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3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Good morning, everyone. Welcome and
4 thank you for joining us for today's California citizens
5 redistricting commission communities of interest input
6 meeting. This one is focusing on Riverside and San
7 Bernardino Counties. Please note that we will be happy
8 to take calls focusing on other areas of the state as
9 well.

10 I'm Commissioner Ray Kennedy. I'll be co-chairing
11 today's meeting along with Commissioner Le Mons.

12 And I would ask our commission secretary, Mr. Singh,
13 to call the roll, please?

14 MR. SINGH: Thank you. Commissioner Le Mons?

15 VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Here.

16 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

18 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

20 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

21 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

22 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

23 Commissioner Turner?

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Present.

25 MR. SINGH: Thank you. Commissioner Turner?



1 Commissioner Vazquez?

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

3 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

5 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

6 COMMISSIONER 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 FORNACIARI: Here.

14 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Here.

16 MR. SINGH: Roll call is complete.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ravindar. I'll start by
18 sharing a little bit about the Commission. Every ten
19 years after the federal government publishes updated
20 census information, California must redraw the boundaries
21 of its congressional, State Senate, state assembly, and
22 State Board of Equalization Districts so that the
23 districts correctly reflect the state's population.

24 In 2008, California voters authorized the creation
25 of the Commission when they passed the Voters FIRST Act.



1 The act authorized the Commission to draw the new
2 district lines for State Senate, state assembly, and
3 State Board of Equalization Districts. Later, in 2010,
4 the Voters FIRST Act for Congress added the
5 responsibility of drawing congressional districts to the
6 Commission's mandate.

7 The fourteen-member Commission is made up of five
8 Republicans, five Democrats, and four not affiliated with
9 either of those two parties. The Commissioners were
10 selected following a yearlong application review process,
11 with the first eight members having been selected by
12 random draw, and the six remaining Commissioners being
13 selected by the first eight.

14 The Commission must draw the district lines in
15 conformity with strict, nonpartisan rules set out in the
16 state constitution designed to create districts of
17 relatively equal population that will provide fair
18 representation for all Californians. One of those rules
19 is minimizing the division of counties, cities,
20 neighborhoods, and communities of interest to the extent
21 possible.

22 We can obtain the city and county information from
23 those jurisdictions, but we need the neighborhood and
24 communities of interest information from Californians
25 directly. That's why we've launched these communities of



1 interest public input sessions to get that valuable
2 information from you directly. We encourage all
3 Californians to participate in these sessions. If you
4 would rather submit communities of interest input over
5 the internet, you can do so from our website or by
6 visiting DrawMyCACommunity.org. Skip the line, go
7 online.

8 Now, I'll call on my fellow Commissioners to
9 introduce themselves and to say hello. To see the
10 biographies for all fourteen Commissioners, for
11 additional information on the redistricting process, or
12 to sign up for our updates, please visit our website at
13 WeDrawTheLinesCA.org. Please also follow us on social
14 media. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter,
15 LinkedIn, and YouTube at WeDrawTheLinesCA. There, you'll
16 find a lot of useful information about redistricting, and
17 updates from the Commission.

18 So we'll start with my co-Chair, Commissioner Le
19 Mons.

20 VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Good morning, California. I am
21 Commissioner Antonio Le Mons. I reside in Southern
22 California, and I'm looking forward to hearing all of
23 your community of interest input today. Welcome.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.
25 Commissioner Ahmad?



1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Hi, everyone. My name's Isra
2 Ahmad, and I'm excited to hear all of your input
3 today.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.
5 Commissioner Akutagawa?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Hi, good morning, everyone.
7 Looking forward to hearing what you have to say about
8 your communities of interest.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
10 Commissioner Andersen?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Good morning, California.
12 My name is Jane Andersen. I actually live in Northern
13 California. And I'm really looking forward to hearing
14 from -- getting community input.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
16 Commissioner Fernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Good morning, everyone.
18 I'm Commissioner Alicia Fernandez, and I'm very excited
19 to hear about the wonderful communities you're going to
20 share with us today.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
22 Commissioner Fornaciari?

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Good morning, California.
24 My name's Neal Fornaciari. I'm coming to you from the
25 not-too-hot-today Tracy, California. Thank you for



1 joining us, and I look forward to hearing your input.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.
3 Commissioner Sadhwani?

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Good morning, California.
5 I'm very excited to be here. I'm calling in today from
6 Pasadena. I'm looking forward to hearing more about the
7 communities in San Bernardino and Riverside.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
9 Commissioner Sinay?

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (In Spanish).

11 Good morning, California. We're really happy to be
12 here, and really interested in hearing about your
13 communities.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
15 Muchas gracias.

16 Commissioner Taylor?

17 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Good morning, everyone. I
18 share in my fellow Commissioner's excitement about your
19 community input; we welcome it, we encourage it, and we
20 hope we inspire it. So look forward to your comments.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.
22 Commissioner Toledo?

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Good morning, California. I
24 reside in Petaluma, California. I'm looking forward to
25 hearing about your communities of interest. Thank you.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

2 Commissioner Turner?

3 Commissioner Vazquez?

4 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Good morning, California.

5 I'm very excited to be here today. I'm calling in from
6 Los Angeles, California, but I'm super excited today
7 because I'm originally from the 909. I am an I-E girl at
8 heart, so I'm very excited to hear about your communities
9 of interest.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Excellent. Thank you, Commissioner
11 Vazquez.

12 Commissioner YEE.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Good morning, California. I'm
14 Russell Yee, in my hometown of Oakland. I'm here to
15 learn about San Bernardino and Riverside counties,
16 especially, and anywhere else that Californians are
17 calling in from today to share about their communities of
18 interest.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

20 Again, I'm Ray Kennedy. I live in Morongo Valley,
21 one of the rural Joshua Tree gateway communities in San
22 Bernardino County. I moved here a little over a year ago
23 after living in Palm Springs for fifteen years. So I'm
24 very interested in hearing about areas throughout both of
25 the counties.



1 This meeting is primarily for communities of
2 interest testimony focused on San Bernardino and
3 Riverside counties and surrounding areas. However,
4 anyone in California can call in to provide input. We
5 will take general public comment at the end of the
6 meeting.

7 Today, we're joined by our line drawing team,
8 HaystaqDNA and Q2 Date & Research, LLC, who will be
9 displaying maps of the areas that our participants
10 describe. We're also joined by Katy, our comment
11 moderator, who will be introducing attendees when it's
12 their turn to speak.

13 If you have registered for a time slot, we encourage
14 you to connect or call in during that timeslot. When you
15 join the meeting, please use the raise hand button at the
16 bottom of your screen to enter the queue. When it's your
17 turn to speak, Katy will be identifying you by your
18 assigned unique ID number. You will then be reconnected
19 to the session with the ability to enable your own video
20 and or audio. Katy will then assign you a speaker order
21 number before you begin speaking. Please make note of
22 your speaker order number for future reference, as you'll
23 be able to use that number to identify your communities
24 of interest testimony on our website at a future date.

25 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time



1 limit with a warning at thirty seconds and another with
2 fifteen seconds remaining. At the beginning of your
3 input, you will see a map on the screen. Please remind
4 the mapper what area you would like to see on the screen,
5 and be as specific as possible about the boundaries of
6 where your community is located.

7 We'd like to remind everyone that registration is
8 not required to participate in this public input meeting.
9 The public has the option of calling in during the
10 meeting to get in the queue to speak. The call in number
11 and access code are listed on the live stream.

12 While there are no clear rules on how to define a
13 community of interest, we've identified a number of ways
14 for you to describe your community. Begin with your
15 county or city. Mention the street names and significant
16 locations in your neighborhood to help us identify the
17 boundaries of your community. Tell us, what are your
18 shared interests? What brings your community together?
19 What's important to your community? Are there nearby
20 areas you want to be in a district with? If so, why do
21 you want to be grouped with those areas? Are there
22 nearby areas you don't want to be in a district with? If
23 not, why not? Has your community come together to
24 advocate for important services, better schools, roads,
25 or health centers in your area?



1 Again, for those who prefer, you're invited to use
2 our communities of interest tool online to draw a map and
3 describe your community by visiting
4 DrawMyCACommunity.org. Skip the line, go online, and
5 submit your communities of interest input today.

6 We will now begin today's public input, and I'll
7 pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator. We will
8 start with people who are registered, and then open the
9 phone lines if there's time before the next session.

10 Katy, welcome and thank you for your support.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good morning, Chair and
12 California. You're welcome. Thank you for having me.

13 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the
14 raise hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter
15 the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will be
16 identified by your assigned unique ID number. You will
17 be reconnected to the session with the ability to enable
18 your own video and or audio. You will then be assigned a
19 speaker order number before you begin speaking. Please
20 make note of your speaker order number for future
21 reference.

22 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time
23 limit, with a warning at thirty seconds and fifteen
24 seconds remaining. At the end of your public input or at
25 the end of your time, you will be reconnected in a listen



1 and view-only mode. At the beginning of your input,
2 please remind the mapper of what area you would like to
3 see.

4 And we also have a couple of people that have called
5 in that are registered with appointments. If you have
6 called in by phone, if you hit star 9 on your telephone
7 keypad, that will raise your hand to put you in line for
8 making comment. Star 9, for those that chose to call in,
9 will raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.

10 We will be starting right now with 008, and up next
11 will be 006. So right now will be 008. And up next will
12 be 006. And 008, your speaker order number is going to
13 be number 1. You can now enable your video and audio in
14 the lower left of your screen. Please remind the mapper
15 of what area you would like to see, and with that, the
16 floor is yours.

17 MR. CREFFIELD: Yes. Hi, Mark Creffield, greater
18 High Desert Chamber of Commerce, speaker 008. Map area
19 would be the San Bernardino County High Desert, Victor
20 Valley area. Again, hello. Thank you for allowing me
21 the opportunity to provide testimony today.

22 I am Mark Creffield, the President and CEO of the
23 Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce. Our chamber
24 represents the City of Adelanto, Hesperia, Victorville,
25 and the town of Apple Valley, and surrounding San



1 Bernardino County High Desert communities. We used to
2 have several smaller chambers, but the business community
3 found that we were usually -- they were usually a member
4 of multiple chambers in our region because our community
5 is one high desert community.

6 The prior Commission was first to draw the High
7 Desert, Victor Valley into one district at Congressional
8 and assembly level, and it has improved representation in
9 our areas. We strongly feel the San Bernardino County
10 High Desert and surrounding areas should be kept together
11 as a community and not divided up. This also includes
12 the entire High Desert from Pinon Hills to the Morongo
13 Valley. Thank you very much for your time and having me
14 today.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now we will have 006. And then up next will be
17 007. Right now will be 006. And up next will be 007.

18 006, your speaker order number will be number 2.
19 You can now enable your video and audio in the lower left
20 of your screen. 006, in the lower left of your screen,
21 you can now enable your audio and video. Please remind
22 the mapper --

23 MR. CORDERO: Did I do it?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Please remind
25 the mapper of what area you would like to see. And with



1 that, the floor is yours.

2 MR. CORDERO: The City of Rancho Cucamonga, in San
3 Bernardino County.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

5 MR. CORDERO: My name is John Gallegos Cordero, and
6 I am a resident of Rancho Cucamonga. Rancho Cucamonga,
7 Upland, and Clairemont have benefited from all the
8 development along the 210 corridor, linking our cities in
9 commerce, leisure, and entertainment. As well, we are
10 some of the fastest growing areas in the county when it
11 comes to economic development.

12 Rancho Cucamonga is linked to our sister cities to
13 the west through youth sports, recreation, and education.
14 Rancho Cucamonga and Upland are in the same regional
15 counsel district, number 9, of the Southern California
16 Association of Governments and in the Inland Empire
17 Division of the League of Cities.

18 The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
19 placed Rancho Cucamonga and Upland in the Second
20 District, and Redlands in the third District. Rancho
21 Cucamonga serves as a commercial center for residents of
22 Upland, Ontario, and Clairemont, with the Victoria
23 Gardens, as well as the only professional sports stadium,
24 LoanMart Field. Our cities also share the Sycamore Hills
25 Plaza, where our Rancho Cucamonga residents shop at the



1 Inland Empire's only Wholefoods store, located in Upland.

2 Upland is also the home to the San Antonio Regional
3 Hospital, which services include Clairemont, Chino,
4 Fontana, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and
5 Upland. The hospital also owns a satellite location in
6 Rancho Cucamonga -- in the city of Rancho Cucamonga, the
7 San Antonio Medical Plaza.

8 Three Rancho Cucamonga high schools -- Etiwanda, Los
9 Osos, and Rancho Cucamonga High School -- compete in the
10 Baseline league, a high school athletic conference in CIF
11 Southern Section that also includes high schools in
12 Western communities. In contrast, three Redlands high
13 schools compete in a separate league, the Citrus Belt.

14 And lastly, the three Rancho Cucamonga high schools
15 are part of the Chaffey Joint Union High School District,
16 which includes schools from, of course, Rancho Cucamonga,
17 Ontario, and Montclair, and some portions of -- of the --
18 of Fontana. And that concludes --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MR. CORDERO: That concludes my comments. Thank
21 you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 I'd like to remind those coming into the queue to please
24 use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen.
25 And at this time, we are also taking appointments first,



1 just so that everybody in the queue is aware.

2 So right now we have 007. And then up next, we will
3 have 012. So right now, will be 007. And up next will
4 be 012. 007, your speaker order number will be number 3.
5 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
6 of your screen. Please remind the mapper of what area
7 you would like to see. And with that, the floor is
8 yours.

9 Mr. JACKSON: Hello. I would like to talk about the
10 cities of Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet, and San Jacinto
11 in Riverside County. That's the cities of Moreno Valley,
12 Perris, Hemet, and San Jacinto. We are -- my name is
13 Corey Jackson; I actually live in the city of Moreno
14 Valley, and I also serve as a member of the local NAACP.
15 And I'm here to talk about the African-American
16 communities in those cities of Moreno Valley, Perris,
17 Hemet, and San Jacinto.

18 It's an essential that we ensure that the African-
19 American voice, as a minority population, is not weakened
20 according to your Voting Rights Act and community of
21 interest criteria. Currently, the center of the
22 community is separated currently right now by two
23 assembly districts, assembly district 61 and assembly
24 district 42. The city of Moreno Valley has the largest
25 population of African-Americans, and the city of Perris



1 has the second largest population of African-Americans in
2 Riverside County.

3 However, since the last redistricting process, our
4 population is shifting to the cities of Hemet and San
5 Jacinto. All four cities have been able to elect other
6 African-Americans to local office. Therefore, we ask
7 that these cities be included in the same assembly,
8 Senate, and congressional district to protect the voting
9 strength of our community, who share a common history, a
10 common culture, we celebrate some of the same cultural
11 events such as Kwanzaa and Juneteenth, and attend our
12 events. We worship in many of the same places of
13 worship, and we are deeply concerned with issues of
14 racism, public safety, voting rights, education. And we
15 share some of the very same health concerns, such as
16 infant mortality, hypertension, and colon cancer, which
17 is -- affects some of us being some of the lowest
18 mortality rates of any other group.

19 Not including Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet, and San
20 Jacinto in the same districts would dilute our ability to
21 elect our own representatives as a minority group.
22 However, equally as important is that we ask not to be
23 included with cities such as Temecula --

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MR. JACKSON: -- Lake Elsinore, and Riverside who do

1 not share some of the same issues of concern. Thank you
2 very much for your time.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
4 now will be 012, and then up next will be 005. Right now
5 will be 012, and up next will be 005. And again, those
6 in the queue, please use the raise your hand button at
7 the lower part of your screen to enter the line of the
8 queue. So right now is 012.

9 012, your speaker order number is number 4. You can
10 now enable your audio and video in the lower left of your
11 screen. Please remind the mapper of what area you would
12 like to see. And with that, the floor is yours.

13 MS. RAMOS-EVINGER: Thank you so much. And I'd like
14 to see the cities of like, Chino Hills, Brea, and Yorba
15 Linda. And good morning, Commissioners. My name is
16 Sarah Ramos-Evinger, and I'm a proud resident of the city
17 of Chino Hills. I'm also the president of the Chino
18 Valley Fire District. And I also serve as the fire
19 district's liaison to the Carbon count -- Carbon Canyon
20 FireSafe Council, which includes residents from the city
21 of Chino Hills and Brea.

22 Our city -- our -- Chino Hills has a population of
23 over 80,000 residents, and is nestled next to the
24 beautiful Chino Hills State Park. Our city has a strong
25 equestrian and recreational lifestyle, including many



1 biking, hiking, and riding trails. One of the major
2 challenges facing Chino Hills is the threat of wildfire.

3 Chino Hills is designated by Cal Fire as a very high
4 fire hazard severity zone. Last year, we had the Blue
5 Ridge fire that burned nearly 14,000 acres and forced the
6 evacuation of many residents and adjacent communities of
7 Brea and Yorba Linda, California. As president of the
8 Chino Valley Fire District, we work closely with the
9 cities of Brea, California, and Yorba Linda, located in
10 North Orange County on mutual aid fires, issues such as
11 the Blue Ridge fire, or if a fire occurs in the Chino
12 Hills State Park, which our communities touch.

13 Additionally, we have a major thoroughfare, called
14 Carbon Canyon, that connects the city of Brea with Chino
15 Hills. I, along with thousands of other Chino Hills
16 residents, use Carbon Canyon each day to go to work or do
17 business in Brea or North Orange County. The 91 freeway
18 to the south of our city connects Chino Hills and Yorba
19 Linda and North Orange County. It would make sense that
20 Chino Hills be included in the same legislative
21 congressional district as Brea and Yorba Linda due to our
22 common fire and transportation areas. Thank you again to
23 the Commission for your time and service to our residents
24 of California. That concludes my comments.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right



1 now we have 005, and then up next will be 003. Right now
2 will be 005, and up next is 003.

3 005, your speaker order number is number 5. You can
4 now enable your audio and video in the lower left of your
5 screen. Please remind the mapper what area you would
6 like to see. And with that, the floor is yours.

7 MS. MORRIS GREEN: My community of interest is the
8 Victor Valley region of the High Desert. This would
9 include the incorporated communities of Victorville,
10 Adelanto, Upper Valley, and Hesperia, and the surrounding
11 unincorporated areas, including Mountain View Acres,
12 Spring Valley Lake, Phelan, Pinon Hills, El Mirage,
13 Silver Lake, Lucerne Valley, Big Bear, and Wrightwood.
14 My name is Phyllis K Morris Green. I have lived in the
15 Victorville -- Victor Valley area for approximately
16 fifty-four years, currently residing in the city of
17 Hesperia with my husband. And then I also care for my
18 mother who resides in the city of Victorville.

19 As an attorney, I have provided representation to
20 citizens throughout San Bernardino County. The Victor
21 Valley area is unique in that we are under-resourced and
22 underserved. The ability to access appropriate resources
23 is critical toward enhancing public safety and providing
24 safe communities. To reduce recidivism, we must have
25 strong social service networks.



1 Yet, when we seek services that include but are not
2 limited to substance abuse treatment, mental health
3 treatment, therapy for behavior disorder, domestic
4 violence counseling services, and even shelters and
5 transitional housing, we find agencies with long waiting
6 lists requiring clients to call daily, often waiting
7 weeks to obtain a spot for accessing services. Yet,
8 research shows that connecting clients with services
9 early in the process increases the likelihood of
10 achieving a successful rehabilitation.

11 When we do locate an agency for our client, the
12 agency is likely to be in one of four cities or Barstow.
13 After locating services for the clients, we must then
14 navigate issues of transportation. The most convenient
15 form of travel is by car. However, many individuals,
16 clients and non-clients do not own a car. According to
17 the Database.IO -- that's the letters I-O -- the poverty
18 rates for the four cities within the region are as
19 follows: Victorville at 22.8 percent; Adelanto at 35.4
20 percent; Apple Valley at 17.8 percent; and Hesperia at 21
21 percent. Although Victor Valley Transit Authority
22 services the region, it's schedule, at times, is not a
23 viable alternative because of the lack of frequency
24 regarding arrival and departure times, with many stops
25 limited to make travel laps, and not --



1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MS. MORRIS GREEN: -- in neighborhoods. In regions
3 the district should also include the communities of
4 Barstow, Lynwood, Baker, Yermo, Hinkley, (indiscernible),
5 Newberry Springs, and Kramer Junction --

6 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

7 MS. MORRIS GREEN: -- are the areas in between.

8 Thank you for this opportunity to provide input.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 right now we will have 003. And up next, we will have
11 010. Right now will be 003. And up next, we will have
12 010. And I would like to ask those with registered
13 appointments that are in the queue to please use the
14 raise your hand option in the lower -- or the bottom of
15 your screen so that you can get in the line to make your
16 comment.

17 So right now will be 003. 003, your speaker order
18 number will be number 6. You can now enable your video
19 and audio in the lower left of your screen. 003. There
20 you go.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, I'm here.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And please remind the
25 mapper --



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So the area --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The area I'd like to talk
6 about is the west end of San Bernardino County, which
7 also includes the Pomona area. So if you could zoom in
8 on that area, that would be great. Little closer.
9 Ontario, Chino. So what I'm -- I'm here to discuss is
10 Chino, Chino Hills, Claremont, Diamond Bar, La Verne,
11 Montclair, Ontario, Pomona, Rancho Cucamonga, San Dimas,
12 Upland, and Walnut.

13 This area, historically and geographically, has been
14 known as the Pomona Valley. And what's interesting is
15 that in 1893, this was considered to be a county, but
16 failed to get that status in the legislature because LA
17 County wanted to hold on to the Pomona portion. But it
18 really speaks to the fact that this is a full community.

19 So bottom line, the -- the districts that we have
20 right now, I think, are probably the best that we could
21 ever get. That would include the interests of this
22 collective area -- this Pomona Valley. And if -- if
23 there were any changes, it would be detrimental. It
24 would sever our ties.

25 And just -- just on a note, I happen to live in



1 Ontario, but I go to my Catholic church in Claremont.
2 And as a parishioner, I run the social media and the
3 online presence for the church. And one of the things
4 that I've noticed over the years, especially last year
5 with our live broadcasts of our -- our masses, is that we
6 are pulling people from that entire area. We have people
7 from Rancho, Ontario, like myself, from Upland, from
8 Montclair, Chino, and Chino Hills that all attend that --
9 that church. Our Lady of the Assumption in Claremont.

10 So the other the -- other aspect, too, is a
11 transportation. I think there is no doubt in anybody's
12 mind that transportation for this area is very unique and
13 ties all of us together. And we are bordered at the
14 north at the 210, which ties into the foothill
15 communities, the 10 which ties in all of these
16 communities, every single one. And then, of course, the
17 60 at the south. And with that, I conclude. Thank you
18 so much for your time. Have a good day.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. So
20 right now, we will have 010. And I would like to give
21 the opportunity to 003 and 004 -- oh, I'm sorry -- 003
22 just went. I would like to give the opportunity to 004
23 to raise their hand. Oh, wait. 00.

24 Okay. With that, we will go 010 will be right now.
25 And then up next, will be caller 7745. So right now will



1 be 010. And up next will be caller 7745.

2 010, your speaker order number will be number 7.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Am I -- may I go
4 ahead?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. You're --

6 MR. MANOFF: Would the speaker please turn off
7 livestream volume?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, I don't even know what
9 that is. Livestream volume. I don't know what that is,
10 sir. I'm sorry. I'm at work and so I'm in my car on my
11 cell phone.

12 MR. MANOFF: Okay.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't have livestream, I
14 don't think.

15 MR. MANOFF: Okay.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You mean like through the
17 car?

18 MR. MANOFF: Yes, please.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I can unplug that. So sorry.
20 Okay. I unplugged that.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. That should
22 stop the feedback.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is that better?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah. There we go. Go
25 ahead.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah -- oh, now you can't
3 hear us? Go ahead.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I have the -- I don't know.
5 Shoot. Can you hear me?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can hear you. Just go
7 ahead.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I'm sorry. I can't
9 hear you, so I apologize. Yes. I would like you to put
10 up the Coachella Valley, please. Palm Springs all the
11 way east to the Arizona border. Thank you.

12 My name is Ellen Wei, and I'm a little over a 30
13 year resident of the town of La Quinta. I guess it's the
14 city of La Quinta. And I am speaking with you today, and
15 I want to thank you, all the Commissioners, for your time
16 and being on this board and listening to all of us. But
17 I am calling in today because I think it's very important
18 that our community be returned to one assembly district.

19 Years ago, we were the 80th assembly district and we
20 were contiguous and it was much better served. And in
21 the last round, somehow, even though I know the law says
22 it can't be gerrymandered, our 56th and 42nd assembly
23 districts ended up being gerrymandered, and they jump
24 over a bunch of cities, and they put a few cities in
25 the -- the 56th district. And to be honest, they really



1 separated the Hispanic community into one district, and
2 everybody else into another district. And I think that
3 that is really terrible for our community relations.

4 The Coachella Valley cities are already united under
5 the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, and the
6 cities all work together on issues such as conservation,
7 public safety, homelessness, infrastructure, rebuilding.
8 They're already unified. And if you've been to the
9 Coachella Valley, you know that once you get outside of
10 the past, it's a very different world. We are the Low
11 Desert. Our geography is the same. And we should be
12 contiguous so that my home and my business are in the
13 same district.

14 Right now, we have people who literally across the
15 street is another assembly district. And I don't believe
16 this is good. This -- this is literally segregation and
17 it shouldn't be done. We should all be learning to work
18 together to achieve goals and to solve problems as one
19 community, because we are all desert people.

20 And out here, our two economies are driven by
21 tourism and by agriculture. And so if any expansion is
22 done, our district should go east so that we include the
23 agricultural community of the Imperial Valley and the
24 agricultural community of the Palo Verde Valley, so that
25 our three agricultural desert regions are connected, and

1 that our legislator can actually represent those
2 important pieces of our local economy. So we are --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty second.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- over 400,000 permanent
5 residents.

6 And the other issue I want to -- I hope you will
7 consider is that in the wintertime, we swell by over
8 100,000 people, snowbirds, as we call them, who move here
9 but don't have --

10 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- permanent residency simply
12 because they don't want to be paying California taxes.
13 They live here temporarily, but that does put pressure on
14 our community. And I do believe that population swell
15 should be considered by this board when drawing our
16 districts. And I just ask you, please, to consider --

17 MR. MANOFF: Time.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- making --

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
20 right now we will have caller 7745. And then up next
21 will be caller 5723. Right now will be caller 7745, and
22 then up next to be caller 5723. And I just want to
23 acknowledge, 013, I have your raised hand, and 011, if
24 you could use the raise your hand option in the lower
25 part of your screen to raise your hand, that would get



1 you in the queue. Thank you.

2 So right now, we will open the line for caller 7745.
3 Caller 7745, if you can follow the prompt that Zoom is
4 giving you to press star 6. That is caller with the last
5 four of your phone 7745.

6 Okay, we will go on to the next one with that. If
7 you would like to raise your hand again, you're more than
8 welcome to.

9 So right now will be caller 5723, and then up next
10 will be 013. So right now will be caller 5723. Caller
11 5723, you are currently unmuted. Your speaker order
12 number will be number 8. If you will, please make note
13 of that for future reference. If you will, please let
14 the mapper know if there is an area you would like
15 brought up on the map. And with that the floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. First of all, I
17 would like to express my sincere gratitude for the
18 professionals handling a daunting task as relates to
19 redistricting. I reside in the city of Victorville. I'm
20 retired from the United States Air Force as a medical
21 manager. I have resided and contribute to the city of
22 Victorville and throughout the State of California for
23 more than 30 years.

24 As you know, California has approximately fifty-one
25 counties, and San Bernardino County represents the fourth



1 largest county within our state. As it relates to the
2 city of Victorville, as relates to -- of a specific
3 election, which is the state senatorial election, we
4 share a common interest with Inyo County and LA County in
5 that regard. However, as relates to the city of
6 Victorville and the High Desert and San Bernardino
7 County, we have similar interests, lifestyle, values, and
8 challenges.

9 As such, I would ask that every account be given to
10 ensure that San Bernardino County has the autonomy that
11 it so deserves. And for one reason, specifically, as
12 relates to safety. As it relates to San Bernardino
13 County sheriff, we have a sheriff department that has a
14 crime lab, and also has helicopters, the whole nine
15 yards. There are other cities within the city of
16 Victorville that do not have the safety of San Bernardino
17 County Sheriff Department. I find it necessary that we
18 have that.

19 So with that, I will close. And I just want to
20 express the sincere gratitude in what you are doing and
21 pursuing because it is an overwhelming task, doing what
22 you have. Thank you so much for this opportunity to
23 share my thoughts.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 so right now we have 013. And then up next will be 011.



1 Right now is 013. Up next is 011.

2 013, your speaker order number will be number 9.

3 You can now enable your video and audio in the lower left
4 of your screen; the bottom lower left corner. 013, you
5 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left of
6 your corner -- of your screen.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, there.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Please remind the mapper
9 of what area you would like to see. And with that, the
10 floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I would like to see the areas
12 of Chino Hills, Chino, and Eastvale. So my name is --

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

14 MR. ANASTOLE: Yeah. My name is Nick Anastole
15 (phonetic). I'm giving input on the area of Chino Hills.
16 I lived in Chino Hills for years, most of my entire life.
17 It's currently located in eastern San Gabriel Valley and
18 is in a North Orange County congressional district right
19 now. I believe it would be best if it were aligned with
20 cities that represent local interests that we all share
21 in common. So right now, it's -- shares a school
22 district, a fire district, and a water district with the
23 city of Chino. And it's similar to other cities in the
24 area like Ontario and Eastvale. And that's my input.
25 Thanks.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
2 now we have 011. And for those waiting in the queue that
3 are callers, star 9 will raise your hand indicating you
4 wish to comment. That is, please press star 9 to raise
5 your hand indicating you wish to comment. And right now
6 we have 011.

7 Well, that didn't go. Why not? 011, your speaker
8 order number will be number 10. If you would please make
9 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
10 your video and audio in the bottom left of your screen.
11 Please remind the mapper of what area you would like to
12 see. And with that, the floor is yours.

13 You'll have to unmute yourself in the lower left of
14 your screen. Ma'am? There you are. The floor is yours,
15 ma'am. Will you please remind the mapper of what area
16 you'd like to see?

17 MS. O'TOOLE: I'm in the Coachella Valley.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

19 MS. O'TOOLE: And I'm a taxpayer in Riverside
20 County, and our assembly district should be contiguous,
21 and conclude (sic) all of Coachella Valley cities. This
22 district would include Palo Verde Valley. Our community
23 should not be segregated by ethnic or socioeconomic
24 groups. We are one community and we need to work
25 together to achieve goals and solve problems.



1 Our 2000 population, Coachella Valley, was
2 approximately 38 -- 388,000 fulltime residents. The
3 population increases in the winter months by over a
4 hundred thousand snowbirds. We are large enough to have
5 one assembly district. All these visitors are not
6 residents of California, yet they do increase the size of
7 our community and should be considered when drawing the
8 lines. I thank you for your time.

9 My name is Dorothy O'Toole. As stated, I'm a
10 resident and taxpayer in Riverside County. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd
12 like to ask 016 to use the raise your hand option in the
13 bottom of your screen to get in the queue to make a
14 comment. And I'd like to remind those calling in that --
15 to please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you
16 wish to comment.

17 Caller 7745 is our raised hand at the moment. That
18 is caller 7745. Caller 7745, if you will follow the
19 prompt of star 6 from Zoom. If you will please press
20 star 6, it will unmute you. There you are. Caller 7745,
21 your speaker order number will be number 11, if you will
22 please make note of that for future reference. If you
23 will, please let the mapper know of what area you would
24 like brought up on the map. And with that, the floor is
25 yours. You're going to have to speak up. Please.



1 MS. ZACHARIA: Yes. I'd like the mapper to focus on
2 Palm Springs area and Coachella Valley area.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

4 MS. ZACHARIA: Yes. I'd like the map to focus on
5 Palm Springs and Coachella Valley.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, please. Will you
7 share your public comment or your community of interest?

8 MS. ZACHARIA: Yes. My name is Ragda Zacharia, and
9 I live in Palm Springs. And I'm already live in what
10 they call district 1. Am I live? Am I speaking?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, the floor is yours.

12 MS. ZACHARIA: Okay. I would like to -- thank you,
13 Commissioners, for all your hard work. I'd like to bring
14 to your attention, I live in Palm Springs area, and I
15 lived in California almost all my life. And we already
16 divided in what they call districts of zoning. And to
17 me, that really doesn't serve the whole community
18 together.

19 I live in section one, which is half San Rafael and
20 half 11, and I already feel the impact of being
21 segregated. Our community, together, we all share the
22 same religion. We all share the same hobbies. We need
23 the support in schools and health wise. But being
24 already divided in one section by the city council, it's
25 impacting the welfare of my area. I feel a stranger



1 right now in my area, and I'm being pushed out because
2 for some reason I don't belong to certain ethnic group.

3 So I encourage the Commission to include the entire
4 Coachella Valley because we need business from -- I mean,
5 the snowbirds don't do us anything. So the bottom line
6 is all of us, Palm Springs and Coachella Valley, we all
7 need to be one town so we can support businesses and
8 tourism. That's what we live on. And the farmland. So
9 we already divided within division. So the idea of
10 talking about your community to me is -- is segregation.
11 We're already small town, and I live in section one. I'm
12 already being pushed out because -- for them thinking I
13 don't belong to that community.

14 So I really appreciate taking -- look at the bigger
15 picture and unite the cities and Coachella Valley so we
16 can have better impact on all residents. Dividing us by
17 community is segregation.

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MS. ZACHARIA: Thank you, so much for taking my
20 call. You have a great day. Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 MS. ZACHARIA: You're welcome.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And with that, I would
24 like to ask those in the queue to utilize the varying
25 raise hand options. 016, if you will please use the



1 raise hand option in the lower part of your screen,
2 please press the raise hand if you are ready to make your
3 comment. And then for the callers in the queue, if you
4 are here to make comment to press star 9, that will raise
5 your hand. Please press star 9 to raise your hand
6 indicating you wish to comment.

7 016, if you are prepared to make comment at this
8 time, please use the raise hand option at the lower part
9 of the screen. Otherwise, we will go to a new -- oh,
10 here we go. 016, has chose to raise their hand. 016
11 will be right now.

12 016, your speaker order number is number 12. If you
13 will, please make a note of that for future reference.
14 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
15 of your screen. And if you would, please remind the
16 mapper of what area you would like to see. And with
17 that, the floor is yours. The floor is yours.

18 MS. WILLIAMS: Hi. My name is Delores Williams, and
19 I would like to see Congression District 8, Victor
20 Valley.

21 And Commissioners, thank you for providing me the
22 opportunity to testify today. My name is Delores
23 Williams. I have lived in the county of San Bernardino,
24 the city of Apple Valley, for twenty-seven years. My
25 area is referred to as Victor Valley High Desert, which



1 is represented by the eighth Congressional District.

2 I am the founder of Millionaire Mind Kids, nonprofit
3 organization. My headquarters has been located in the
4 city of Victorville for the past sixteen years, and I
5 serve some of the most vulnerable and underrepresented
6 families across Victor Valley and the Congressional
7 District. Currently, the eighth District, represented by
8 Congressman Jay Obernolte, encompasses most of the
9 eastern desert regions of the state. The Victor Valley
10 contains four incorporated municipalities. The largest
11 is Victorville. The common interests that currently
12 exist within our congressional districts are the median
13 household income, which is about 56k annually. While
14 meeting with other community members, we worked on
15 reimagining a community of resources that would uplift
16 our entire district region, but specifically Victor
17 Valley.

18 In addition to municipal services, we share
19 shopping, outdoor recreation, lakes, ski resorts, parks
20 and Wildlife, there are other resources in our community
21 agree are desperately needed that will enhance our
22 quality of life and our economy. These needs are a
23 trauma center, a major hospital and access to health care
24 specialists without having to go down the hill as we
25 refer, down the Cajon Pass.



1 Our university, we all agree education is a key to
2 access to quality jobs, which builds thriving economies.
3 Health and wellness centered communities are all of our
4 community interests and our common interests. Recreation
5 for all age groups, including parks and every family-
6 centered community that is upcoming. Access to theaters
7 and entertainment for all age groups. And cultural
8 awareness.

9 COVID-19 exposed so many vulnerabilities across our
10 region in so many areas.

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MS. WILLIAMS: This is why, when drawing the new
13 districts, I would like the commission to keep my
14 community of interest together so that we can keep
15 working to address the issues that makes a beautiful
16 Victor Valley more equitable, accessible --

17 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

18 MS. WILLIAMS: -- resourceful and fosters overall
19 wellness within a thriving community. Thank you for
20 hearing me today.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
22 with that, I would like to ask the callers in the queue
23 if you would like to make comment to please press star 9
24 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.
25 Please press star 9. And with that, Chair, I will refer



1 to you. We have no race hands at this time.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. If you could go ahead
3 and read the full call-in instructions again.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I can. In order to
5 maximize transparency and public participation in our
6 process, the commissioners will be taking public comment
7 by phone. To call in, call the telephone number provided
8 on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When
9 prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on the
10 livestream feed. It is 93910267047 for this meeting.
11 When prompted to enter a participant ID simply press the
12 pound key.

13 Once you're down in, you'll be placed in a queue.
14 To indicate you wish to comment, please press star 9.
15 This will raise your hand for the moderator. When it is
16 your turn to speak, you will hear a message that says a
17 host would like you to talk. Please press star 6 to
18 speak. If you would like to give your name, please
19 state, and spell it for the record. You are not required
20 to provide your name to give public comment.

21 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
22 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
23 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
24 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn
25 down the livestream volume. And again for those in the



1 queue, I'd like to please remind them if you're calling
2 in to please press star 9 to raise your hand. We did
3 have someone join.

4 You have to give me a -- one moment, Chair. All
5 right. All right. At this time, we do not have any
6 raised hands and so I will refer to you, Chair.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Could we take a five-
8 minute break for the and have the five-minute video
9 played?

10 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 11:58 a.m.
11 until 12:03 p.m.)

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Welcome back, everyone. Thank you
13 for joining us for today's community of interest input
14 meeting. I understand that we currently have no callers
15 with their hands raised. Again, star nine if you have
16 called in and would like to raise your hand. Otherwise,
17 I would like to remind our public that the community of
18 interest input meeting focusing on Los Angeles County is
19 scheduled for this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

20 Registration for that event for those who want to
21 sign up for a particular blocked time will close today at
22 5 p.m. For those looking at next week's calendar, just a
23 reminder that requests for interpretation are needed five
24 business days in advance. So the deadline for the
25 community of interest input session on Thursday, July



1 1st. That's for Zone A in the northwestern portion of
2 the state. Requests for interpretation would be needed
3 by today at 5 p.m.

4 Also, next week we have an input meeting for Zone C
5 on Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Thursday meeting,
6 Thursday, July 1st is Zone A and Friday, July 2nd, we
7 will have a community of interest input meeting for Zone
8 B from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. We will standby for two minutes
9 to see if we have any raised hands. And if not, we will
10 go to a video.

11 (Pause)

12 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Kristian, the two
13 minutes are up. Could we go to the twenty-minute video,
14 please?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hand option in the lower
16 part of your screen, which would be 017. And I'd like to
17 remind those calling in to please press star 9 to raise
18 your hand indicating you wish to comment. For those
19 calling in, please press star 9. For those joining via
20 Zoom 017, please use the raise hand option at the lower
21 part of your screen.

22 017, if you would like to give your comment at this
23 time, please use the raise hand option in the lower part
24 of your screen. Perfect. So right now we will have
25 caller 4727 and then up next will be 017. So right now



1 will be caller 4727. And up next will be 017.

2 Caller 4727, you are currently unmuted. Your
3 speaker order number is number 13. If you will please
4 make note of that for future reference. If you will
5 please remind the mapper of any area you would like
6 brought up on the map. And with that, the floor is
7 yours. Caller 4727, the floor is yours.

8 MS. ARIAS: Hello?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, go ahead.

10 MS. ARIAS: Okay. Hi, I'm Beverly Arias (ph.) here
11 in Riverside. The map would be of Riverside, Corona.
12 More 80/61. I just wanted to voice the concerns of
13 people in my area. I live in a predominantly Latino area
14 called Casa Blanca. We're predominantly fourth and fifth
15 generation residents. The concerns here are the
16 exorbitant housing, the violent homeless coming in and
17 aging population. So our concerns would be if this were
18 to be redistricted, we would like to ensure that
19 resources are available. Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
21 right now we have 017. 017.

22 017, you can now enable your audio and video in the
23 lower left of the screen. Your speaker order number will
24 be number 14 if you will please make note of that for
25 future reference. And please remind the mapper what area



1 you would like to see. And with that, the floor is
2 yours.

3 MR. BARSOUMIAN: Excellent. Thank you. And just
4 want to check. You can hear me, correct?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

6 MR. BARSOUMIAN: Wonderful. All right. So I would
7 like to specifically focus on San Bernardino County, more
8 specifically the 27th Congressional District. So a
9 little bit about me personally. My name is Edward
10 Barsoumian. I'm The Government affairs coordinator for
11 the Armenian and National Committee of America Western
12 Region. I live in San Bernardino County and I'd like to
13 discuss preserving my community in the 27th Congressional
14 District. Our district spans from Upland and Claremont,
15 Monterey Park, Altadena, as well as large portions of the
16 Angeles National Forest.

17 The district represents the people of the San
18 Gabriel Valley, the northern portion. And this is a
19 community which I think deserves individual
20 representation. The borders can be defined by Monterey
21 Park, Alhambra, Pasadena, Altadena, Sierra Madre,
22 Monrovia, Temple City and Rosemead. And we have a very
23 unique and important cultural makeup, as well as unique
24 imperative needs from our congressional representatives.

25 So we're currently represented by Judy Chu, who I



1 personally voted for but she was elected because her
2 values and campaign platform appealed to the voters of my
3 district. As an Armenian-American, I can tell you also
4 that this community, specifically, including the San
5 Gabriel Valley, is home to a strong and proud Armenian
6 community which has endured long and arduous history of
7 constant battles for recognition of the Armenian
8 Genocide, safety for Armenians against hate crimes in
9 California, as well as a long list of other important
10 issues which we believe are important, such as ensuring
11 equitable access to public services.

12 So as a minority group in the U.S., breaking up our
13 community's collective voice may jeopardize everything
14 that we've fought generations to secure, which is a seat
15 at the table in American civil society and a
16 representative who actually cares about our needs.

17 So for this reason, I have to request that the San
18 Gabriel Valley and the 27th Congressional District as a
19 whole remain as intact as possible with a higher priority
20 remaining to the eastern portion. The communities of
21 Upland and Claremont may have slightly different beliefs
22 and legislative needs, and I do believe that they deserve
23 to be lumped into a district which does satisfy those
24 legislative priorities.

25 So as a result, I have to say the Armenian --



1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MR. BARSOUMIAN: -- District is large enough. It
3 merits remaining in a separate congressional district
4 from neighboring communities like Glendale, who are part
5 of the 28th Congressional District. Thank you. I'll
6 yield to the rest of my time.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
8 And with that, Chair, we do not have any more raised
9 hands.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Let's stand by for two
11 minutes.

12 (Pause)

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Would you like me to read
14 the abbreviated instructions at this time?

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. The Commission is
17 now taking public comment by phone. To give comment,
18 please call 877-853-5247 and enter the meeting ID number
19 93910267047. Once you have dialed in, please press star
20 9 to enter the comment queue. The full call-in
21 instructions have been read previously in the meeting and
22 are provided on the livestream landing page. And I will
23 remind those that have called in that have not spoke to
24 please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you
25 wish to comment.



1 I would like to remind those calling in to please
2 press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to
3 comment. And we do have a raised hand. I need caller
4 6232 at this time. That's caller 6232.

5 Caller 6232, if you'll follow the prompt that Zoom
6 is giving you to press star 6 to speak. Has caller 6 --
7 oh, there you are. You are unmuted at this time. You
8 will be caller number -- one moment, please. You'll be
9 caller number fifteen at this time. Please remind the
10 mapper of where you would like brought up. And with
11 that, the floor is yours.

12 MR. BARTZ: Good afternoon. I want to thank the
13 Commission for taking my testimony today. My name is Don
14 Bartz. I was born and raised in San Bernardino County in
15 the high desert and have lived there all of my life. I
16 currently work in water and sit on the Technical Advisory
17 Committee for the Mojave Water Agency.

18 For those of you who don't know, the Mojave Water
19 Agency is the water master for San Bernardino County High
20 Desert and encompasses 4,900 square miles of the high
21 desert. The district includes many small towns like
22 Phelan, Canyon Hills, Lucerne Valley, Barstow, and also
23 larger, more populated cities like the entire Victor
24 Valley in the Morongo Basin, where we have locals call
25 the high desert.



1 The High Desert community share common concerns and
2 issues. For example, we understand that water is
3 precious and always work to preserve it in good years and
4 bad because we are desert communities. For this reason,
5 we have one water master that monitors how much water we
6 are taking from the ground. Recently, we've seen an
7 explosion of illegal marijuana growers across the high
8 desert area affecting Phelan, to the Lucerne Valley to
9 the Morongo Basin.

10 These groups have threatened their water supply and
11 there's the potential for contamination and harmful
12 pesticides to enter our groundwater. This is why we have
13 one water master to help monitor our groundwater and for
14 pollutants, in naturally occurring elements which could
15 be harmful to people like Arsenic and Chromium 6. I
16 would ask the commission to consider the San Bernardino
17 County High Desert a community of interest because of our
18 shared issues surrounding public health like water as
19 well as our rural desert way of life.

20 The prior commission cut up a San Bernardino County
21 High Desert at state level. But we are combined at the
22 Congressional District. I would like to see us stay
23 together at all levels of representation, and I
24 appreciate you taking the time to listen to my concerns.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And



1 with that, Chair, I believe we have no other callers at
2 this time.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. At this point, with no
4 further hands raised. We are coming up on a break. I
5 will then start that break early. But let's be back at
6 12:45, which --

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, actually real
8 quick.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We had someone --

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: I believe we had someone call in.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Just wait one second.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I just like to give them
15 --

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- a chance to raise
18 their hand.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Sure.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 4373, you just
21 called in. If you would like to make comment prior to
22 the break, please press star 9 to raise your hand
23 indicating you wish to comment. Thank you so much. And
24 they chose to raise their hand. So with that, is caller
25 4373. And the prompt of star 6.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm calling in to the --

2 COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- redistricting. Hello.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. You're unmuted. Hi.

5 I'm going to give you a couple of instructions. Your

6 speaker order number will be number 16. If you will.

7 Please make note of that for future reference.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Please remind the mapper
10 of any area you would like brought up on the map. And
11 with that, the floor is yours for three minutes.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, well, I don't have
13 three minutes' worth because I didn't have time to really
14 prepare. But I've been following you, and I thank you
15 for the wonderful work you've been doing. And I
16 appreciate that you are letting us see what's going on by
17 being able to get into some of these meetings. But I
18 think my biggest concern with all of this is that our
19 community not be segregated by ethnic or socioeconomic
20 groups. And we are one community here in the desert.

21 By the way, I am from the desert area and we need to
22 work together to achieve goals and solve problems. And I
23 think that we have a wonderful relationship throughout
24 this desert area of people of all different ethnics and
25 colors, and everything else. And I just want to make



1 sure that nothing separates us because we have worked
2 hard to be all one. And I think it's very, very
3 important.

4 And so I'm going to put my faith in you that you
5 don't do that, that you actually agree and keep with what
6 we are wanting to happen in our community to be, you
7 know, people that work together. And you don't even
8 think of some of the things that are being brought up in
9 today's world. So that would be all I want to say. Is
10 that okay?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. Thank you so
12 much. All right. And with that, Chair, we do not have
13 any new callers.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So then as I was saying,
15 let's start up a few minutes early and be back at 12:45.

16 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 12:16 p.m.
17 until 12:45 p.m.)

18 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Good afternoon. I'm
19 Commissioner Lemons, and I am co-chairing today's public
20 input meeting with my fellow commissioner, Commissioner
21 Kennedy. I like to welcome you back to the California
22 Citizens Redistricting Commission Community Sub Input --
23 Giving Communities of interest input. We also encourage
24 you to visit the Communities of Interest Tool to draw a
25 map and describe your community by visiting



1 drawmycacommunity.org.

2 I will pass this over to Katy, our comment
3 moderator, to continue with public input. We will start
4 with people who are registered and then open the lines if
5 there's time for people before the next session. We are
6 emphasizing San Bernardino and Riverside counties at this
7 time but are open to hearing input in any areas of the
8 state. So with that, I'd like to turn it over to you,
9 Katy.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair. I will
11 begin -- welcome, with the readings forth. But one
12 second. All right. Welcome to the public input session.
13 Please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your
14 screen to enter the queue. When it is your turn to
15 speak, you will be identified by your assigned unique ID
16 number.

17 You will be reconnected to the session with the
18 ability to enable your own video and or audio. You will
19 then be assigned a speaker order number before you begin
20 speaking. Please make note of your speaker order number
21 for future reference. The Commissioner will be enforcing
22 a three-minute time limit with a warning at thirty
23 seconds and fifteen seconds remaining.

24 At the end of your input or at the end of your time,
25 you'll be reconnected in a listen and view only mode. At



1 the beginning of your input, please remind the member of
2 what area you would like to see on the screen. And at
3 this time, Chair, we do not have any of our appointments
4 or new callers.

5 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Let's standby for two
6 minutes.

7 (Pause)

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. And Chair, we are at two
9 minutes.

10 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Kristian, if we could
11 run a five-minute video, please.

12 (Pause)

13 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay, Katy. Do we have any
14 callers in the queue?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do. We have a caller
16 with their hand raised. It would be caller 9318. And
17 the last four of your phone is 9318. I will be unmuting
18 you at this time. If you will please follow the prompt
19 that Zoom is providing you. Caller 9318, you are now
20 unmuted. Your speaker order number will be -- oh, 17.
21 Your speaker order number will be 17. I apologize. Will
22 you please remind the mapper of any area you would like
23 to see? And with that, the floor is yours.

24 MR. GALLAGHER: Okay. So I'm on now?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, sir.



1 MR. GALLAGHER: Yes. All right. Thank you. Good
2 afternoon, Commissioners, and thank you very much for
3 taking my call. My name is Jim Gallagher. I'm a
4 resident of Chino Hills for nearly thirty years, which is
5 located in western San Bernardino County. Our boundaries
6 are within the 60 freeway to the north, the 91 freeway to
7 the south, the 57 freeway to the west, and the 71 freeway
8 to the east. Those are almost like natural boundaries
9 for us.

10 I would like to express my support today for having
11 Chino Hills grouped with other Inland Empire communities
12 in The State and federal legislative districts who more
13 closely mirror our community demographically, culturally,
14 and economically. Chino Hills is currently grouped
15 through the eastern San Gabriel Valley and North Orange
16 County communities, which is separated by the 57/60
17 confluence to the West, if you take a look at it on the
18 map.

19 But it doesn't make much sense to me. The city
20 would benefit much more by having the same
21 representatives as Chino and other Inland Empire
22 communities like Ontario, Montclair and even East Vale.
23 A big anomaly is that Chino and Chino Hills share a
24 school district for one. We also share a fire district
25 and we share a water district. Yet we are separated by



1 Congressional Assembly and Senate districts.

2 The population and housing developments in Chino
3 Hills have also grown at a much faster rate than the
4 other communities who share state and federal districts
5 that we are currently adjoined with. Our city is
6 represented by also a county supervisory district number
7 four, which also includes the cities of Montclair,
8 Ontario.

9 So for me, it really doesn't make much sense for us
10 to continue to be adjoined with Orange County and L.A.
11 County anymore. We've grown thirteen percent from the
12 2010 census estimate of 74,800 to an estimated 85,100
13 from the predicted for the 2020 census. And it's well
14 known that the population that we have has been shifting
15 eastward from Orange County and San Gabriel Valley to
16 Chino Hills and East Vale for years.

17 We're a very diverse community. We roughly
18 identified 50 percent white, thirty percent Asian,
19 twenty-nine percent Latino in the last estimate. And
20 we're sure to reflect more changes when the current
21 census data is available. What are we known for?

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MR. GALLAGHER: Our city is known for attractions
24 like the State park, big league dreams ballpark and so
25 on. We are tied economically with you on Terra Airport,



1 I want to mention. And as this economy starts to open
2 up, more of our residents are going to be commuting
3 east --

4 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

5 MR. GALLAGHER: -- to Ontario instead of Orange
6 County to work. Chino Hills growth and expansion is much
7 more in line with that of Chino, Ontario, Montclair, and
8 East Vale. We are uniquely San Bernardino County and --

9 MR. MANOFF: Time.

10 MR. GALLAGHER: -- we'd like to move in that
11 direction.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now we will have caller 2452. That's caller with
14 the last four of 4252. If you will please follow the
15 prompts that Zoom is giving you.

16 MS. ANDERSON: Hello?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can hear you.

18 MS. ANDERSON: Can you hear me?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. If you
20 please make note that your speaker order number will be
21 number 18 for future reference. And if you you'll please
22 remind the mapper of any area that you would like brought
23 up. And with that, the floor is yours.

24 MS. ANDERSON: Hi. My name is Linda Anderson. I'm
25 a resident of the Coachella Valley all my life for 60



1 years. And I would like to see the districting to put
2 the Coachella Valley all together, all cities, Palm
3 Springs, Cathedral City, all the way throughout the east
4 end of the Valley and not separate it out by ethnic or
5 socioeconomic issues. We all share the same
6 infrastructure. We share the same economic issues from
7 agriculture to tourism. And I think they should group us
8 all together and not separate us out. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 with that, I will defer to you, Chair.

11 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Would you read the
12 instructions again, Katy?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

14 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You are welcome. In
16 order to maximize transparency and public participation
17 in our process, the commissioners will be taking public
18 comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number
19 provided on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247.
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21 the livestream feed. It is 93910267047 for this meeting.
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23 pound key.

24 Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed in a
25 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press



1 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
2 When it's your turn to speak, you will hear a message
3 that says the host would like you to talk and to press
4 star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your name,
5 please state, and spell it for the record. You are not
6 required to provide your name to give public comment.

7 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
8 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
9 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
10 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn
11 down the livestream volume. And at this time, Chair, we
12 do not have any new callers or registrants in the queue.
13 I will defer to you.

14 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. We'll hold for two
15 minutes.

16 (Pause)

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And Chair, we do have a
18 caller with their hand raised.

19 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 3237, if you'll
21 follow the prompts that Zoom is giving you at this time.
22 Caller 3237, if you you'll please press star 6 to unmute
23 yourself. There you are. You are unmuted. Caller 3237,
24 if you will also please mute your livestream audio and
25 your computer in the background. And please make note



1 that your speaker order number is number 19. And please
2 let the mapper know what area you would like brought up.
3 And with that, the floor is yours. Go ahead.

4 S3: Good afternoon. My name is Prunella Lenair
5 (ph.) and I want to thank you all for your hard work.
6 And I am in La Quinta. And I live here in Coachella
7 Valley and I would like you to group all Coachella Valley
8 together as one. So that's all I have to say. Thank you
9 so much.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Well, thank you so much.
11 And with that, Chair, I will defer to you.

12 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: At this time, we don't have
13 any hands raised or registered callers in the queue. I'd
14 like to ask Kristian to play the long form video in
15 Spanish.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We have caller 5756 with
17 their hand raised. And caller 5756, if you will please
18 follow the prompts that Zoom is giving you. You are
19 currently unmuted. Your speaker order number will be
20 number 20. If you will please make note of that for
21 future reference. And will you please remind the mapper
22 of any area you would like to see? And with that, the
23 floor is yours.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon. Thank you
25 for the opportunity. I'm calling from the Coachella



1 Valley and we are currently heavily gerrymandered with
2 one purpose and one purpose alone, and that was to
3 separate us along ethnic lines and perhaps socioeconomic
4 lines. And what that did was produce a guaranteed seat.
5 But is that seat speaking with the rest of Coachella
6 Valley? And I would posit to you that it is not.

7 And the problem with that is that we're primarily AG
8 and tourists. So if the tourist part says, well, we
9 don't care what goes on with AG, we just want what we
10 want and AG all of a sudden suffers from it, then the
11 area as a whole no longer has the income. And the
12 vice -- and the same is true on the other side.

13 If AG says we don't care what tourists want and
14 we're not going to vote the way we want to want to vote,
15 then all of a sudden they don't have money for their
16 services either because the tourism is suffering. So the
17 solution is to have us all at the same table discussing
18 these things. And also before we put a policy together
19 to discuss what the possible unintended consequences
20 would be before the vector gets so big that now
21 everybody's dug in and at each other's throats and this
22 is what's been going on.

23 And we need to stop this because we are all in this
24 together. We're agricultural or tourism or restaurants.
25 That's our livelihood and if you separate us from being

1 able to talk with one another, it will do nothing but
2 frustrate the services across the valley and frustrate
3 the community as a whole. And with that, thanks for
4 allowing me to talk. And you guys have a nice day.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I
6 would like to remind those calling in to please press
7 star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to
8 comment. Please press star 9 to raise your hand
9 indicating you wish to comment. For those that just
10 called in right now, if you were calling in to make a
11 comment, please press star 9 to raise your hand. And
12 Chair, it looks like we do not have any hands at this
13 time.

14 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. I just want to remind
15 everyone who's watching and listening that we're going to
16 be happy an upcoming Community of Interest meeting, which
17 is going to be happening on Saturday, and that's going to
18 be for the Los Angeles County area. So again, that's
19 this coming Saturday and registration for that meeting
20 closes today at 5 p.m.

21 So if you'd like to get a scheduled timeslot to be
22 able to provide your input, please contact us and get it
23 all registered by 5 p.m. today. And then we're also
24 going to be having an additional one on 7/1, and that's
25 going to be for Zone C and that includes counties like



1 Alameda County, Contra Costa, Moran, San Francisco, San
2 Mateo, and surrounding counties.

3 So if you're going to need any translation services
4 for that meeting, then we're going to need to get your
5 requests for those translation services at least five
6 days before the meeting.

7 So with that, Katy, do we have any other registered
8 guests in the queue?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do not, Chair.

10 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. So I think we'll
11 go -- we'll return to the video that we started a moment
12 ago and we'll check in in twenty minutes and continue
13 from there. Thank you.

14 (Pause)

15 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Katy, do we have
16 callers in the queue?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do not, Chair.

18 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Could you read the
19 instructions, please?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. In order to
21 maximize transparency and public participation in our
22 process, the commissioners will be taking public comment
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8 says the host would like you to talk and to press star 6
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10 state, and spell it for the record. You are not required
11 to write your name to give public comment.

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13 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
14 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
15 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn
16 down the livestream volume. And at this time, Chair, we
17 do not have anyone in the queue.

18 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Well, we'll hold for
19 a couple of minutes, please.

20 (Pause)

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I would like to remind
22 those calling in that please press star 9 to raise your
23 hand indicating you wish to comment. Please press star 9
24 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Thank
25 you so much. And we do have a caller at this time,



1 Chair.

2 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Invite them in,
3 please.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Will do. Caller 1381
5 last four, 1381. If you could please follow the prompts
6 that Zoom is giving you. There you are. You are
7 currently unmuted. Your speaker order number will be
8 number 21. If you could make note of that for future
9 reference. If you could also please mute your livestream
10 audio and please remind the mapper of any area you would
11 like brought up. And with that, the floor is yours.

12 MS. LLOYD: Well, good afternoon, everyone. My name
13 is Sue Lloyd (ph.). I live in Bermuda Dunes, the
14 unincorporated area of Riverside County. We love our
15 community. We have a wonderful community. I belong to
16 the country club here, like so many. We have, as you
17 know, so many different groups of people. The snowbirds
18 are gone pretty much right now. It's kind of hot.

19 But anyway, I lived in Newport Beach, raised our
20 kids there, had a second home in La Quinta for -- oh
21 gosh, it must have been thirteen years and then moved
22 here to a full time community, which we when we moved out
23 here full time, we wanted to be a part of, and we love
24 it.

25 But what I'd really like to say is I've been



1 disappointed over the years with the last group of
2 redistricting that happened. It appears that it was just
3 not contiguous and that it was pretty much gerrymandered.
4 And you know, we have a majority of -- oh, I shouldn't
5 say majority, but the full timers are pretty much -- no,
6 how can I say this without sounding like I don't want to
7 sound.

8 I think you're well aware of our demographics down
9 here and you're probably well aware of how the districts
10 were drawn up. And it just appears to me that it's not
11 inclusive. It's just become more and more exclusive,
12 especially with the current powers that be allowing more
13 credence given to non-citizens. And I know that's not
14 one of the criterias that you're using for your
15 districting, but it's really a unique situation down here
16 in the valley.

17 And I really believe that we should be one district,
18 that we should all work together to be represented. And
19 that the way that it is now is just totally unacceptable
20 because it's pretty much just pits socioeconomic and
21 ethnic groups against one another down here. So I really
22 don't want the Coachella Valley to continue in this way.

23 So my input is just that you may consider -- I mean,
24 we have people working in agriculture that own businesses
25 in agriculture that are voting in different districts and

1 their businesses are. So some of those things just don't
2 make any sense and they're just not making any sense in
3 bringing all of us back together. I just want to close
4 in saying that we in our country club, we have a lot of
5 Hispanics working here, a lot of people that come from
6 all over the country.

7 And you know, we as a unit in our country club, we
8 love our workers. We're like a family. And I think
9 that's true all over the valley. And I just want to --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 MS. LLOYD: -- give my input and say, all right. So
12 just thank you so much for what you're doing. And I'm
13 just going to opt for one district with everyone being
14 represented. Thank you very much for your time.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 MS. LLOYD: Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And with that, Chair,
18 that is all of our callers at this time.

19 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. I know we paused the
20 video. I was curious, Kristian, as to how much time did
21 we have remaining on the video?

22 MR. MANOFF: Looks like we've got about twenty-three
23 minutes left on that video.

24 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: I see. Okay. So with that,
25 Katy, why don't we read -- if you would read the



1 instructions again, please.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure, Chair. No problem.

3 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to maximize
5 transparency and public participation in our process, the
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22 any feedback or distortion during your call. Once you
23 are waiting in the queue, be alert for when it is your
24 turn to speak. And again, please turn down the
25 livestream volume.



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

3 VIEC-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. So what we'll do is
4 we'll wait a couple of minutes and if we don't have any
5 callers that appear in the next two minutes, we'll
6 complete the video which will take us right to about
7 2:00. So I'd ask everybody to standby if we do go to
8 complete the video and then we'll check in around 2, see
9 if we have any callers waiting. And if we do not, we'll
10 adjourn for lunch about fifteen minutes prior. So that's
11 the plan. And so let's wait our two minutes and go from
12 there.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sounds good.

14 (Pause)

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And Chair, we are at two
16 minutes.

17 CO-VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Thank you for that,
18 Katy. So Kristian, if you could restart, not restart --
19 Continue the Spanish language video, please. And I think
20 you said there's about twenty minutes or so left. So if
21 Commissioners could stay within earshot. Kristian will
22 let us know when we come to the conclusion of the video.
23 We will check in to see if we have callers in queue at
24 that time; we'll take those calls. If we do not have
25 callers in the queue at that time, we'll move to have

1 lunch just a few minutes early. So thank you, everyone.

2 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Welcome back, everyone, to
3 today's California Citizens Redistricting Commission
4 Communities of Interest input meeting. We also encourage
5 folks to visit our Communities of Interest tool online to
6 draw a map and describe your community. That tool is
7 located at drawmycacommunity.org.

8 As we noted at the start of our meeting today, every
9 ten years after the Federal Government publishes updated
10 census information, California must redraw the boundaries
11 of its Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and
12 State Board of Equalization districts, so that the
13 districts correctly reflect the state's population.

14 Our 14-member independent Citizens Redistricting
15 Commission was established by California voters to draw
16 those new district lines. We are here today to obtain
17 communities of interest information from Californians
18 directly. We encourage all Californians to participate
19 in this process. While there are no clear rules on how
20 to define a community of interest, we've identified a
21 number of ways for you to describe your community.

22 Begin with your county or city, mention street
23 names, and significant locations in your neighborhood to
24 help us identify the parameters of your community. Then,
25 tell us what are your shared interests; what brings you



1 together as a community; what's important to your
2 community; what are your priorities; are there nearby
3 areas that you want to be in a district with? If so,
4 tell us what makes those communities logical to group
5 together in a district. Are there nearby areas that you
6 don't want to be in a district with? If so, tell us why
7 it doesn't make sense to be in a district with those
8 other communities.

9 You can tell us if your community has come together
10 to advocate for important services, like better schools,
11 better roads, health centers, or any number of other
12 things that communities come together to advocate for.
13 And if you would prefer to submit your Community of
14 Interest input over the internet, you can do so from our
15 website or by visiting drawmycacommunity.org. You can
16 skip the line by going online.

17 I'll now pass this over to Katy, our comment
18 moderator, to continue with public input. We'll start
19 with those people who are registered, and then open the
20 phone lines, assuming there's time before the next
21 session.

22 So Katy, thank you very much, and over to you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

24 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the
25 Raise Hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter



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7 speaker order number for future reference. The
8 Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time limit
9 with a warning at thirty seconds and fifteen seconds
10 remaining. At the end of your public input, or at the
11 end of your time, you'll be reconnected in a listen and
12 view-only mode. At the beginning of your input, please
13 remind the mapper of what area you would like to see on
14 the screen.

15 Right now, we will have 027, and up next will be
16 023. So right now, we will start with 027, and up next
17 will be 023. And I'd like to remind those just joining
18 to use the Raise Hand button at the bottom of your screen
19 to join the queue. So right now, is 027.

20 027, your speaker order number will be number 22.
21 If you'll please make note of that for future reference.
22 You are now able to enable your audio and video in the
23 lower left corner of your screen. Please remind the
24 mapper what area you would like to see. And with that,
25 the floor is yours.



1 MR. FOLKS: Hi, good afternoon, Commission members.

2 Can you hear me fine?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

4 MR. FOLKS: Okay, let's see. Can you hear me?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can hear you.

6 MR. FOLKS: Thank you so much. I'm going to be
7 speaking today briefly about the desert community, known
8 as Yucca Valley, that is right on the border between San
9 Bernardino and Riverside County. Yes, right near that
10 Greek blotch, correct. Thank you so much. And thank you
11 for the opportunity to provide input today with respect
12 to the redistricting effort.

13 My name is Tyler Folks (ph.), and I'm a resident of
14 the town of Yucca Valley, where I've lived for half of my
15 life. Prior to moving to the High Desert town of Yucca
16 Valley, I lived in what is colloquially known as the
17 Lower Desert, or more formally known as the Cahuilla
18 Valley.

19 When my family and I made the decision to move from
20 the Lower Desert, we chose to live in Yucca Valley, due
21 to both its proximity to the Cahuilla Valley and its
22 likeness. It was important for our family to live in a
23 community that was familiar and that shared many of the
24 same resources and interests. The connection between the
25 Cahuilla Valley and the Morongo Basin is ultimately why



1 my family and I chose to live in the town of Yucca
2 Valley.

3 The connection the two communities share is critical
4 to one another, as they share many key resources,
5 including geographical interests, tourism, education,
6 healthcare, and human capital. These shared interests, I
7 believe, are paramount to both communities and should be
8 sustained.

9 As an example of how the two communities are
10 connected, my family members and I commute from the
11 Morongo Basin to the Cahuilla Valley each day during the
12 work week for employment. As I'm speaking to you today,
13 I'm calling from the city of Rancho Mirage, which is
14 located in the heart of the Cahuilla Valley. This daily
15 commute that my family and I have undertaken is not
16 unique to our family.

17 The town of Yucca Valley is largely comprised of a
18 commuting demographic. Most of them travel to the Lower
19 Valley and its many desert cities for employment. The
20 Lower Desert communities such as Palm Springs, Rancho
21 Mirage, and Cathedral City also reciprocate in this
22 special relationship, as many of their residents and
23 tourists often commute to the High Desert for both work
24 and leisure.

25 While I'm a resident of the town of Yucca Valley,



1 and I'm a contributing member of the larger Morongo
2 Basin, I receive my employment, my healthcare services,
3 and many of my recreational opportunities from the
4 Cahuilla Valley. Decisions that are my by or for the
5 Cahuilla Valley directly impact the High Desert community
6 and vice versa. It is due to the reasons stated that I
7 believe it is critical to recognize that the Cahuilla
8 Valley and the Morongo Basin are important to one
9 another, as they share a strategic relationship.

10 I hope the Commission will take into consideration
11 the comments I provided today, and will recognize and
12 sustain this shared community interest through the
13 redistricting process. And that will be it for my
14 comments. I really appreciate your time.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 Right now, we have 023. And I would like to remind
17 those calling in, that -- 023 will be right now. 023
18 disappeared into the abyss? There they are.

19 023, you can now enable your audio and video in the
20 lower left of your screen. Your speaker order number
21 will be number 23. Please remind the mapper what area
22 you would like to see. And the floor is yours.

23 MR. YAKIMOW: Thank you. You can hear me today?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

25 MR. YAKIMOW: Terrific. Thank you. Good afternoon,



1 Honorable Commission members. Thank you for the
2 opportunity to provide critical input today with respect
3 to communities of interest. My name is Curtis Yakimow,
4 and I serve as the town manager of the town of Yucca
5 Valley here in the Morongo Basin. I'm also a resident of
6 Morongo Valley or the unincorporated San Bernadino County
7 that borders the Riverside county line.

8 As the Commission begins its work through this
9 community outreach process, I wanted to share a couple of
10 important thoughts related to Yucca Valley, the greater
11 Morongo Basin, and our definition of what we would like
12 to see as communities of interest with respect to Yucca
13 Valley. And while I'm speaking today, representing the
14 town of Yucca Valley, I'm also speaking as a resident,
15 and I know that my story is not unique.

16 I was born and raised in Palm Springs, moved up to
17 Yucca Valley in 1995, when I joined the town of Yucca
18 Valley -- excuse me, I moved to Morongo Valley. I chose
19 to live in Morongo Valley due to its proximity to both,
20 Palm Springs and Yucca Valley. It was important for me
21 to find a community that was unique and allowed for the
22 sharing of critical resources such as healthcare,
23 transportation, and employment. I found just that in the
24 Morongo Basin, including communities like Morongo Valley,
25 Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley, other unincorporated areas in



1 San Bernadino County.

2 As a unique community, yet we are in an area that
3 shares so much with our neighboring cities down the hill,
4 including Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage,
5 and others. This affiliation between the Cahuilla Valley
6 and the Morongo Basin is such a part of the fabric of our
7 community. It is clearly a community of interest that
8 needs to be sustained. Like me, many residents in Yucca
9 Valley depend on the desert cities for healthcare.
10 Having our four children born at Desert Hospital is a
11 great example. Those resources are critical.

12 Our local hospital in Joshua Tree is one of three
13 facilities operated by Tenet Health, with the other two
14 hospitals located in Palm Springs and Indio. It is so
15 common for our residents to rely on the specialty
16 healthcare available down the hill. And while that may
17 be a strange saying to some, everyone in Yucca Valley or
18 even the Morongo Basin knows what down the hill means.
19 It's where people go for connection to healthcare,
20 entertainment, dining.

21 Similarly, when we engage with our residents in
22 Yucca Valley, many will say, I work down the hill. Or
23 put in another way, if the Yucca Valley resident working
24 in Palm Springs is asked where they live, they will often
25 respond, up the hill in Yucca Valley. While there are



1 many other examples, suffice it to say that our
2 residents, and me personally, consider the Cahuilla
3 Valley to be heart and parcel of the way of life here in
4 Yucca Valley. And we trust that the Commission will
5 recognize and sustain this shared community of interest
6 in the redistricting process.

7 Thank you so much for your time today. I do
8 appreciate it.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 I would like to ask 015, if they are prepared to
11 make their public comment at this time, to please use the
12 Raise Your Hand button at the lower part of your screen.
13 015, if you could use your Raise the Hand button at the
14 lower part of your screen, indicating you wish to
15 comment. All right, 015 will be right now. Hold on, I'm
16 going to promote you. One second.

17 015, you can now enable to your audio and video in
18 the lower left of your screen. Your speaker order number
19 will be number 24. Please make note of that for future
20 reference. And remind the mapper what area you would
21 like to see. And the floor is yours.

22 MS. ROWE: Thank you very much.

23 I am looking to see the entire Morongo Basin, and
24 even up to Bakersfield, so probably a zoomed-out view
25 would be helpful.



1 So my name is Dawn Rowe, and I am the Vice Chairman
2 of the San Bernadino County Board of Supervisors. And a
3 part of the area that I represent on the board includes
4 the Morongo Basin.

5 I moved to the area almost twenty years ago when my
6 husband was stationed at the Marine Corps base in
7 Twentynine Palms. And unfortunately, he was killed in
8 Iraq. But I chose to make the Morongo Basin my home,
9 where I raised my two kids who are now in college. I
10 have a unique perspective of this entire area, not only
11 because of my Marine Corps affiliation, but also because
12 I worked as both an Assembly and a Congressional Field
13 Representative for the area for over ten years.

14 While the community of interest for the federal
15 level for our area is really appropriately aligned to
16 serve the communities well, and it makes sense to have
17 the Morongo Basin included in there. I don't necessarily
18 feel that that's the case with the Senate district. The
19 Morongo Basin in the 8th Congressional District has
20 military members who reside in the area, who seek
21 services aboard the installations.

22 We have natural resources in the area that are
23 shared with our congressional representatives, who work
24 well for that area. And we have intertwined
25 relationships with other federal partners, such as the



1 Bureau of Land Management and National Park Services,
2 since nearly ninety percent of the 8th Congressional
3 District is comprised of public lands.

4 And unfortunately for our residents in the Morongo
5 Basin, the 2012 redistricting plan drew our community
6 into the 16th State Senate District, which stretches as
7 far north as Bakersfield and Kern County, which is really
8 why I'm here to speak.

9 That State Senate District has a population based
10 that, for me, is over 200 miles away from this community
11 of interest that I am speaking of today. And it is a
12 very difficult task for any elected official to
13 understand the scale of our local concerns, let alone
14 dedicate the appropriate time and resources to solving
15 our problems in the Morongo Basin.

16 There are several critical State issues facing our
17 community that require strong representation from our
18 State elected officials. These include illegal cannabis
19 cultivation, and threatened species management. To date,
20 there are over 860 illegal cannabis farms operating in
21 San Bernadino County, many of which are located in the
22 Morongo Basin.

23 Additionally, our community is facing the prospect
24 of the California Fish and Game Commission permanently
25 listing the Western Joshua Tree as a threatened species,



1 which is a move that will have a devastating effect on
2 the future growth of the Basin. And in the absence of a
3 regional conservation plan, we will really struggle. In
4 order to adequately address these critical issues of our
5 community and the local governments in the Morongo Basin,
6 we need intervention and help from our State resources.

7 So accordingly, I respectfully request that this
8 Commission consider including the Morongo Basin in a
9 State Senate District with a population base that has
10 more shared interests. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 I would like to ask those calling in to please press
13 star-nine to raise their hand, indicating they wish to
14 comment. As for caller 8518, as I believe you're a
15 registered caller, if you will press star-nine,
16 indicating you're ready to comment. Perfect. So we have
17 caller 8518 right now.

18 Caller 8518, if you will follow the prompt from Zoom
19 to press star-six to unmute yourself. There you are.
20 Caller 8518, you are unmuted. I've got a couple of
21 instructions for you. Just one second. If you'll make
22 note, your speaker order number is number 25 for future
23 reference. And please, let the mapper know if there is
24 any area you would like brought up on the map. And with
25 that, the floor is yours.



1 MR. STRACK: Thank you. Can we bring up the city of
2 Riverside, please? And just for information, I'm caller
3 016. I was on the Zoom and I got booted off. So just --
4 so for reference, that's where that's at.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

6 MR. STRACK: Riverside is one of the fastest
7 growing, and most diverse, largest region in California
8 now. In 2010, Riverside had representatives in the
9 State, had up to six representatives between
10 Congressional Assembly and Senate districts. The city
11 was carved up. It had no representation, because there
12 was no majority of voters for the city of Riverside that
13 were able to be elect representatives that could be
14 directly representing the city of Riverside in the State
15 Legislature or the Senate Assembly, or Congress.

16 Riverside is now the largest, and has been for a
17 long time, the largest city in the Inland Empire, the
18 13th largest estate, and is also a member of the Big City
19 Mayors Coalition.

20 This city is still growing. The region is growing.
21 It is a substantial economic driver. It is still a place
22 where houses can be built. It has affordable housing,
23 open land to build those housings, and many new jobs that
24 are coming.

25 In 2020's redistricting, Riverside was considered a

1 strong community of interest that needed to be assembled
2 to be able to have its own Assembly -- two of its own
3 Assembly district majorities, its own Senate majority,
4 and a Congressional majority, all coming from the ability
5 for the city of Riverside. With this, now the city of
6 Riverside has a substantial voice in the inland -- from
7 the Inland Empire in Sacramento and in Washington, D.C.

8 Riverside's representation should still be
9 substantial and have the ability to have majorities that
10 we can send to Sacramento and to Washington. Riverside
11 deserves this continue as the 13th largest city, and also
12 a major driver here in all different types if the
13 economy, healthcare, transportation, manufacturing,
14 agriculture. Many people live here that commute to L.A.
15 and come back from work, and this is one strong community
16 interest that should be considered left intact.

17 If indeed the city of Riverside needs to be split up
18 more, we strongly encourage that the lines be matched up
19 with the ward lines, as the city is represented by seven
20 council members that have seven different wards --

21 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

22 MR. STRACK: We thank you for your time. And I
23 believe I missed it, my name's Tim Strack (ph.), and I'm
24 a resident here of the city of Riverside. Thank you very
25 much.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

2 And right now we have caller 5107. Right now we
3 have caller 5107.

4 And I would like to remind those calling in to
5 please press star-nine to raise their hand, indicating
6 they wish to comment. Right now, our caller is 5107, and
7 then up next we have caller 8688. So right now we have
8 caller 5107. Up next is caller 8688.

9 Caller 5107, if you will please follow the prompts
10 Zoom is giving you. If you'll press star-six. There you
11 go. Caller 5107, you are unmuted. I have a couple of
12 instructions real quick, you are unmuted. So your
13 speaker order number will be number 26. If you will
14 please make note of that for future reference. If you
15 will let the mapper know if there's an area you would
16 like brought up on the map.

17 And with that, the floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. Good afternoon,
19 Commissioners. My name is Brianna (ph.), and I'm an
20 educator in the city of Chino Hills. And Chino Hills is
21 a quiet community in west San Bernadino County. And the
22 boundaries are Los Angeles County, the cities of Pomona
23 and Diamond Bar to the north and northwest. There is the
24 51 Freeway -- so sorry, 71 Freeway to the east, and the
25 Orange County cities of Brea and Yorba Linda to the



1 south.

2 There are some really awesome little treasures
3 there, including Chino Hills State Park, that has hiking
4 trails and a lot of diverse plant and animal life. Last
5 year, there was the Blue Ridge fire, which burned a lot
6 of the State Park, 8,700 acres, and they forced mandatory
7 evacuations of many residents in Chino Hills, Brea, Yorba
8 Linda. A lot of my students and other teachers had to
9 get ready to evacuate -- and evacuate.

10 So the cities of Chino Hills, Brea, and Yorba Linda
11 have common fire safety issues in a mutual aid agreement.
12 And additionally, these cities are connected by Carbon
13 Canyon, which is SR-142. It's a major thoroughfare that
14 connects Chino Hills to the city of Brea and north Orange
15 County.

16 So I use this Carbon Canyon daily for my commute
17 between Chino Hills and north Orange County. However,
18 Carbon Canyon doesn't permit large trucks to utilize it,
19 and it's a very tight road, which can lead to accidents,
20 and it can narrow, and users can get stuck in traffic for
21 a very long time.

22 I'm happy that Chino Hills is working with the
23 nearby city of Brea on solving some of the traffic
24 issues. I would like to see that Chino Hills -- I would
25 like -- it would make sense that Chino Hills to be

1 included in the same legislative or congressional
2 district as Brea and Diamond Bar due to the environmental
3 and wildfire, and transportation issues, that all three
4 of those communities share.

5 So thank you again to the Commission for your time,
6 and for your service to all the residents of California.
7 Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 And with that, we do not have any other callers at
10 this time.

11 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Katy.

12 If you could please go ahead and read the full call-
13 in instructions at this point.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

15 In order to maximize transparency and public
16 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
17 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
18 telephone number provided on the live stream feed. It is
19 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting ID number
20 provided on the live stream feed. It is 939-1026-7047
21 (sic) for this meeting.

22 When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply
23 press the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you'll be
24 placed in queue. To indicate your wish to comment,
25 please press star-nine. This will raise your hand for



1 the moderator. When it is your turn to speak, you will
2 hear a message that says, the host would like you to
3 talk, and to press star-six to speak.

4 If you would like to give your name, please state
5 and spell it for the record. You are not required to
6 required to provide your name to give public comment.
7 Please make sure to mute your computer or live stream
8 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
9 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
10 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn
11 down the live stream volume.

12 We do not have any callers in the queue at this
13 time.

14 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Very well. Thank you, Katy. We
15 will stand by for a couple of minutes to see if we have
16 some callers joining us.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I would like to remind
18 those coming into the queue. 018, if you are ready to
19 make your comment at this time, please use the Raise your
20 Hand button at the bottom of your screen. That is 018.
21 If you are ready to make your comment, please use the
22 Raise your Hand button at the bottom of your screen.
23 Perfect. We have 018 at this time.

24 018, your speaker order number will be number 27.
25 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left



1 of your screen. Please remind the mapper of what area
2 you would like to see. And with that, the floor is
3 yours. And please, mute your speakers so that you don't
4 have that -- there you go.

5 Oh no, not mute yourself.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sorry, it's my first time.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh no, you're great. The
8 floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So I'd like to look at the
10 Pomona area. And I'm calling because we'd like to keep
11 Pomona whole in the same district that we have now.
12 We're bordered on the north by Interstate 210, and
13 Highway 60 to the south, with Interstate 10 bisecting.
14 We're about twenty-three square miles large. And
15 although we're in Los Angeles County, Pomona is in the
16 Pomona Valley, which includes the cities of Chino --
17 Chino Hills; Claremont; Diamond Bar; La Verne; Montclair;
18 Ontario; Pomona; Rancho Cucamonga; San Dimas; Upland; and
19 Walnut.

20 Pomona's economic, social, and political interests
21 are aligned with these communities, and not with the San
22 Gabriel Valley. Those include traffic, transportation
23 issues, homeless issues, which are big, shopping, and
24 dining. All of these cities would benefit from
25 development along Interstate 10, linking them together in



1 commerce, leisure, and entertainment.

2 And that's the extent of my comments.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I
4 would like to remind those calling in to please press
5 star-nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish to
6 comment. Please press star-nine to raise your hand,
7 indicating you wish to comment.

8 And we do have caller 8694 at this time with their
9 hand raised. We'll open up the line. That was caller
10 8694. If you will follow the prompts from Zoom. Caller
11 8694, you are unmuted. I have a couple of instructions
12 for you. Your speaker order number will be number 28.
13 If you please make note of that for future reference. If
14 you let the mapper know of any area you'd like brought up
15 on the map. And with that, the floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much for your
17 time. My area of concern is the Coachella Valley. And
18 if you could bring that up on the map, that would be
19 great.

20 And right now, the Coachella Valley is divided into
21 two Assembly districts, and they are not contiguous. I
22 think that one of your mandates is to make sure that
23 these districts are contiguous. We've got Desert Hot
24 Springs, and then it skips Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert,
25 Indian Wells, and then hops over to Indio. So we're



1 not -- it's a very much chopped up area.

2 And we would really like your consideration in this
3 upcoming mapping to make sure that our districts are
4 contiguous. Those are my comments, and I thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And with that, Chair, we do not have any other
7 callers at this time.

8 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Katy. It looks like
9 some people are calling in, but not staying around. I'm
10 wondering if they're having problems. So could you read
11 the short instructions again at this point?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I will gladly do that.

13 The Commission will now be taking public comment by
14 phone. To give a comment, please call -- one moment,
15 please. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247, and
16 enter the meeting ID number 93910267047.

17 Once you have dialed in, please press star-nine to
18 enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions
19 are read at the beginning of the session, and provided on
20 the livestream landing page.

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

23 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. We will stand by for
24 two minutes, and then, if we still have no callers, let's
25 go to a -- to the five-minute video.



1 (Pause.)

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'd like to remind those
3 calling in to please press star-nine to raise your hand,
4 indicating you wish to comment.

5 If you will please press star-nine to raise your
6 hand, indicating you wish to comment.

7 And we do have a raised hand. Caller 3130. And
8 it's caller 3130. Caller 3130, if you'll follow the
9 prompt of -- there you go. Caller 3130, you are unmuted.
10 I have a couple of instructions. Your speaker order
11 number will be number 29. If you will please make note
12 of that for future reference. And if you'll please let
13 the mapper know of any area you would like brought up on
14 the map. And with that, the floor is yours.

15 Caller 3130, your line is open.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi folks, can you hear me?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you would mute your
20 livestream audio. Ma'am?

21 SPEAKER 3130: Hi, I'm here.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. If you will mute
23 your livestream audio?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh mine, on my end?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, if you will mute



1 your computer.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm not actually on -- I'm
3 not actually on the Zoom, but --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No, your livestream
5 audio. Or if you're watching the livestream, if you
6 could mute that audio?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, yes, yes. Okay, got
8 you. I'm off of there.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There you go. The floor
10 is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Committee, for
14 taking input. My name is Jan (ph.), and I'm calling from
15 the Coachella Valley, which is the area that I would like
16 you to look at on the map. I just have a few points
17 about the Coachella Valley to keep in mind when you're
18 redistricting this area.

19 First is, that our Assembly district should be
20 contiguous and include all of the Coachella Valley
21 cities. It should also include the Palo Verde Valley,
22 which has 25,000 people, and goes all the way to the
23 Arizona border.

24 Second, our communities should not be segregated by
25 ethnic or socio-economic groups. We are one community,



1 and we need to work together to achieve our goals and
2 solve our problems together as the Coachella Valley
3 community.

4 Third, are all of the Coachella Valley cities and
5 our local Indian tribes work together through the
6 Coachella Valley Association of Governments, where they
7 jointly address public safety; infrastructure;
8 homelessness; conservation; environmental issues; and
9 energy needs, etcetera. So we need to stay united.

10 Number four. The 2019 population of the Coachella
11 Valley was approximately 388,000 full-time residents.
12 However, that population increases in the winter months.
13 When over 100,000 snowbirds arrive, we are large enough
14 to have one Assembly district. Although, these visitors
15 are not residents of California, they do increase the
16 size of our community, and should be considered when
17 drawing the lines.

18 Number five. Tourism and agriculture are the two
19 large economic factors in the Coachella Valley, together
20 with the Palo Verde Valley, and Blythe, and the Imperial
21 Valley, which we have shared agricultural interests,
22 which would be better represented if they were in one
23 district.

24 I think that's all. The main point that I want to
25 make is that we need one contiguous district, including

1 all of the Coachella Valley cities.

2 And thank you, for considering my comment. And I
3 think that's all for now.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 With that, I'd like to remind those who called in to
6 please press star-nine to raise your hand, indicating you
7 wish to comment. Please, press star-nine. Thank you so
8 much.

9 So we have caller 5136 at this time, caller 5136.
10 Please follow the prompts that Zoom is giving you.
11 That's caller 5136, if you will press star-six to unmute
12 yourself. There you are, caller 5136. You are unmuted.

13 MS. PAZANT: Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I have a couple of
15 instructions. Your speaker order number will be number
16 30. If you will please make note of that for future
17 reference. If you'll please let the mapper know if
18 there's an area you would like brought up on the screen.
19 And with that, the floor is yours.

20 MS. PAZANT: Thank you very much. My name is Karen
21 Pazant (ph.). I am a school board member for the Alta
22 Loma School District in Alta Loma, which is a part of
23 Rancho Cucamonga, California, obviously. And I'm calling
24 regarding the situation where our city is divided into
25 two Assembly districts. Not even our city, just our



1 little corner, Rancho Cucamonga.

2 So I don't know if you know that Rancho Cucamonga is
3 located in the foothills of San Bernadino County's west
4 end. It's made up of three minor communities, or smaller
5 ones, Etiwanda, Alta Loma, and Cucamonga. Our school
6 district consists of ten schools. And two of our tenant
7 schools belong to Assemblyman Holden, who resides in
8 Pasadena. And the rest of our district belongs with Mr.
9 James Ramos, which is part of San Bernadino County.

10 And the part that makes it so difficult for us and
11 for this area, is that we are definitely a member of San
12 Bernadino County. And to be represented just a teeny,
13 tiny bit by Assemblyman Holden, who is, you know, an hour
14 away from us, west of us, in a different county, in a
15 different city, makes it very improbable for us to be
16 serviced correctly for those two schools in that area.

17 We would appreciate the redistricting to include all
18 of us in San Bernadino County with Mr. Ramos, because
19 we're definitely all in San Bernadino County.

20 Mr. Ramos is very attentive to our school district
21 needs and our city's needs, because he lives in San
22 Bernadino County, and we do too.

23 Mr. Holden, on the other hand, is from Pasadena, Los
24 Angeles County. He rarely comes out to see us. He
25 rarely services the people that live in that teeny, tiny

1 part of his district. He'll send out an email
2 occasionally, or maybe come, if we invite him, he'll show
3 up maybe once a year, because his major interest is Los
4 Angeles Cuntly. And I get that. And he is a fine
5 Assemblyman for them, but for us, in San Bernadino
6 County, we need to be contiguous and be represented by
7 Mr. Ramos in the county where we reside.

8 The last Commission drew most of our community into
9 Los Angeles County for that little bit. But we want to
10 stay all in the county that we reside in, so we can be
11 best served, and best have our needs be met, and best
12 served our state if we're all in one Assembly district.

13 That's all I have to say.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

15 And with that, Chair, we do not have any other
16 callers in the queue.

17 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Katy. We will stand
18 by for a couple of minutes. We've had good luck so far
19 in people coming in just at the end of the time that
20 we're on standby. So lets stand by for a couple of
21 minutes to see if we get some new callers, and then we'll
22 take it from there.

23 (Pause.)

24 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: I would like to remind everyone
25 that we have a Communities of Interest input meeting



1 focusing on Los Angeles County coming up on Saturday,
2 that is from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For those who are
3 interested in signing up for a specific block of time for
4 their public input, the online registration for specific
5 time blocks will close at 5:00 p.m. today for Saturday's
6 Communities of Interest input meeting focusing on Los
7 Angeles County.

8 We have another Communities of Interest input
9 meeting coming up on Monday. That one is focusing on
10 Zone C. So the deadline for signing up for speaking
11 slots on that would be 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

12 Also, reminding folks that language interpretation
13 requests are needed five business days in advance. So
14 for those who are interested in, or needing
15 interpretation for participating in the Zone A
16 Communities of Interest input meeting on Thursday, July
17 the 1st, those requests would need to be in to us by
18 today at 5:00 p.m. That can be done as part of the
19 speaker registration process. There is also an email
20 address for that, or you can call our main phone number
21 at 916-323-0323. The interpretation request email
22 address is interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov.

23 After that Zone A Communities of Interest input
24 meeting on Thursday, the 1st, we also have a Zone B
25 Communities of Interest input meeting scheduled for 11:00



1 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July the 2nd.

2 And with that, with no callers in the queue, could
3 we have the five-minute video, please?

4 Welcome back. Katy, would you please read the long
5 form of the call-in instructions, please?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

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8 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
9 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
10 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is
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17 star-nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
18 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message
19 that says, the host would like you to talk, and to press
20 star-six to speak. If you would like to give your name,
21 please state and spell it for the record. You're not
22 required to provide your name to give public comment.

23 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
24 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
25 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for



1 when it is your term to speak. And again, please turn
2 down the livestream volume.

3 We do not have any callers at this time, Chair.

4 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. We will stand by for
5 a few minutes. We do have a number of individuals who
6 had signed up for speaking during this session, who have
7 not yet called in. So we will hope that they will call
8 in while we're waiting.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

10 (Pause.)

11 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: I would like to remind folks also
12 that we have times established for our Communities of
13 Interest input meetings only through the 12th of July.
14 After that, we have not yet set times. The Commission is
15 working to make these meetings, these public input
16 meetings, as convenient as possible for members of the
17 public. And we would be very happy to hear from members
18 of the public about the best timing for these.

19 We'll have public comment, general public comment,
20 when that sort of input would be appropriate later in
21 today's meeting. We will also be having a business
22 meeting tomorrow from 9:30 to 4:30, at which time that
23 sort of input would be very much appropriate. And there
24 will be a public input design committee meeting at 5 p.m.
25 on Tuesday, the 6th of July. So at any of those points,



1 we would be very happy to hear from the public about what
2 would be the best time for these public input meetings.

3 Katy, I see that we do have a caller in the queue.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do. I wanted to let
5 them know to please press star nine to raise your hand
6 indicating you wish to comment. Please press star nine
7 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.

8 We do have caller 2475 with their hand raised to
9 make a comment at this time. I had to make sure I was on
10 the right page on the spreadsheet.

11 And caller 2475, if you will follow the prompt from
12 Zoom to press star six to unmute yourself. Caller 2475,
13 you are unmuted.

14 I have a couple of instructions. Your speaker order
15 number will be number 31. If you'll please make note of
16 that for future reference. If you'll please let the
17 mapper know if there's an area you would like brought up
18 on the map. And with that, the floor is yours. Go
19 ahead.

20 You are live. Caller 2475, the floor is yours.
21 Caller 2475, if you would like to talk, your line is
22 open. You are unmuted. Can you hear us?

23 MR. WATERS: (Indiscernible) --

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello?

25 MR. WATERS: Can you hear me now?



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I can hear you.

2 MR. WATERS: Yes. Can you hear me now?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can hear you. Go
4 ahead.

5 MR. WATERS: Okay. I can. All right. Okay.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

7 MR. WATERS: Okay. My name is Reese Waters (ph.).

8 I am a former director of Three Valleys Municipal Water
9 District, District 1, in Pomona.

10 The areas that are related to my two cents here are
11 basically all the cities in the eastern most part of Los
12 Angeles County and some cities in the western part of San
13 Bernardino County and the north or west part of Riverside
14 County.

15 So these are cities that include Pomona, where I
16 live, Claremont, La Verne, San Dimas, Walnut Diamond Bar,
17 and parts of Covina. And the other cities are like
18 Montclair, Chino, Chino Hills, et cetera.

19 So what I -- the point that I would like to make is
20 that in the work that we did with state representatives
21 and the Assembly District and state senators was very
22 important in educating delegates on the critical issues
23 at hand about water and any and all legislation related
24 to water issues that impacted our region.

25 And it was very, very important that we understood



1 that the water issues were of a regional nature and a
2 statewide nature, not just selected to one little city or
3 what have you, that these were very critical issues that
4 impacted the shortages of water, for example, in
5 especially like Walnut and Diamond Bar, which do not have
6 their natural -- any natural spring water. And they rely
7 on imported water for 100 percent of their water.

8 So providing a reliable resource of water in the
9 area was very much a part of a working relationship with
10 our state senators and our state assembly members in our
11 district. And these districts are overlying in the
12 different counties. And it was very important that we
13 had these type of working relationships and continue to
14 do so in the future, especially at this particular time
15 when there is a severe water drought in The State of
16 California.

17 So I just wanted to --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MR. WATERS: -- let you guys know that it was very,
20 very important to have these outlying districts as they
21 are right now, and they should remain pretty much the
22 same.

23 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

24 MR. WATERS: Thank you so much for listening today
25 and have a good meeting. Thank you.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 I'd like to remind those calling in to please press
3 star nine to raise their hand, indicating you wish to
4 comment.

5 That is for caller with the last four, 5560. And we
6 do have a caller with their raised hand. Caller 5560 has
7 raised their hand. I'll open the line. If you will
8 please follow the prompt from Zoom. That's caller 5560.
9 If you will press star six to unmute yourself. You are
10 unmuted.

11 MR. BUKLEMAN: Hello. Hi.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. I have a couple of
13 instructions. Just one second. Your speaker order
14 number will be number 32. If you will please make note
15 of that for future reference. And if you'd like the
16 mapper to bring any area up on the map, please let them
17 know where that is. And with that, the floor is yours.
18 Go ahead.

19 MR. BUKLEMAN: Okay, great. Yeah.

20 So my name is Mark Bukleman (ph.). I'm with
21 basically the equestrian community, but we do the
22 Hesperia Wranglers, so we do a lot of horseback riding
23 and things like this.

24 So I'm a long time resident of the High Desert and
25 been involved in the equestrian community for many years.



1 San Bernardino County is the largest county in the
2 lower forty-eight states, obviously. So it's very
3 diverse with a lot of communities. One community that
4 can be often overlooked is our rural communities, like
5 the one that I currently live in.

6 As you guys know, there's a lot of different
7 communities, and we think that they should obviously be
8 kept together. We are usually some of the most frequent
9 users of public lands. Besides riding horses, obviously,
10 I'm big into dirt bikes and things like that, so we
11 obviously want to be fairly represented and kept
12 together.

13 And so when we look at communities, and I see the
14 Mojave Desert, I look at communities like Phelan,
15 Yucaipa, Yucca Valley, Apple Valley, Hesperia and the
16 mountain communities and Rancho Cucamonga, are all
17 overlooked and should not be overlooked.

18 So please remember to give rural San Bernardino
19 County a voice. And we definitely appreciate you guys
20 for all the time that you're doing and just hope that as
21 the maps go forward that we see a lot of our rural
22 communities kept together. So thank you again.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And that was all of our callers at this time, Chair.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good.



1 Kristian, could we have the twenty-minute English
2 video?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Wait, we do have 021.
4 Yes. Sorry. My mistake. We have 021 right now.

5 021, you can now enable your audio and video in the
6 lower left of your screen. Your speaker order number is
7 number 33, if you can make note of that for future
8 reference. And if you could let the mapper know if
9 there's an area you would like brought up on the map.
10 With that, the floor is yours.

11 MS. PASADENA: Thank you. Thank you so much. Yeah.
12 So the map. If it's okay, I will just read my testimony.
13 I'm not very good with maps. I'm in the High Desert
14 region, so perhaps looking at -- zoning in to that
15 region, Victorville area. That might be helpful. There
16 we go. Yeah. Go up north.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, we need to go west from there.
18 Southwest.

19 MS. PASADENA: Yeah. Okay. Yeah.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: A little further south and west.

21 MS. PASADENA: Yeah. Yes. Thank you. There we go,
22 Apple Valley of (indiscernible) -- there we go.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: There you got.

24 MS. PASADENA: That's my region. Perfect. Thank
25 you. I appreciate your help.



1 Okay. So it helps me to read my statement so I can
2 stay within two minutes now.

3 So thank you so much for your help and for providing
4 me the opportunity to testify with you all today. My
5 name is Stephanie Vita Pasadena (ph.), and I am a
6 resident of this region in Victorville. I've lived here
7 for the last ten years, and I just wanted to testify on
8 behalf of the community that our neighborhood can best be
9 described as a suburb region with urban problems.

10 As you can see on the map, we are a suburb, but we
11 are unique in that we have urban problems because of the
12 high migration that we have seen over the last ten years.
13 And even on the map, you see the division on Highway 15
14 and that natural boundary that the mountain creates.

15 It becomes very difficult for our residents to
16 migrate down the hill -- we actually call it that. We
17 call it, saying, down the hill -- in order to attend
18 university, Cal State, San Bernardino, or UC Riverside.

19 Unfortunately, in the High Desert region, which is
20 the region I'm speaking of today, we do not have any
21 universities. We only have two community colleges that
22 cover that entire region, which makes it really difficult
23 for people that are wanting to attend school. It can
24 take at least five years just to do two years' worth of
25 schooling.



1 We also don't have specialty hospitals. If you want
2 even anything specialty for like women's care, fertility,
3 you have to go down the hill and you can be trapped in
4 traffic for over two hours.

5 Also, our seniors for their eye specialties, it's
6 the same thing. Currently, (indiscernible) --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MS. PASADENA: -- is not included and so that should
9 also be included in our area.

10 And we can be classified as a high poverty area with
11 very limited assets and investments.

12 Overall, our demographics have shifted with the high
13 population --

14 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

15 MS. PASADENA: -- of Latinos and people of color.

16 And that always isn't considered in how we are
17 represented in our region.

18 Okay. Thank you so much for hearing me out. Have a
19 good day.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 And with that, Chair, I believe our queue is empty
22 again.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So we can go back to the
24 video.

25 VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Welcome back to the California



1 Citizens Redistricting Commission Community of Interests
2 input meeting.

3 We also encourage you to visit the Communities of
4 Interest tool to draw a map and describe your community.
5 You can do so by visiting, drawmycommunity.org. Again,
6 that's drawmycommunity.org.

7 I will pass to Katy, our comment moderator, to open
8 the phone lines for input. This session is open to
9 anyone who would like to give input. It doesn't require
10 an appointment, and we will be taking comments on San
11 Bernardino and Riverside Counties, as well as any other
12 parts of The State, if you wish. But our focus today is
13 on the San Bernardino and Riverside County.

14 Katy?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

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4 press star six to speak.

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6 and spell it for the record. You are not required to
7 provide your name to give public comment.

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9 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
10 call.

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

14 And at this time, we do have one caller. It is
15 caller 9792. And caller 9792, your speaker order number
16 is number 33. If you will please make note of that for
17 future reference. And if there's an area on the map you
18 would like brought up, please let the mapper know. And
19 with that, the floor is yours.

20 Your line is open. No. No, it's not now. If
21 you'll press star six to unmute yourself. Caller 9792.
22 Star six. There you are. You are unmuted.

23 MR. THORP: Here I am. Okay. Sorry about the
24 confusion.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's fine. Your



1 speaker order number is number 33, if you'll make note of
2 that. And the floor is yours.

3 MR. THORP: Okay. Thank you. Hi, I'm Jon Thorp.
4 First name is Jon, J-O-N. Last is Thorp, T-H-O-R-P. I
5 am a city councilman for The City of Yucaipa within the
6 San Bernardino County. I've lived in Yucaipa for twenty
7 plus years.

8 We, like other communities in San Bernardino County,
9 are a more rural area and face more of unique challenges
10 related to a rural area.

11 For instance, we are located next to the National
12 Forest and are under threat of wildfires. You may have,
13 in the past year, heard of a large fire that started near
14 our community from a gender reveal incident gone wrong.

15 We also have issues related to management of and
16 access to some public lands. And we also have to make
17 sure that we manage our water resources very carefully as
18 well.

19 I would like to ask that you consider our community
20 of interest along with other rural communities of San
21 Bernardino County, for instance, like our mountain
22 communities, Big Bear, Lake Arrowhead and the High Desert
23 communities.

24 Want to make sure that our rural communities
25 continue to get the fair representation related to our



1 concerns and issues that we face in our community as
2 well.

3 That's all I have to add at this time. I thank you
4 for the opportunity to call in and voice our concerns and
5 to give our input.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 And that was all of our callers at this time, Chair.

8 VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Just a reminder to visit
9 our website at, wedrawthelinesla.org. You might also
10 sign up for our email list to learn more about Commission
11 meetings, updates and announcements.

12 Please also connect with us on social media. We're
13 on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube
14 @wedrawthelinesca. Again, that's @wedrawthelinesca, for
15 our social media handles at Facebook, Instagram, Twitter,
16 LinkedIn and YouTube.

17 There are various ways that you can participate in
18 public input to the Commission. These community of
19 interest public input meetings taking place throughout
20 the summer, like the one we're having today. Visit
21 wedrawthelinesca.org for more information on where those
22 meetings will be taking place.

23 The communities of interest mapping tool can be
24 found at drawmycacommunity.org. Again, that's
25 drawmycacommunity.org. The online community of interest



1 tool is available in English, Spanish, Simplified
2 Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog,
3 Korean, Armenian, Farsi, Arabic, Russian, Japanese,
4 Punjabi, Khmer, Hmong, and Thai.

5 Tutorials are also available in those languages on
6 our website, www.wedrawthelinesca.org, and you can click
7 on, Draw My California Community icon, and be able to be
8 taken right to the community of interest map.

9 By email, you can reach us at
10 votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov. Again, that's
11 votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov.

12 And by mail, you can send us correspondence at
13 California Citizens Redistricting Commission at 721
14 Capitol Mall, Suite 260. That's 721 Capitol Mall, Suite
15 260, Sacramento, California 95814.

16 And if you need an interpreter, please request an
17 interpreter at least five business days prior to any of
18 the meetings where you need an interpreter. You can
19 submit your request via email to
20 interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov -- lot of dots there --
21 again, that's interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov, on the
22 community of interest meeting appointments form, or you
23 can call our office at 916-323-0323. Again, that's 916-
24 323-0323.

25 Katy, do we have any callers in the queue?



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No chair, not at this
2 time.

3 VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. If you could read the
4 instructions, please.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

6 VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

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23 provide your name to give public comment.

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25 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your



1 call.

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

5 And we do not have any callers at this time, Chair.

6 VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

7 Kristian, if you could run the five minute video,
8 please.

9 Okay. I just want to reiterate that we are taking
10 community of interest input today for San Bernardino and
11 Riverside. We also want to open the lines for general
12 public comment as well at this time. So if listeners
13 want to offer general public comment to the Commission,
14 you can also do so, as well as continued community of
15 interest input for the remainder of our time here today.

16 So Katy, if you'd read the instructions, please.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

18 VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

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13 call.

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15 it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down
16 the livestream volume.

17 And the Commission is taking general public comment
18 at this time in conjunction with community of interest
19 input.

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

21 VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. We'll stand at ease for
22 a couple of minutes.

23 (Pause)

24 MR. MANOFF: That's two minutes, Chair.

25 VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Kristian.



1 Katy, do we have any callers in queue?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh. Just as you said
3 that, Chair. See.

4 I'd like to remind those calling in, if you could
5 please press star nine to raise your hand, indicating you
6 wish to comment.

7 And that would be caller 0046. And they did choose
8 to raise their hand. We'll open that line.

9 Caller 0046, your speaker order number will be
10 number 34. If you'll please let the mappers know if
11 there's any area that you would like brought up on the
12 map. And with that the floor is yours.

13 MR. LETNER: Thank you. My name is Brad Letner
14 (ph.) and I live in Spring Valley Lake next to
15 Victorville, California. So if you could bring the map
16 up of the high desert area of Southern California
17 surrounding Victorville?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

19 MR. LETNER: My call --

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

21 MR. LETNER: Thank you. My call is regarding the
22 time that I've spent here. I've been a long term
23 resident. I was recalled to active duty and retired
24 after twenty-seven years in nine -- oh. Wow. Nope.
25 2013. During that time I was stationed at Fort Irwin,



1 California on the other side of Barstow. Currently, I'm
2 working as a civilian employee at 29 Palms Marine Corp
3 Base in, obviously, Twentynine Palms.

4 And reason I'm calling regarding this mapping, is
5 what I've noted is Victorville is the home to the former
6 George Airforce Base. Has a tremendous presence of
7 military retirees. Barstow, where I lived briefly, has
8 the Barstow Veterans Home and the Marine Corp Logistics
9 Base. And of course the -- Fort Irwin -- the only town
10 close to Fort Irwin is Barstow. And now that I'm here in
11 Twentynine Palms working on this Marine Corp base, I note
12 the great similarity of all the retired marines in this
13 area.

14 And so I know currently we're single-district. I
15 don't know the exact boundaries. But I just wanted from
16 that perspective to make it clear that it's very, very
17 similar. All of the military interests, the interest in
18 the infrastructure and the roads because of the remote
19 nature of the reason. It's a -- it's a very homogenous
20 area. Very -- very easy for one representative or
21 senator to be able to gather and understand and represent
22 our interests; both, again, the military retirees and the
23 infrastructure for transportation and access to things
24 like medical care both for veterans and for being so
25 remote -- medical care for just residents.



1 And so I'm calling to strongly recommend and request
2 your consideration to treat the Fort Irwin/Barstow area,
3 the Victorville area, and Twentynine Palms --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

5 MR. LETNER: -- as a homogenous community.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
7 with that Chair, that was all of our callers at this
8 time.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Let's go to the twenty minute
10 video, Kristian.

11 (Audio Break)

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Welcome back to the California
13 Citizens -- welcome back to the California Citizen's
14 Redistricting Commission, community of input imp --
15 community of interest input meeting. That is a tongue
16 twisters for me this afternoon. So with that, Katy, I
17 understand we have some people in the queue to give us
18 input.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do have a couple. I
20 would -- Chair, would you like me to read the brief
21 instructions?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Please.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Please.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's what I was



1 thinking --

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Katy.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- and then we'll just go
4 straight there. Perfect.

5 The commission will now be taking public comment.
6 To give comment please call 877-853-5247, enter the
7 meeting ID number 93910267047. One you have dialed in,
8 please press star, nine to enter the comment queue. The
9 full call-in instructions have been read previously and
10 are provided in full on the livestream landing page.

11 And we do have two callers. Right now will be
12 caller 7111 and then up next will be caller 3074 -- I'm
13 sorry. 3073. That is caller with the last four 3073.
14 Right now it is caller 7111.

15 And caller 7111, if you'll follow the prompt --
16 there you are. You are unmuted. You have a couple of
17 instructions. Your speaker order number will be number
18 35. If you will please make a note of that for future
19 reference. If there is an area of California you would
20 like brought up on the map, please let the mapper know of
21 that area.

22 And with that the floor is yours. Go ahead.

23 MS. HERRERA: Thank you very much. My name is
24 Jacqueline Augustine Herrera. I'm a resident of Hesperia
25 and have been a resident of Hesperia for thirty-five



1 years. I'm also a dean of the School of Humanity's arts
2 and social sciences at Victor Valley College, and have
3 been a part of Victor Valley College community for
4 thirty-four years.

5 I'm calling today to express my concern with the
6 redistricting. The community of the Victor Valley, the
7 San Bernardino County high desert, makes up unique
8 community. And this is different from the other areas
9 that we have in our county. I really believe that this
10 redistricting is cutting up the high desert, which is
11 detrimental to our representation.

12 I would like to see the Victor Valley, San
13 Bernardino County high desert remain together and not be
14 divided again. In the past our representation has been
15 cut up and it's really made many residents of the high
16 desert feel that we were red-headed step-child, because
17 our community was cut up and it hurt our representation.

18 We are a unique area, and I think it's important to
19 have that unifying representation to represent the
20 residents of the high desert, so there are concerns in
21 that. Thank you for allowing me to express my views and
22 opinions on this all important matter.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
24 with that we have another caller. Caller with the last
25 four 3073, if you will follow the prompt from Zoom.



1 Caller 3073 you are unmuted. I have a couple of
2 instructions. Your speaker order number will be number
3 36. If you have an area of the map you would like
4 brought up, please let the mapper know what that area is.
5 And with that, the floor is yours.

6 MR. MOON: Hi, everyone. My name is Austin Moon and
7 I am a resident of Chino Hills. It's in Western San
8 Bernardino County. And I'd just like to express my
9 support to have Chino Hills grouped with the inland
10 empire communities in State and Federal legislative
11 district. Chino Hills is currently grouped with some LA
12 and Orange County communities. And I think that the city
13 would really benefit by having the same representative as
14 Chino and the other communities that we do share a lot of
15 our, like, public works and services with Chino. So I
16 think it would just make a little bit more sense.

17 We also share a school district, the -- the fire
18 district, things like that. Yeah. And then the
19 population housing development in Chino Hills have also
20 grown at a much faster rate than other communities that
21 currently share State and Federal districts with us; such
22 as Walnut, Denver, and North Orange County. The growth
23 expansion is much more in line with that of Chino,
24 Ontario Ranch, and Eastvale.

25 I'd also like to advocate moving a little bit



1 westward toward Cal Poly Pomona and Walnut -- San Antonio
2 College. These are two institutions that belong in the
3 same legislative district as -- I mean -- sorry. In the
4 same legislative district.

5 I was the former student government president for
6 Mt. San. And I know that the two schools often share a
7 lot of advocacy programs and things like that. And I
8 just think it would be a lot more beneficial that way.

9 And that's it. Thank you for -- for your time and
10 consideration.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 with that, Chair, that is all our callers at this time.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Could you read the long
14 instructions, Katy, indicating to our listeners that
15 we're taking both community of interest input as well as
16 public comment at this time?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to maximize
20 transparency and public participation in our process the
21 commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To
22 call in dial the telephone number provided on the
23 livestream feed; it is 877-853-5247. When prompted enter
24 the meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed; it
25 is 93910267047 for this meeting. When prompted to enter



1 a participant ID simply press the pound key. Once you
2 have dialed in, you'll be placed in a queue. To indicate
3 you wish to comment please press star, nine. This will
4 raise your hand for the moderator.

5 When it is your turn to speak you will hear a
6 message that says the host would like you to talk and to
7 press star, six to speak. If you would like to give your
8 name please state and spell it for the record. You are
9 not required to provide your name to give public comment.

10 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
11 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
12 call. Once you are waiting in the queue be alert for
13 when it is your turn to speak, and again please turn down
14 the livestream volume. And the commission is taking
15 general public comment at this time in conjunction with
16 community of interest input at this time.

17 And we do not have anyone in the queue at this time,
18 Chair.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We'll stand at ease for two
20 minutes, please.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

22 (Pause)

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we are at two
24 minutes, Chair.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Why don't we run the five-

1 minute video, Kristian?

2 (Audio Break)

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Hi, Katy. Do we have any callers in
4 the queue?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, we do not at this
6 time.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Would you read the
8 instructions, please?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

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9 community of interest input.

10 And there is no one in the queue at this time,
11 Chair.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We'll stand at ease for two
13 minutes, please.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

15 (Pause)

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that's two minutes,
17 Chair.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we do not have --

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we do not have anyone
21 in the queue at this time.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Let's go to the twenty-minute
23 video, please.

24 (Audio Break)

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Welcome back. I'd like to thank the



1 individuals that are waiting patiently to give their
2 testimony. So let's go right to it, Katy.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. So up first
4 we have caller 3969, and up next, we will have caller
5 4578. Caller 3969 if you'll follow the prompts from
6 Zoom.

7 Caller 3969 you are unmuted. I have a couple of
8 instructions for you. Your speaker order number will be
9 number 37. If you'll please make note of that for future
10 reference. If you have an area of the map you would like
11 brought up, please let the mapper know. The floor is
12 yours.

13 MS. VANZANTEN: Thank you for taking the time to
14 listen to our concerns regarding redistricting. My name
15 is Cowa Vanzanten (ph.). I have lived in Palm Desert.
16 One of the cities -- one of the cities compromising
17 Coachella Valley for twenty-two years.

18 Palm Springs and Desert Hot Springs are on the west
19 end Coachella, Fairmont and Mecca are on the East end and
20 incorporates Native American tribal lands and casinos
21 across the valley.

22 Agriculture and tourism continue to be the primary
23 industry in our valley. And during my twenty-two years
24 in Palm Desert the demographics have changed dramatically
25 from a seasonal brief retirement dominated population



1 that all but shut down across the valley for the summer.
2 We have become a vibrant year-round full-time population
3 including residents from diverse socio-economic, ethnic,
4 and cultural backgrounds. We also have several who are
5 part-time residents who also have homes in other parts of
6 the State.

7 This welcomed growth and diversity has brought about
8 more around the year -- year-round business opportunities
9 and consumer demands that support our local small
10 businesses.

11 The Coachella Valley cities work well together to
12 bring their residents a degree of cooperation and
13 cohesiveness across the valley while maintaining their
14 independence and uniqueness, including the predominantly
15 agricultural and unincorporated areas.

16 We have a Coachella Valley administration of
17 government that work together on cross-valley issues such
18 as homeless commissions, shared-infrastructure projects,
19 public safety coordination, transportation and traffic
20 light synchronization along cross-city traffic corridors,
21 etcetera.

22 After the last census our single district was broken
23 into two, divided along a North/South Street and took two
24 cities on the West end and assigned them to the non-
25 contiguous district cities on the East end of the valley.

1 We share common issues, challenges, and tourism
2 surges and should be one district rather than what
3 appears to be the result of arbitrary and capricious
4 jerrymandering.

5 Thank you for your time and consideration.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
7 with our other caller, caller 4578, if you'll follow the
8 prompts that Zoom is giving you. Caller 4578 you are
9 unmuted. I have a couple of instructions for you. Your
10 speaker order number will number 38. If you will please
11 make note of that for future reference. If there is an
12 area of the map you would like brought up, please let the
13 mapper know that area. And with that the floor is yours.

14 MR. HOWDIGEE: Thank you. I'm calling regarding --
15 my testimony regarding senate district number 31. My
16 name is Russel Howdige (ph.) I'm an attorney, a board
17 member of the Indian Empire Latino Lawyers, I'm also a UC
18 Riverside graduate. And I am speaking in my individual
19 capacity as an immigration lawyer in private practice and
20 also with my pro-bono efforts we've worked with clients
21 through Riverside and San Bernadino Counties.

22 Specifically, West and Riverside County is a home to
23 a dynamic and large Latino/Latinx Community. And we've
24 recently seen Latino candidates have success at winning
25 local office and the State Assembly.



1 We have a senate district now, number 31, that is a
2 good contiguous mix of similar and diverse communities of
3 interest. But on the Western side of Riverside Counties,
4 specifically Riverside/San Bernadino Valley, Paras, and
5 well as Corona and Norco. Latino/X assembly members
6 currently represent both assembly district 60 and 61,
7 which are currently nested together in Senate District
8 31.

9 The only problem with the current configuration of
10 Senate District 31 is that we have yet to have a Latino
11 candidate win an election to the State Assembly -- excuse
12 me. To the State senate -- State senate in Western
13 Riverside County. Thus, the current district has not
14 worked to provide us our representation.

15 Today, I'm respectfully -- respectfully requesting
16 the commission adjust the lines of Senate District 31
17 consistent with the California Constitution and the
18 Voting Rights Act to allow us the opportunity to elect a
19 Latino candidate to the State senate in district --
20 Senate District 31.

21 And this is something that's really important to our
22 community. And I'd like to thank the commission for
23 their time. Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 with that, that is all our callers at this time, Chair.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. If you could read the
2 instructions, please, Katy.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

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5 participation in our process the commissioners will be
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23 when it is your turn to speak, and again please turn down
24 the livestream volume. And the commission is taking
25 general public comment at this time and community of



1 interest input for those who have not called today.

2 There is no one in the queue at this time. I will
3 defer to you, Chair.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Katy. We'll stand at
5 ease for two minutes, please.

6 (Pause)

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we are at two
8 minutes, Chair. And there is no one in the queue at this
9 time.

10 VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. At this time I'm
11 going to announce our next community of interest input
12 meeting, which will be happening this Saturday, June
13 26th, at 10 a.m. And it will be focused on LA County and
14 surrounding areas.

15 And on Monday, June 28th, at 10 a.m. we will be
16 taking community of interest input on Alameda, Contra
17 Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and
18 Solano Counties and surrounding areas.

19 Callers of course are not limited to those counties.
20 You can visit the meeting page at our website, see a list
21 of additional upcoming community of interest input
22 meetings at www.wedrawthelinesca.org/meetings.

23 On behalf of myself and Co-Chair, Ray Kennedy, I'd
24 like to thank Californians for joining us in our
25 statewide community of interest input meeting today, and



1 we look forward to seeing you all on Saturday.

2 With that, meeting's adjourned.

3 (Whereupon, the CRC Public Comment Meeting
4 adjourned.)

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