 what bullet number is. Drop the equipment bullet because
16 per Raul they can use it for equipment. Drop that
17 bullet.

18 And the ten percent, don't specify a percentage. So
19 it'll just be on the strength of their proposal, whatever
20 they put forward. And I hope that gets to the intent of
21 Commissioner Vazquez and others who really wanted to give
22 people the latitude to put forward a proposal based on
23 what they need in order to get the objectives done.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Akutagawa, do you accept
25 those changes and still second that motion?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm sorry. I don't. I'm a
2 little -- I am uncomfortable with making it open-ended in
3 terms of how much the money can be used on equipment
4 purchases.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think that -- yeah.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: I will -- I'm sorry. I will interrupt
8 there. Do we have a second on the motion that is on the
9 floor?

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I will second.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Kennedy seconded.

12 Discussion on the motion on the floor.

13 Yes, Commissioner Sadhwani.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I apologize. I was not here
15 for yesterday's conversation. Has there been a legal
16 review of the entire basis of these contracts in terms of
17 impartiality? From the beginning, I have been very
18 concerned about the notion of impartiality with the
19 Commission making choices about who we will fund.

20 At this point, I would continue to vote no on this,
21 and that's not because I don't support community-based
22 organizations getting funds. I absolutely do. But I
23 think in the long run for our maps, this continues to
24 present real problems.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other comments on the motion that

1 has been seconded on the floor at this time?

2 Yes. Alvaro.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Chair, can I just read off what I
4 have so far --

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah. Yeah.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: -- on the motion, because it's
7 changed. Motion to make the edits to the outreach RFP as
8 noted by Director Kaplan and changing the opening of the
9 proposal time to June 25th, 2021 at 10 a.m. So that
10 reference to the ten percent, that's part of the RFP and
11 that's what we're, you know -- those are some of the
12 edits that -- no, let me clarify.

13 Edits were provided to us for the RFP. This would
14 not be an edit. We would be leaving that alone. So
15 we're not pointing it out or pulling it into this motion.
16 It's part of the edits; is that correct in my
17 understanding, Commissioner Le Mons?

18 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No, no. It is isolated
19 because it wasn't a part of the edits specifically. The
20 percentage wasn't; that's a new addition, actually.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. And --

22 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So it would be not
23 (indiscernible) that was part of the edits from our
24 original conversation.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Could we repeat the -- that part of

1 the motion?

2 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. It would just be to
3 and remove the ten percent max on --

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: -- whatever that line item
6 was. I'm sorry. I'm not reading -- I'm not looking at
7 the document.

8 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes. Commissioner Toledo.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Just -- I'm just
10 curious. To Commissioner Sadhwani's point, if Ms.
11 Johnston or Mr. Pane believe that this RFI sufficiently
12 covers us in terms of the impartiality requirements. If
13 the RFI as written at this point, if it sufficiently
14 protects us on the issue of impartiality.

15 MR. PANE: So I'm certainly if Marian has any
16 opinion, I right now, we -- from my understanding,
17 especially with working with Raul and working with OLS on
18 this. So the impartiality question is going to be a
19 question of fact for perhaps individual Commissioners as
20 to whether or not that's problematic for them, given
21 their involvement. But I don't see anything on the face
22 of this contract that's legally problematic generally for
23 the Commission.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sadhwani.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just to follow up, though,

1 not just in terms of the contract itself and the awarding
2 of them, but by awarding such contracts, does that leave
3 us open in terms of the maps being impartial? That we've
4 given undue favor to, potentially, the groups that we're
5 contracting with?

6 MR. PANE: I don't see -- I can't -- I don't want to
7 wade into policy, but I -- what I would say is I don't
8 see that simply approving this RFP to move forward
9 automatically ruins any sort of future map drawing you
10 all will decide to do. That's very much a policy
11 decision that you all are making. So I don't see that
12 approving this contract necessarily impairs that separate
13 event.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Marian and then Commissioner
15 Akutagawa.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: I would just add that you're not
17 approving contracts. You're approving the request for
18 contracts. So if you have any problems with the
19 contracts that are being submitted, that's something that
20 could be considered later on.

21 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Akutagawa.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I also want to note that
23 one of the big changes after OLS review of this RFP was
24 that it is open to any bidder. It's not necessarily just
25 a community-based organization.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'd like to ask of
3 Commissioner Sadhwani. It seems the concern is not so
4 much down to who ultimately gets -- who gets awarded the
5 bid. But it's the perception and impression that we have
6 selected any one group over a different group. It feels
7 like that's what I'm hearing her say.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. If I may respond.
9 Yes. That's absolutely the concern. That's been my
10 concern since we first started having these conversations
11 many months ago, is that when it comes to the maps
12 themselves, we have an obligation of impartiality. And
13 in giving out -- awarding these funds to groups, many of
14 whom are also -- potentially, I mean, I suppose, depends
15 on who we end up contracting, but potentially could also
16 at the same time be mobilizing communities to present
17 communities of interest input to us.

18 If we then give additional weight, or it is
19 perceived that we give additional weight to that
20 testimony, potentially because they've had this this
21 contract, does that leave us open, and you know, moving
22 down the road to potential litigation? This has always
23 been my concern.

24 And I understand, and I so appreciate all of the
25 work of the subcommittee to develop it this far. But at

1 the end of the day, as we've discussed it numerous times,
2 there's a whole lot of people out here who want to see us
3 fail. And I just see this as an ongoing way of just
4 leaving ourselves wide open to that kind of attack.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Question for Marian and Anthony. Am I
6 allowed to take public comment generally and for the
7 motion on the floor at the same time?

8 MR. PANE: I would -- Marian, happy to chime in, but
9 my recommendation would be that we keep them separate.

10 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

11 MR. PANE: I understand the time constraints, but
12 for clarity, for public participation, it would probably
13 make more sense to keep them separate.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Katy, can we open the floor for
15 public comment on this item, the motion on the floor?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. All right. In
17 order to maximize transparency and public participation
18 in our process, the Commissioners will be taking public
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11 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn
12 down the livestream volume.

13 The Commission is taking public comment on the
14 motion on the floor at this time.

15 There is no one in the queue at this time, and I
16 will notify you as soon as the instructions are complete.

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Chair?

18 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So I guess my concern is,
20 Commissioner Sadhwani has made her position pretty clear.
21 This is a special vote. One Democrat is absent. I don't
22 know if this is even -- we should even proceed. I'm
23 really thinking I should just withdraw my motion at this
24 point.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Anthony and Marian, is that something

1 that is appropriate to do at this time, or would you all
2 recommend that we continue?

3 MR. PANE: If the Commissioner wishes to withdraw
4 his motion, he certainly could.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

6 Commissioner Le Mons, would you like to withdraw
7 your motion?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could -- before he does
9 that, there are five Democrats here.

10 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No. There isn't.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. There are.

12 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Oh, there are? Okay. I
13 guess I don't know who they are.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Vazquez, Sadhwani, Sinay --

15 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I don't know who they are.

16 Okay. That's fine. I don't really -- I have -- that's
17 the worst thing, I have not kept track of who's who. So
18 I apologize. Okay. We can move forward. If it fails,
19 it fails. We can move forward.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The instructions are
21 complete, Chair.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you.

23 Alvaro, we are ready for the vote.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. The motion reads, motion
25 to make the edits of the RFP as noted by Director Kaplan,

1 remove the ten percent max for technology, and changing
2 the opening of proposal time to June 25th, 2021 at 10
3 a.m.; is that correct?

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. We'll begin the vote.
6 Commissioner Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen.

9 Can you repeat that, Commissioner Andersen?

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, please come back to me.
11 Please come back.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay.

13 Commissioner Fernandez.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.
16 Commissioner Kennedy.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

25 Commissioner Toledo.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Abstain.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad.

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Andersen.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It doesn't matter, because
12 we only have two nonpartisans who voted yes.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: It's just yes or no, Commissioner
14 Andersen, or abstain.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, with one amendment.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: No. There's no amendments allowed at
17 this time.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. I'll say yes.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: One, two, three. One, two, three.

20 And then one, two -- so there isn't a three and three.

21 It's three, three, and two, so the motion does not pass.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Alvaro. With that, I would
23 like to announce that we will be meeting on June 2nd, as
24 we have many items that we did not get to cover. So we
25 have remaining item 9J, which is this item that we just

1 covered. Item 9G, I heard materials development
2 subcommittee needed to bring forward a motion.

3 9H, website subcommittee needed to bring forward a
4 motion. Item 10, legal affairs committee, we didn't get
5 to. Item 12, line drawer updates and training
6 subcommittee, we didn't get to. And item 14, discussion
7 of future meeting dates and agenda items, we did not get
8 to.

9 So given that there's still quite a few number of
10 items remaining, we will have the meeting next week. So
11 please change your calendars to mark the CRC action
12 meeting if needed, to will be happening.

13 With that, can I open for general public comment at
14 this time?

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11 the livestream volume.

12 And there is no one in the queue at this time.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Chair Ahmad, can I just ask
14 a quick question? So will --

15 CHAIR AHMAD: Sure.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: At the Tuesday meeting --
17 or I'm sorry, next week's meeting, will grants again be
18 coming forward? I wasn't -- I don't know if I caught
19 that or not.

20 CHAIR AHMAD: Wednesday, June 2nd is a scheduled
21 meeting if needed. We have agendized all of the
22 subcommittees for that meeting to come forward if they
23 still wish to bring forward a motion.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: I just listed out the items that we

1 didn't get to.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Chair?

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Could we request that you
7 change the name of the grants subcommittee to contracts
8 subcommittees?

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Can certainly do that.

10 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: For clarity. Thank you.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: And in the meantime, if anyone has any
12 other items that you want to bring forward, I can
13 certainly add those next Wednesday's meeting agenda, if
14 they fall within the agenda items already on. If you
15 have time estimates, that would be greatly appreciated.

16 Another general announcement, tomorrow's legal
17 affairs committee and public input design meetings have
18 both been canceled. So there are no subcommittee
19 meetings or full CRC meetings happening tomorrow.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The instructions are
21 complete.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: All right. With that, I would adjourn
23 this meeting. And I will see you all next Wednesday,
24 June 2nd.

25 (Whereupon, the CRC Business Meeting adjourned)

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