

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (CRC)

In the matter of:
PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021

4:00 p.m.

Transcription By:
eScribers, LLC



APPEARANCESCOMMISSIONERS

Jane Andersen, Chair/Moderator
Linda Akutagawa, Vice-Chair/Moderator
Alicia Fernandez, Commissioner
Neal Fornaciari, Commissioner
J. Kennedy, Commissioner
Antonio Le Mons, Commissioner
Sara Sadhwani, Commissioner
Patricia Sinay, Commissioner
Derric Taylor, Commissioner
Pedro Toledo, Commissioner
Angela Vázquez, Commissioner
Russell Yee, Commissioner

STAFF

Ravindar Singh, Administrative Assistant

TECHNICAL CONTRACTORS

Kristian Manoff, AV Technical Director/Comment Moderator
Katy Manoff, Public Comment Moderator

Also presentPUBLIC COMMENT

David Barron
Rosemary Willimon
Speaker Number 3
Christine Bubser
Joyce Kaufman
Sarah Rea
Stacey Corless
Randy Hanvelt
Tiffany Lao
Samuel Sukaton
Speaker Number 11
Speaker Number 12
Sandy Hogan
Sara Hutchinson
Lynne Poulton
Samuel Sukaton



INDEX

	<u>PAGE</u>
Call to Order and Roll Call	4
Introductions	5
Public Comment	15



P R O C E E D I N G S

1
2 July 20, 2021

4:00 p.m.

3 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Good afternoon,
4 everyone. Good afternoon, California, and my fellow
5 Commissioners. Welcome and thanks for tuning in to the
6 California Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities
7 of Interest Input Meeting. I'm Commissioner Jane
8 Andersen. I'll be co-chairing today's meeting with
9 Commissioner Linda Akutagawa.

10 Ravi, would you please take at this time?

11 MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair.

12 Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

14 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

16 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

18 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

20 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

22 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

24 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

25 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.



1 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Present.

3 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

4 Commissioner Vazquez?

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

8 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

9 Commissioner Akutagawa?

10 MODERATOR AKUTAGAWA: Here.

11 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Andersen?

12 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Here.

13 MR. SINGH: Roll call is complete, Chair.

14 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ravi.

15 So I'll start today by sharing a little bit about
16 the Commission. Every ten years after the Federal
17 government publishes updated Census information,
18 California must redraw the boundaries of its
19 Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State
20 Board of Equalization Districts so that the districts
21 correctly reflect the State's population.

22 In 2008, California voters authorized the creation
23 of the Commission when they passed the Voter's First Act.
24 It authorized the Commission to draw the new district
25 lines for State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board



1 of Equalization Districts. In 2010, the Congressional
2 Voter's First Act added the responsibility of drawing the
3 Congressional districts to the Commission. The fourteen-
4 member Commission is made up of five Republicans, five
5 Democrats and four not affiliated with either of those
6 two parties. The Commission must draw the district lines
7 in conformity with strict nonpartisan rules designated to
8 create districts of relatively equal population that will
9 prove fair representation for all Californians.

10 When we receive census data, the Commission begins
11 drawing maps using six-line criteria as outlined in the
12 California Constitution. One of these is minimizing the
13 division of counties, cities, neighborhoods, and
14 communities of interest to the extent possible.

15 Now, we can obtain the city and county information
16 from those jurisdictions, but we need the neighborhoods
17 and communities of interest from -- information from you,
18 Californians, directly. That's why we've launched these
19 communities of interest input sessions, to get that
20 valuable information from you directly.

21 We encourage all Californians to participate in this
22 process. And notice, I don't say anything about citizens
23 or voting people -- voting population. All Californians
24 can participate in this process. If you would rather
25 submit the community of interest input over the internet,



1 you can do so from our website, which is
2 www.wedrawthelinesca.org or by visiting directly
3 www.drawmycacommunity.org. Skip the line, go online.

4 Now, I will call on all Commissioners to introduce
5 themselves and to say hello. I see the -- to see the
6 biographies for all fourteen of us, for additional
7 information, or to sign up for our emails please visit
8 our website at ww.wedrawthelinesca.org (sic).

9 Please also follow the Citizens Redistricting
10 Commission on social media. You can find us on Facebook,
11 Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube at -- our
12 handle is @wedrawthelinesca, when obviously, CA is for
13 California.

14 There will you (sic) find a lot of it useful
15 information about redistricting and updates from the
16 Commission. Now we'll begin.

17 I'll begin with myself, Jane Andersen. I am one of
18 the Republican members of the Commission. I live in
19 Berkeley, California. But I am elected to represent this
20 particular area today, which is Alpine, Amador,
21 Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Mono, and Inyo because I
22 have family who live in Amador, and I've been to this
23 area many times.

24 So I'm looking -- I'm really looking forward to
25 hearing what everyone has to say. And I am going to



1 take -- well, actually, I'll -- now I'll stop and I'll
2 continue with the rest of the Commissioners at this
3 point.

4 Commissioner Ahmad? I don't think she's able to
5 join us today.

6 Commissioner Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: (Speaks Spanish). Good
8 afternoon, California. I'm Alicia Fernandez from Yolo
9 County. And I'm kind of like your neighbor to the west a
10 little bit. And I've -- fortunately I've been able to go
11 to visit quite a few of the countries that we'll -- or
12 counties that we'll be talking to today. And I'm looking
13 forward to hearing from all of you so I can find new
14 places to visit.

15 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

16 Commissioner Fornaciari?

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, good afternoon,
18 California, and especially those counties in the
19 foothills and in Sierra Nevada area. We are -- I'm Neil
20 Fornaciari. I live -- I'm your neighbor to the west. I
21 live in San Joaquin County. Spent a lot of time in a
22 number of your counties throughout my life. And I'm
23 looking forward to hearing about your communities of
24 interest. Thanks.

25 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you.



1 Commissioner Kennedy?

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Good afternoon, California.
3 Ray Kennedy coming to you from Morongo Valley, which is
4 an unincorporated Joshua Tree Gateway Community along
5 Highway 62 on the way into Joshua Tree. So I actually
6 share a Congressional district with some of you in Inyo
7 and Mono Counties. I've been here a little over a year
8 after living in the Coachella Valley for fifteen years.
9 I'm looking forward to hearing about your communities and
10 what makes them special to you. Thank you.

11 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner
12 Kennedy.

13 Commissioner Le Mons?

14 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Buenos tardes. Good
15 afternoon, California. I'm Commissioner Antonio Le Mons.
16 I spend my time between Riverside and Los Angeles
17 Counties. I'm coming to you today from L.A. County, and
18 I'm looking forward to hearing from all of you. Welcome.

19 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Le
20 Mons.

21 Commissioner Sadhwani?

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Good afternoon, California.
23 My name is Sarah Sadhwani. I am joining today from my
24 home in La Canada, California, near the foothills of the
25 Angeles National Forest. Looking forward to learning



1 more about your communities of interest.

2 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner
3 Sadhwani.

4 Commissioner Sinay?

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Buenos tardes, California.
6 Good afternoon, California. I'm excited to serve you
7 for -- well, I guess, I'm Patricia Sinay. And I am
8 excited to serve you from San Diego.

9 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner --
10 Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

11 Commissioner Taylor?

12 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Good afternoon, everyone. My
13 name is Derek Taylor. I'm joining you from the foothills
14 of Altadena, which may be similar to some of your
15 communities, but the San Gabriel Mountains, which are in
16 L.A. County. Again, looking forward to all of your
17 testimony. And thank you. Appreciate it. We need it.

18 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.
19 Commissioner Toledo?

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Good afternoon. Buenos
21 tardes. I'm Commissioner Pedro Toledo and I hail from
22 Petaluma, California. I'm looking forward to learning
23 all about your communities and as Commissioner Fernandez
24 mentioned, finding new spots to go and visit and enjoy.
25 So thank you so much and I look forward to hearing from



1 you.

2 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

3 Commissioner Turner? I don't think she's able to be
4 with us today.

5 Commissioner Vasquez?

6 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Hi there, California. My
7 name is Angela Vasquez. I am a Commissioner based in Los
8 Angeles. I'm originally from the Inland Empire, San
9 Bernardino County and very much looking forward to
10 hearing your input today.

11 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner
12 Vazquez.

13 Commissioner Yee?

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Good afternoon, California, and
15 especially, the eastern side, what we're calling Zone G.
16 I'm Russell Yee, Commissioner here in my hometown of
17 Oakland. And I have a very special tie to Zone G, which
18 is our water.

19 Actually, you guys supply us the East Bay and
20 Municipal Utility District. There it is, Pardee Dam,
21 Paree Reservoir in Amador and Calaveras counties. And
22 you just supply the drinking -- very good drinking water
23 to the East Bay here. So we're grateful. Looking
24 forward to hearing about your communities today.

25 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.



1 And my co-chair, Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 MODERATOR AKUTAGAWA:: Hello, California, in
3 particular to those from the counties that make up our
4 outreach Zone G. So pleased to be able to co-chair this
5 meeting, but also to be in partnership with Commissioner
6 Andersen to do outreach to the counties that make up the
7 zone. I'm looking forward to hearing from all of you and
8 Tuolumne will always have a special place, as it is the
9 home of Yosemite and one of my favorite places to be in.
10 So looking forward to hearing from you all.

11 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner
12 Akutagawa. Now, just going to give you a few
13 housekeeping rules as we enter the exciting part of the
14 session. This meeting is primarily for communities of
15 interest testimony focused on these counties: Alpine,
16 Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Mono, and Inyo and
17 the surrounding areas. However, anyone in California can
18 call in to provide input.

19 General public comment will take place at the end of
20 the meeting. Now, although the Commissioner is divided,
21 the Commission has divided up California to these eleven
22 zones, that in no way is relative of or reflects the
23 redistricting lines or any boundaries. The Commission
24 created the zones to assist us and the staff in our
25 outreach efforts only, not as any indication of any



1 planned plan boundaries. Today we're joined by a line
2 drawing team, HaystaqDNA and Q2 Data & Research LLC.
3 We'll be displaying a map of the area that attendees
4 describe.

5 Now, please start with the area you would like to
6 discuss, and be as specific as possible about the
7 boundaries where your community is located. While it's
8 our goal to find the area on the map you would like to
9 discuss prior to you beginning your testimony, if you're
10 within a specific neighborhood of a large city, please
11 mentioned it by name.

12 I know there aren't many large cities in this area,
13 but any kind of landmarks, please mention those by name.
14 And once we locate your area, your three-minute timer
15 will begin. Now, attendees will not be able to share
16 their screen.

17 We are also joined by Katy, our comment moderator,
18 who'll be introducing attendees when it is their turn to
19 speak. When you join the meeting, please use the raise
20 hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the
21 queue. If you have registered for a time slot, we
22 encourage you to call in during that appointment time
23 slot.

24 When it's your turn to speak Katy our comment
25 moderator will be identifying you by your assigned unique



1 ID number. You'll be reconnected to the session with the
2 ability to enable your own video and/or audio. The
3 comment moderator will assign you a speaker order number
4 before you begin speaking. And please make a note of
5 this for future reference. You'll be able to use this
6 number to identify your community of interest testimony
7 on our website at a future date.

8 Additionally, if there's a comment that you didn't
9 quite get to make, or you want to clarify something
10 later, please email that in to us or however you want to
11 communicate that to us. But please notice -- note
12 this -- the date of this meeting and the date and your
13 speaker number. That will ensure that your information
14 gets connected.

15 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time
16 limit. There will be a warning at thirty seconds and
17 fifteen seconds remaining.

18 At the beginning of your input, you will see a map
19 on the screen. Now, please remind the mapper what area
20 you would like to see on the screen, and be as specific
21 as possible about the boundaries of where your community
22 is located.

23 Registration is not required to participate in this
24 public input meeting. The public has the option of
25 calling in during this meeting to get in the queue to



1 speak. The call information and access code is listed on
2 the live stream.

3 Now, while there -- the Communities of Interest
4 Tool. While there are no clear rules on how to define a
5 community of interest, we've identified ways for you to
6 describe your community: one, begin with your county or
7 city; two, mention the street names or any significant
8 locations in your neighborhood to help us identify the
9 parameters of your community; and three, what are your
10 shared interests?

11 What brings you together? What is important to your
12 community? Are there nearby areas that you want to be in
13 a district with? Are there any nearby areas that you do
14 not want to be in the district with? And then why or why
15 not? Has your community come together to advocate for
16 important services, such as better schools, roads, fire
17 concerns, health centers in your neighborhood, school
18 districts, water issues? These are the items that are
19 very important and can help you to give us community
20 input testimony.

21 Also, we invite you to use the community interest
22 tool to draw map and describe your community by visiting
23 www.drawmycommunity.org. Remember, skip the line, and
24 go online. Submit your COI input today.

25 We will now begin the public input session. I will



1 pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator. We will
2 start with people who are registered and then open the
3 phone lines if there's time for the next session.

4 So Katy, go ahead.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair. Good
6 afternoon.

7 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the
8 raise hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter
9 the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will be
10 identified by your assigned unique ID number, which you
11 were emailed yesterday. You will be reconnected to the
12 session with the ability to enable your own video and/or
13 audio. You will then be assigned a speaker order number
14 before you begin speaking. Please make a note of your
15 speaker order number for future reference.

16 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time
17 limit. There will be a warning at thirty seconds and
18 fifteen seconds remaining. It is the Commission's goal
19 to find the area on the map you would like to discuss
20 prior to your testimony. If you are within a specific
21 neighborhood of a large city, please mention it by name.

22 Once we are able to locate your area, your three-
23 minute testimony will begin. Attendees will not be able
24 to share their screen. At the end of your public input
25 or at the end of your time, you will be reconnected in a



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

4 And right now will be 003 and up next in the queue
5 will be 007.

6 003, I will be promoting you now. 003, your speaker
7 order number will be Number 1. If you will, please make
8 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
9 your audio and video in the lower, left corner of your
10 screen. If you will please remind the mapper what area
11 you would like to discuss today. The floor is yours.

12 MR. BARRON: Thank you very much. I would like to
13 discuss the area of Inyo County to the south, through
14 Nevada County to the north. And I'll begin. So first of
15 all, thank you to the Commissioners for this opportunity.
16 My name is David Barron (ph.), and I live in Mammoth
17 Lakes, California, in Mono County.

18 Mammoth is a truly unique place. It's one of the
19 most beautiful places in the world and a hub of
20 recreational activities for the entire Eastern Sierra.
21 Along with the other mostly rural counties in the Sierra
22 Nevada, including Inyo, Alpine, Amador, Tuolumne,
23 Mariposa, Calaveras, and the Sierra Ridgeline counties of
24 Nevada, Placer, and El Dorado.

25 Mammoth Lakes in Mono County need representation



1 that will protect and defend the natural environment of
2 these areas and the people who choose to live here. I
3 have seen firsthand how split or conflicting priorities
4 leave rural communities without the resources or advocacy
5 that they deserve, especially if they are competing with
6 larger cities.

7 The area in which I live needs a district that will
8 focus on the unique issues of environmental protection,
9 including forest management and water rights issues,
10 access to basic services such as adequate in-state health
11 care and high bandwidth broadband access and protection
12 from outside interests who wish to exploit the natural
13 resources of our area without benefit to the people who
14 live here.

15 In addition, we must respect and defend the
16 indigenous communities that have lived on this land for
17 millennia and have a special relationship with and
18 historic and cultural artifacts embedded in the very
19 earth that makes up these districts.

20 I work in the technology and media industries.
21 During the pandemic, my entire family was dependent on
22 the broadband access provided by Suddenlink. While
23 during off-peak times, the service was generally
24 reliable, I can tell you that the technical support
25 provided for our town in the performance of the service



1 in general during peak tourism times was not so great.

2 There has been some press about this recently. I
3 can -- and I can confirm that my experiences were very
4 similar to what has been reported. We had technicians
5 arrive with the wrong gear. We -- claim those devices
6 were all that was in stock for the area and they couldn't
7 get anything better. Our bandwidth had dropped to levels
8 where you couldn't maintain a single Zoom call while we
9 pay for the highest level of service available.

10 It takes a special focus from our representatives to
11 make sure that appropriate access to and support for a
12 resource as fundamental as internet access is provided to
13 our rural communities. I also believe that it's
14 unworkable to have a representative district that is
15 impossible to traverse by car during parts of the year
16 that combines a few large metropolitan areas with a
17 massive rural footprint simply to get to a number.

18 The Sierra communities are unique. They are defined
19 by the people who choose to live in them and those who
20 take advantage of the unique environment they offer all
21 year round.

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MR. BARRON: And they deserve to have representation
24 that is similarly dedicated to the health and success of
25 the community.



1 Finally, I would like to point out that the
2 discrepancy between the County, State and Federal
3 districts does a great disservice to this community.

4 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

5 MR. BARRON: When the Congressional District goes
6 south, the Assembly District goes west, and the common
7 political alignments go north, how is anything supposed
8 to get done? To whom should I appeal for policy
9 alignment when there is neither geographic nor common
10 community interests between the districts? Please
11 consider this in your deliberations. I thank you --

12 MR. MANOFF: Time.

13 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. And
14 again, if there are additional things that you don't
15 think we got, please note your speaker number and the
16 date, and go ahead and send those into the Commission.
17 Thank you.

18 Next speaker please, Katy.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. Right now
20 will be 007. And up next in the queue will be 004.

21 007, I will be promoting you now. 007, your speaker
22 order number will be Number 2. If you will, please make
23 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
24 your audio and video in the lower, left corner of your
25 screen. If you will please remind the mapper of what



1 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

2 MS. WILLIMON: Hi, I'm Rosemary Willimon (ph.) and
3 I'm from Bridgeport, California. It's in Mono County and
4 it's actually the County Seat, even though it's smaller
5 than Mammoth, but it's the County Seat. And my community
6 of interest goes from Inyo County to the south all the
7 way north as far as Nevada County. And basically it's --
8 Bridgeport is the oldest court -- working courthouse
9 house in the State of California.

10 So my basic interests, including what the other
11 speaker just said, is that it should be -- there should
12 be a district that is on the eastern side of the Sierras.
13 We are incredibly rural. We -- our main areas of -- that
14 bring us together -- our community of interest
15 specifically is tourism. The fishing, the hiking, the
16 camping, and the outdoor recreation is, like, paramount
17 for the business people and to the lifeblood of this --
18 these communities on this side.

19 The other one, in my -- my opinion, is the
20 environmental issues. We are -- just had a big
21 earthquake. I don't know if you heard that. And we were
22 fairly close. I mean, Mono County goes all the way to
23 the border to Nevada, and Walker Canyon is just above us.
24 So Bridgeport -- we really felt the big roll wave here.
25 Besides the wildfires, we have a wildfire right down



1 south right now. And that -- of course, another one up
2 south of Lake Tahoe that is impacting us environmentally.

3 And secondly, of course, we have the water right
4 issue because some of the water that we produce in our
5 mountains heads up to the -- hop to Nevada, to the farms
6 in Nevada. So that's always been a concern to us. And
7 actually the other main issue for me, because there's
8 primary retired people here, is my husband had a severe
9 gallbladder attack -- which he didn't even know he had a
10 gallbladder problem last year. And our closest -- the
11 closest place you could get to through our EMT was in
12 Reno. So we had no access to hospitalization that was in
13 California.

14 Luckily, we have an insurance policy that was able
15 to cover the expenses in Nevada. But had we just had
16 Medi-Cal or just one of the government -- California
17 insurance plans, we could not have done that. And so --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MS. WILLIMON: -- that's one of my main issues.

20 And the other thing is that we -- we actually also,
21 right now, we're connected to Madera County. And Madera,
22 I love the county, but it's -- they -- totally --

23 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

24 MS. WILLIMON: -- inaccessible for us to get there.

25 So I would like to eliminate that because the -- the



1 representative hasn't even been over the hill in the ten
2 years he's lived here to come to the -- the rural parts
3 of this county.

4 MR. MANOFF: Time.

5 MS. WILLIMON: So thank you.

6 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Ma'am, could you wait one
7 minute, please? Could we get --

8 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Chair. Just a moment.

9 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 007, there you are.

11 MR. MANOFF: Welcome back 007. The Chair had some
12 additional questions for you.

13 Could you please enable your audio?

14 MS. WILLIMON: Okay.

15 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you so much.

16 Could you -- we just want to clarify, make sure we have
17 your approved interest area on -- in record and could you
18 go through the counties --

19 MS. WILLIMON: Sure, yes.

20 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: -- that you're referring to?

21 MS. WILLIMON: I didn't have time to do that, but
22 they would be Inyo, Mono, Alpine, which is -- we are the
23 Tri-Valley. We have a County Fair that's a Tri-Valley
24 County Fair, Mariposa, Tuolumne, Calaveras, Eldorado,
25 Placer, and Nevada. So we --



1 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Okay, so did -- were you
2 talking about Amador in there? That's between Calaveras
3 and EL Dorado.

4 MS. WILLIMON: Yeah, yeah. Yeah, I tried to do --
5 the map didn't allow me to do how many people live in --
6 in all of these different counties. So I know it looks
7 really big, but I just wanted it to be on the eastern
8 side of the Sierra.

9 So that's basically it. It might have -- especially
10 that the Tahoe basin because that's very -- they really
11 are into the tourism industry there, too, so.

12 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Great.

13 MS. WILLIMON: Plus, I don't have a --

14 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Thank you so much.

15 MS. WILLIMON: Okay. Thank you.

16 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Bye.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
18 right now it will be 004, and up next will be 001.

19 004, I will be promoting you now. 004, your speaker
20 order number will be Number 3. If you will, please make
21 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
22 your audio and video in the lower, left corner of your
23 screen. If you will please remind the mapper of what
24 area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can we see me? Yeah, we can.



1 Oh, there I am. Okay, well, my -- my map goes from -- on
2 the southeast from Lake Isabella, northeast, basically on
3 the same longitude to the Oregon State line, on the
4 northwest side from the Oregon State line, down through
5 Shasta Lake and connecting down and more or less
6 diagonally along the foothills back to Kern County and
7 the Lake Isabella area.

8 So I am looking at the entire Sierra Nevada as a
9 single community of interest. And it's got various --
10 it's got various reasons for being its own -- its own
11 district.

12 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Please go ahead.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: For generations, people have
14 chosen to live in the Sierra Nevada for a variety of
15 reasons, including living near opportunities for low
16 cost, self-sufficient lifestyles like hunting, which puts
17 food on their tables and helps to limit deer populations.
18 Fishing, certainly mining and other interests like
19 mountaineering, photography, hiking, river running,
20 wildlife sightings, and more.

21 Others who just want more space from their neighbors
22 have settled here. Many do not want to listen to their
23 neighbors' disturbances. The Sierras topographical
24 diversity has led to small-scale, diverse, family-based
25 agricultural businesses. Today, the Yosemite Gateway's



1 partners helps to bind together the historical, social,
2 and business interests of the Yosemite area.

3 Likewise, near Lake Tahoe, people share their scenic
4 beauty and recreational activities. They know their
5 livelihoods depend on those who visit for their own
6 special qualities. The Sierra Business Counsel serves
7 similar purposes locally that the Yosemite Gateway
8 partners does near Yosemite.

9 More broadly, the Sierra's "community of interest"
10 stretch from Lake Isabella to the Oregon line, including
11 Mount Lassen, Volcanic National Park, Mount Shasta, Lava
12 Beds National Monument, plus many wildlife refuges and
13 their own rural communities. Normally, planners use
14 mountain rangers as borders between entities. Here, the
15 east and west, sides and the northern and southern ends
16 of the Sierra share similar communities of interest.

17 Visitors come to the Bristlecone Pines, various hot
18 springs, skiing, and more for recreation. While Sierra
19 communities share a common personal and business
20 interest, we also are -- also share wildlife -- wildfire
21 threats from our overgrown, fire-adapted vegetation.
22 However, we can adopt Indian cultural burning practices
23 to promote both cultural revival and family survival.
24 New programs at local colleges could train forestry and
25 wildlife technicians to reduce fuels in our communities.

1 Lastly, we need to distinguish the Sierra's
2 communities of interest as different from the Central
3 Valley's. In the past, well-funded political interests
4 have diluted the Sierra's needs by attaching parts of our
5 communities to the Valley's crowded Congressional
6 districts.

7 Local Sierra economies would be decimated by
8 building more dams --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- more water to the Central
11 Valley's corporate, monocrop agricultural businesses.
12 Our diverse products and family based agricultural
13 traditions are far different from theirs. Thank you.

14 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: One minute.

15 Could you go ahead and tell us -- could you happen
16 to list the counties involved? Or if you --

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't have -- I don't have
18 that list of counties.

19 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Can you see our map?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I can see --

21 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: -- on the video?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. So it would include
23 Lassen and Shasta Counties, Tehama, Plumas, Butte,
24 Sierra, Nevada, Yuba, Placer, El Dorado, Alpine,
25 Calaveras -- I don't want to miss a county.



1 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Amador is in between there.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Tuolumne, Mono, Mariposa,
3 parts of Madera, parts of Fresno, all of Mono, and the
4 northern part of Inyo, above Lake Isabella.

5 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Okay. So that's not Tulare or
6 Kern?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Actually, it probably is.
8 But yeah, Lake Isabella is in Kern County, so yes. And
9 the Kern -- and the Kern River also is a westward-feeding
10 stream that provides recreation and our communities of
11 interest needs that are different from the Central
12 Valley's.

13 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you very much.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You're welcome. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
16 now we will have 001, and then up next will be 006.
17 Right now, 001, I will be promoting you now.

18 001, your speaker order number is Number 4. If you
19 are, please make note of that for future reference. And
20 if you are, please let the mapper know what area you
21 would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

22 MS. BUBSER: Thank you. You could zoom out just a
23 bit so that it shows from Inyo all the way to Nevada
24 County. That should be great. Thank you very much.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.



1 MS. BUBSER: Good afternoon. My name is Christine
2 Bubser. I'm a resident of Mammoth Lakes in Mono County.
3 Mono is part of the Central Sierra Nevada, a
4 geographically distinct area that comprises the
5 communities that abut the ridge of the Sierra Nevada
6 mountain range. Our neighborhood is the entire
7 wilderness area of the Sierra Nevada.

8 The natural boundaries of our community are the
9 foothills to the west and the Nevada State line to the
10 east. This area includes Inyo, Mono, Alpine, Amador,
11 Tuolumne, Mariposa, and Calaveras Counties, as well as
12 the areas east of the ridge of the Sierra in Placer and
13 El Dorado.

14 I can't draw a map to submit because the program
15 that's online doesn't allow you to divide counties. So
16 I'll address that at the end if there's time.

17 Our community is bonded by the type of person who
18 chooses to live here. We're people who live away from
19 urban centers. Many of us consider ourselves stewards of
20 the rugged wilderness areas we inhabit. Our economy
21 depends upon recreation, such as skiing, camping,
22 fishing, hiking, and backpacking and the often very small
23 businesses that support those activities.

24 We face many challenges, including concern about
25 adequate funding of forest management to mitigate and

1 address wildfires. We have concerns about water rights.
2 And Commissioner, Yee, you are correct. We not only have
3 your water, we have everyone's water. We have to take
4 care of these places. We struggle with access to
5 broadband, access to health care.

6 Climate change is a daily worry for people in the
7 Sierra Nevada. I've been backpacking in the Sierra since
8 the 1990s. I have a permit to hike the John Muir Trail
9 in September and for the first time ever I feel compelled
10 to bring a satellite communication device in the event I
11 need (audio interference) to escape a wildfire.

12 Our community comes together regularly. We've built
13 coalitions of environmentalists, business owners, outdoor
14 enthusiasts, including the fishing community throughout
15 California and the entire U.S. who value our streams and
16 lakes. These coalitions that we -- that come together
17 include tribal leaders, community members and nonprofit
18 leaders. And we all have to appear at hearings and
19 public comment about things like gold mining exploration
20 that threatens our environment and our way of life.

21 These counties need to be kept together because our
22 areas, while vast, are sparsely populated. And we need
23 to be able to combine our collective voices to make sure
24 we receive the resources we need. When our leaders want
25 to reach out for assistance, we don't have a cohesive way



1 to address the State and Federal government. Our State
2 rep and Senator are across the Sierra and the Central
3 Valley.

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MS. BUBSER: Our Federal representative is 300 miles
6 south in the high desert in Hesperia. We don't have a
7 single district office for any of them in Inyo or (audio
8 interference) Mono Counties. And I believe for most of
9 the counties just to the north of us --

10 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

11 MS. BUBSER: -- that's true as well. The closest
12 office for us is three hours and thirty minutes-drive,
13 and the others are all four hours or further. Please
14 help our communities by giving us a voice. Thank you.

15 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
17 006. And then up next, we will have a caller 2100.

18 And I would like to invite those that have called in
19 to please press star 9 on their telephone keypad to raise
20 their hand, indicating they wish to comment. At this
21 time, we will be going to 006, and again up next will be
22 caller 2100.

23 006, I will be promoting you now. 006, your speaker
24 order number will be Number 5, if you'll please make note
25 of that for future reference. And if you please -- you



1 can now enable your audio and video in the lower, left
2 corner of your screen. And if you'll please let the
3 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the
4 floor is yours.

5 MS. KAUFMAN: Thank you. I'm not sure if my video
6 is on.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: It is not. But you can
8 enable it if you like.

9 MS. KAUFMAN: Yes, I'm trying. Sorry.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: It's okay. I just sent
11 you a --

12 MS. KAUFMAN: Oh. There we go.

13 Is that better?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There you are.

15 MS. KAUFMAN: Yes, there I am. Thank you.

16 The map I am going to be addressing will include
17 Inyo, Mono, Alpine, Amador, Tuolumne, Mariposa,
18 Calaveras, and the areas east of the Sierra Nevada ridge,
19 including parts of El Dorado, Placer, and Nevada
20 Counties.

21 Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Joyce Kaufman.
22 I live in June Lake in Mono County. What I'm going to
23 address in my few minutes are my suggestions for
24 considering an Assembly district specifically in a way
25 that is consistent with our community of interest and



1 that meets the other critical criteria I think.

2 I've submitted lengthier written comments as well as
3 a map to the Commission. Right now we are part of the
4 Fifth Assembly district. Currently, our Assembly member
5 Frank Bigelow is based in Madera County. I would argue
6 that including Madera in our district, violates the rule
7 of contiguity.

8 While it might appear that Madera is contiguous to
9 Mono, the reality is that we are separated by a mountain
10 range, which makes it virtually impossible to traverse
11 between the two counties in the winter when the passes
12 are closed. What I am proposing instead is what I'm
13 calling the Central Sierra Community of Interest, which
14 includes the counties I mentioned above.

15 This is a geographically distinct area that
16 comprises the communities that abut the crest of the
17 Sierra Nevada range. The community of interest and what
18 holds us together is that we are mainly rural and
19 frontier, where people who moved -- who choose to live
20 away from urban centers and the economy depends on
21 recreation, such as camping, fishing, skiing, hiking, and
22 the small businesses that support those activities.

23 The natural boundaries of our -- of our community,
24 of the Sierra foothills to the west and the Nevada state
25 line to the east. This region includes many national



1 forests and parks such as Yosemite Gateway Communities
2 who face similar issues around housing, employment, jobs,
3 transportation, and sustainable tourism. The community
4 faces many challenges including adequate funding of
5 forest management to mitigate and address wildfires,
6 Concerned about water rights, access to broadband, access
7 to air transportation, and access to health care.

8 The people in this community of interest share
9 concerns about making the State and Federal governments
10 provide resources to our rural communities, and therefore
11 request the consideration --

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 MS. KAUFMAN: -- of the representatives that will
14 allow us to speak with one collective voice, rather than
15 splitting our community of interest into unrelated State,
16 Assembly, Senate, and Federal Congressional districts.

17 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

18 MS. KAUFMAN: We would appreciate your consideration
19 and thank you for the time. Thank you.

20 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
22 now we have caller 2100. I do invite those that have
23 called in to please press star 9 on their telephone
24 keypad to raise their hand, indicating they wish to give
25 community of interest input at this time. And right now



1 we have caller 2100. And up next, we will have caller
2 7855.

3 Caller 2100, if you will please follow the prompts
4 to unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 2100, you are
5 currently unmuted.

6 I have a couple of brief instructions for you. Your
7 speaker order number will be Number 6, if you will please
8 make note of that for future reference. And if you will,
9 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
10 discuss today. The floor is yours.

11 MS. REA: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is Sarah
12 Rea. I am a Town Council member in Mammoth Lakes,
13 California. We are in Mono County and the map area --
14 the geographic area I would like to discuss is Inyo,
15 Mono, Alpine, Amador, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Calaveras, and
16 areas east of the ridge of the Sierra Nevada, in Nevada,
17 Placer, and El Dorado counties, including the Lake Tahoe
18 Basin and Truckee.

19 I would like to echo the sentiments of the several
20 residents of Mono County who have spoken already. Our
21 community faces many challenges, including concern about
22 adequate funding of forest management to mitigate and
23 address wildfires, concern about water rights, access to
24 broadband, and access to health care. Climate change is
25 a daily worry for people in our counties.



1 These counties need to be kept together because our
2 areas, while vast, are sparsely populated. And we need
3 to be able to combine our collective voices to make sure
4 we receive the resources we need. Thank you so much.

5 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Next caller please,
6 Katy.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

8 Right now, we have caller 7855. And again, I invite
9 those that have called in to please press star 9 on their
10 telephone keypad to raise their hand, indicating they
11 wish to comment. But at this time, we do have a raised
12 hand with caller 7855. Oh, and up next will be caller
13 0190.

14 Caller 7855, if you will please follow the prompts
15 to unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 7855, you are
16 unmuted.

17 I have a couple of brief instructions for you. Your
18 speaker order number will be Number 7, if you'll please
19 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll
20 please let the mapper know the area you would like to
21 discuss, the floor is yours.

22 Hello? Can you hear me? Hello, caller 7855, can
23 you hear me? This is the comment moderator, Katy.

24 Hello? Caller 7855, you are unmuted. Can you hear
25 me? Is your telephone on mute?



1 Caller 7855, can you hear me? All right, caller
2 7855, I am going to have to disable talking at this time.
3 If you would, please raise your hand again, indicating
4 you wish to comment. We will come back to you.

5 Right now we will go -- well, no. Oh, we have
6 caller 7855. They have raised their hand again. Let's
7 do this again.

8 Caller 7855, if you will, please follow the prompts
9 to unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 7855, you are
10 unmuted.

11 Can you hear me? Hello? Can you hear me? Caller
12 7855, we cannot hear you.

13 Can you hear me? At this time, caller 7855, we
14 cannot hear you. If you would like to, please just try
15 hanging up and calling in again. I apologize for the
16 inconvenience, but we cannot seem to hear you at this
17 time.

18 And for those that we have in the queue, if you will
19 please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you
20 wish to comment. If you'll please press star 9 to raise
21 your hand indicating you wish to comment. For those that
22 just called in, caller 0190, if you will please follow
23 the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

24 Caller 0190, you are unmuted. I have a couple of
25 brief instructions for you. Your speaker order number



1 will be Number 8, if you'll please make note of that for
2 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper
3 know what area you would like to discuss today. With
4 that, the floor is yours.

5 MS. CORLESS: Hello, good afternoon. My name is
6 Stacey Corless. I'm a member of the Mono County Board of
7 Supervisors. And the map area that I wish to discuss are
8 all the counties in Zone G, the subject of today's
9 meeting. In addition to those counties, I can -- I would
10 be happy to list them. It's Inyo, Mono, Mariposa,
11 Tuolumne, Calaveras, Alpine, Amador. In addition to
12 those counties, the parts of El Dorado, Placer, and
13 Nevada Counties that are east of the Sierra Crest,
14 including the Lake Tahoe Basin.

15 This community, as many callers have already stated
16 this here, this is the Central Sierra Nevada community of
17 interest, the -- including the communities in the western
18 foothills of the Sierra Nevada and along the eastern
19 Sierra into the desert, including Death Valley National
20 Park, Yosemite National Park, and many other Federal
21 public lands.

22 These are also the ancestral homelands of many
23 Native people who still live here today and are a very
24 important presence in their community. I don't wish to
25 speak for them and don't pretend to represent them, but I



1 think their interests should be represented in this
2 district.

3 And I would say one compelling reason to consider
4 this a community of interest is that your very own
5 Commission has grouped these counties together as a
6 geographic area. I think that speaks to all the very
7 compelling statements that you've already heard today.
8 So I will leave it at that. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yeah.

11 Next caller, please, Katy.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, chair.

13 We do have caller 7855. So glad to see you are
14 back. We shall do this. Please follow the prompts to
15 unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 7855, you are unmuted.

16 Can you hear me?

17 MR. HANVELT: I don't know. I can hear you. I
18 don't know.

19 Can you hear me?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Thank you
21 so much for calling back, and thank you for your
22 patience. Your speaker order number is Number 7, if
23 you'll please make note of that. And if you'll please
24 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss,
25 the floor is yours.



1 MR. HANVELT: Well, we'll just start with the same
2 area that Ms. Corless just -- just referenced. My name
3 is Randy Hanvelt. I'm a citizen of Tuolumne County and a
4 former supervisor. Look, I just want to re-emphasize
5 exactly what several of the other speakers have said. We
6 have a great commonality of interest here.

7 And -- and it's important that we have those heard.
8 And you know, it's forestry, it's water, it's
9 communications access and broadband internet access and
10 other telecommunications, phone access, cell phone
11 access, things like that.

12 It's a -- it's just important that we have a
13 commonality there that is heard broadly, both in the
14 State and the Federal levels. And frankly, while we're
15 together and we try and make that known, I don't think
16 we're being heard as well as we could be.

17 But any rate, it's better we hang together than hang
18 separately. So I just will finish with that and say
19 thank you very much for the time to be here and be on
20 this call. Thank you.

21 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

22 Next caller, please, Katy.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, chair.

24 Caller with the last four 8173, I see your hand.

25 And I'd like to invite the other callers that have called



1 in this evening -- or this afternoon -- to please press
2 star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.

3 Right now, we have caller with the last four 8173.
4 If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by
5 pressing star 6.

6 Caller 8173, you are unmuted. I have a couple of
7 brief instructions for you. Your speaker order number
8 will be Number 9. If you will please make note of that
9 for future reference. And if you will please let the
10 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the
11 floor is yours.

12 MS. LAO: Yes, good evening. I would like to see
13 the map from Nevada County to the north and Inyo county
14 to the south.

15 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

16 MS. LAO: My name is Tiffany Lao (ph.), and I live
17 in Bishop in Inyo County. The community in the counties
18 of Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Alpine, Calaveras,
19 Tuolumne, Mariposa, Mono and Inyo are connected by
20 Highway 395. Our main means of public transportation
21 Eastern Sierra Transit Authority runs along Highway 395,
22 and for many of us, especially those of lower income, we
23 rely on public transportation for intra- and intercity
24 travel in our daily life.

25 You can also see the importance of this connection



1 in organizations serving our area. Just two examples are
2 the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care and the Great Basin
3 Unified Air Pollution Control District, which serves
4 Alpine, Mono and Inyo. I believe we should not be
5 included with Madera since US 50 and I-80 are shut down
6 in the winter months, preventing travel over the Central
7 Sierra from Mono to Madera. Thank you. That's all.

8 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

9 Oh, I see we have a caller. Another caller --
10 another hand raised.

11 Please, Katy. Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure do.

13 Caller 6855, if you will please follow the prompts
14 to unmute. Caller 6855, you are unmuted. I have a
15 couple of brief instructions for you. Your speaker order
16 number will be Number 10. If you will please make note
17 of that for future reference. And if you'll please let
18 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the
19 floor is yours.

20 MR. SUKATON: Good evening, members of the
21 Commission, staff, guests. This is Samuel Sukaton from
22 the California League of Conservation Voters Education
23 Fund. I'd like to take a look -- the map is perfectly
24 good as it is. I'm calling it about Zone G, the Eastern
25 Sierra running from the Inyo-San Bernardino County line,



1 north along the east along the Sierra, as far north as
2 Sierra and Nevada counties.

3 If you could zoom out so we can see the whole thing,
4 I would be grateful. Just waiting for that to pop up,
5 I -- because I can see El Dorado here. But if you could
6 zoom out a little bit.

7 MR. MANOFF: There's a slight delay on the live
8 stream, but you can go ahead. We've got you.

9 MR. SUKATON: Wonderful. Thank you. I wanted to
10 cosign a lot of the comments that folks are making about
11 the Eastern Sierra. So it's a sparsely populated. But
12 as you've heard me say, it bears, if you'll excuse the
13 pun, Commissioner Sadhwani, certainly a fair amount of
14 California's natural beauty. And a lot of these
15 communities, I've had the privilege of traveling up and
16 down this a couple of times, are stewards of the land,
17 have struggled with the movement of their water down to
18 thirsty Los Angeles -- through the Los Angeles Aqueduct.

19 And so the Eastern Sierra itself forms the beginning
20 of a -- of a broad community that's dependent on a
21 responsible environmental stewardship, transitioning to a
22 responsible and in many cases, indigenous fire practice.
23 It's the ancestral land for a number of Native
24 communities, including but definitely not limited to the
25 Big Pine and the Lone Pine Paiute in Inyo County. And



1 there's a community of interest rooted in the land that
2 articulated from Inyo north along the spine of the
3 Sierra, as far north as Sierra County.

4 Personally, I would say that there's some affinity
5 with -- and you probably heard this at the Zone B
6 hearing -- Zone D hearing, excuse me -- a Roseville to
7 Truckee I-50/I-80 corridor in the north. Recognizing
8 that these communities, you know, we're going to have to
9 get down to numbers, I did want to emphasize that
10 continuity from Nevada County on down.

11 I do think that folks on the eastern side of the
12 mountain -- so that's Mono, Alpine, the eastern half of
13 El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, and Sierra -- there's a much
14 smaller community, really specific. A lot of those
15 folks, it's much easier for them to go to Nevada than to
16 go over the mountain sometimes when they're snowed out.
17 But broadly, there's definitely a commonality with the --
18 and I'll actually name the counties out here. So Inyo,
19 Mono, Mariposa, Tuolumne, Calaveras, Amador, El Dorado,
20 Placer, Alpine, Nevada, and Sierra.

21 And that may shade into the Central Valley. We know
22 that there are some Central Valley counties, places like
23 Sequoia National Park in Tulare, the Mountain Districts
24 in Fresno.

25 Glad to have that conversation further. But for



1 purposes of Federal and State interest in wildfire
2 preservation, water management, sensitive habitat
3 management, ecotourism, all of these things kind of
4 articulate a broader Sierra community --

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 MR. SUKATON: -- with the eastern Sierra at its
7 bottom. Thank you very much.

8 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

9 And Katy, you might have to ask for those hands
10 raised again, please.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

12 I would like to invite those that have called in to
13 please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you
14 wish to comment. And as for those in the queue, if you
15 do wish to comment, please press star 9 on your telephone
16 keypad.

17 At this time, Chair, we do not have any raised
18 hands. I will defer to you.

19 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

20 Katy, we might have the full instructions read
21 because we actually have not done that yet, so let's go
22 ahead --

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I happen to have them
24 right here.

25 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: -- and try that, please. Thank



1 you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to maximize
3 transparency and public participation in our process, the
4 Commissioners will be taking community of interest input
5 by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided
6 on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When
7 prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on the
8 livestream feed. It is 83668328009 for this meeting.
9 When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply press the
10 pound key.

11 Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed in a
12 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
13 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
14 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message
15 that says, the host would like you to talk, and to press
16 star 6 to speak.

17 If you would like to give your name, please state
18 and spell it for the record. You are not required to
19 provide your name to give public comment. Please, make
20 sure to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent
21 any feedback or distortion during your call.

22 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when
23 it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down
24 the livestream volume. And again one last time for those
25 in the queue, please press star 9 if you do wish to



1 comment at this time.

2 We do not have any raised hands at this time, Chair.

3 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Katy. I just want
4 to take a moment here to say the Commission is --
5 understands the people in Alpine County are dramatically
6 affected by this Tamarack Fire. There are a great deal
7 of people living in Alpine, and unfortunately, most of
8 them have been evacuated. So the Commission understands
9 this, understands we won't probably be hearing directly
10 from people from Alpine. And we will be following up
11 with you, trying to make sure that we do hear your
12 voices.

13 Again, it's also, I should say that, as the lady
14 from Bridgeport mentioned, this same area was hit with a
15 6.1 earthquake earlier and the ground kept on shaking for
16 several days after that. So it's a -- most unfortunate.
17 Just thought I'd give our concerns and thoughts with you.

18 Any other Commissioners want to discuss a little bit
19 about this large area? And I think probably most of us
20 have been to some parts of it.

21 Any discussion or stories we would like to share
22 about this area? Please raise your hands. Ah-ha, I see a
23 couple of hands here.

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Yes, it's -- I



1 have actually had the ability to travel that part of
2 California quite a bit. But I actually wanted to talk
3 about the broadband issue because I do live in Yolo
4 County and I'm only -- as I've said many times, less than
5 ten miles away from Sacramento and we have very bad
6 broadband issues to the point where we had to actually go
7 into Sacramento so my son could submit his homework
8 through the internet. So I do understand the issues that
9 you have. And they're probably -- I'm sure they're much
10 worse than what I have.

11 But it's very frustrating, I know. And it's hard
12 because you don't have providers that will come out to
13 these areas because you don't have the numbers. So you
14 do feel like you're cut off from the world. I do feel
15 like I'm cut off from the world of ten miles away. So I
16 offer no solution. But I do feel your pain.

17 And in terms of the favorite places I've been to in
18 this -- that area has been Yosemite. It's absolutely
19 beautiful. I just love it. Great place to go. Take the
20 family, go for a hike, spend a few days. Unfortunately,
21 it's so hard to get a reservation now for campgrounds,
22 but still beautiful; what I would call God's country.
23 It's just lovely.

24 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Yes. No, I totally agree.
25 There's so many, so many beautiful parts of this this



1 area of our state and make them so very different, from
2 Death Valley to -- you know, the big ones you hear about,
3 Death Valley, Yosemite. But all the others in between,
4 that's a very diverse and very interesting area.

5 Katy, I do see we happen to have a -- would you like
6 to call -- read the call-in instructions about raising
7 hand please one more time?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure, Chair.

9 The Commission is now taking community of interest
10 input by phone. To give comment, please call 877-853-
11 5247 and enter the meeting ID number 83668328009. Once
12 you have dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the
13 comment queue.

14 The full call-in instructions have been read
15 previously in this session and are provided in full on
16 the livestream landing page. And again, for those that
17 have called in. If you will, please press star 9 if you
18 wish to comment.

19 I do not have any raised hands at this time, Chair.

20 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

21 Commissioner Yee, I hope we -- I take that back.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I spoke too soon.

23 Caller --

24 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Katy.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.



1 Caller 6034, if you will, please follow the prompts
2 to unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 6034, you are
3 unmuted. Your speaker order number will be Number 11, if
4 you'll please make note of that for future reference.
5 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
6 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, can you hear me?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Go ahead.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, I live in District 20
10 with Santa Cruz being where I reside. And I want to
11 state something about the Constitution. Whereas the U.S.
12 Constitution states that one House Representative may
13 represent up to 30,000 people. And with equality and
14 fair representation in mind to maximize democracy by
15 Constitutional proportions, we have twenty-four times
16 less representation nationwide than what we have the
17 rights to represent.

18 So by a 2021 Census, the U.S. population is
19 approximately at 333.5 million people. So to increase
20 fair representation, we should have at least 11,116 U.S.
21 House Representatives. Not a trifle 437. The Cal --
22 California's census records population over thirty-seven
23 million today.

24 So maximizing this representation, improving
25 democracy and fairness, we should optimize what is



1 Constitutionally allowed. At one representative for
2 30,000 people, California should have 1,241 House
3 representatives. Anything less, is unconstitutional, in
4 my mind, unrepresentative, and far from democratic.

5 Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

7 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

8 Next caller, please Katy.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller with the last four
10 5184, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by
11 pressing star 6. Caller 5814, you are unmuted.

12 I have a couple of brief instructions for you. Your
13 speaker order number will be Number 12. If you will,
14 please make note of that for future reference. And if
15 you please let the mapper know what area you would like
16 to discuss, the floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. I don't want a specific
18 map area and I've already given my public comments. But
19 I do want to let the Commission know that for people in
20 rural communities who are trying to give input, it's
21 challenging because the mapping software doesn't allow us
22 to divide communities. So we can't submit maps.

23 We have -- two of us have called the helpline and
24 tried hard to solve this challenge, and we've been
25 unsuccessful. So it's just to make you aware and we'll



1 just continue to monitor. If there is another solution
2 you come up with, we'd appreciate it because right now,
3 we can't submit maps.

4 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Actually, thank you for that,
5 Caller. We are looking into it. The -- Tech Support
6 should be able to -- they can indeed divide counties. So
7 we will address that with the Community Tool.

8 Thank you very much for giving us this information.
9 And keep checking back, please. As soon as we do have
10 this information, we'll probably put it on our website as
11 well.

12 But you don't -- so you can actually try again
13 because yes, you can go into a -- into a county and
14 divide it and get a particular area. So we should be
15 able to do that. And thank you for bringing to our
16 attention.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And I will invite those that are in the queue to
20 please press star 9 indicating they wish to comment.

21 And at this time, Chair, we do not have any raised
22 hands.

23 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: One minute, Katy.

24 I just want to -- about that dividing the counties,
25 I've just actually heard from the Statewide Database that



1 there is a video about how to actually do that. So
2 please call the helpline and you know, please chat -- I
3 think it's the chat helpline on that and the tutorial
4 does address dividing a county.

5 So please, anyone who's listening to this, please
6 try again. And again, chat -- do the chat helpline.

7 Thank you.

8 Ah, I think we have a hand raised.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we do.

10 Caller 0176, if you please follow the prompts to
11 unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 0176, if you will
12 press star 6 on your telephone keypad to unmute. Caller
13 0176, you are unmuted. I have a couple of brief
14 instructions for you. Your speaker order number will be
15 Number 13. If you'll please make note of that for future
16 reference. And if you will please let the mapper know
17 what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

18 MS. HOGAN: Yes. The area that I would like to
19 discuss is known as --

20 MR. MANOFF: Excuse me, Caller.

21 MS. HOGAN: -- Zone G, I believe.

22 MR. MANOFF: Excuse me, Caller --

23 MS. HOGAN: -- Zone G --

24 MR. MANOFF: -- 0176?

25 MS. HOGAN: Yeah?



1 MR. MANOFF: Could you please mute your livestream
2 audio? We can hear you listening to the livestream in
3 the background.

4 MS. HOGAN: Okay. So zone --

5 MR. MANOFF: If you could just mute that during your
6 call.

7 MS. HOGAN: Okay, now is that -- is that unmuted? I
8 believe it is.

9 MR. MANOFF: We can still hear the livestream volume
10 in the background. Could you please unmute that or
11 please mute that? I think -- I thought I have. I
12 thought I had it muted. Let me just move away from it.
13 Maybe that will help.

14 MR. MANOFF: Sure. That'll -- that should --

15 MS. HOGAN: Yes. Great. I would like to discuss
16 the Zone G as shown on the map. And I -- and I think
17 that's wonderful. My name is Sandy Hogan, and I've live
18 (sic) in Mammoth Lakes for 26 years.

19 Before I retired from the Forest Service, I served
20 as assistant forest supervisor and later the special
21 projects coordinator. I currently serve on the YARTS,
22 Yosemite Area Regional Transit Service Advisory Committee
23 as a vice chair in the Eastern Sierra Land Trust.

24 When I started many years ago, I started in the Lake
25 Tahoe Basin. And so my community, as such, I consider is



1 Zone G, which I really like seeing. I think probably a
2 portion, if you cut counties in, you know, pieces, I
3 think a little piece of Madera should be there, but
4 not -- you know, I think probably you're -- the western
5 portion of the Sierra shouldn't -- you know, not go down
6 into the valley.

7 After I lived in Lake Tahoe, I left -- I served as a
8 district ranger on the Arrowhead District of the San
9 Bernardino National Forest. And I'm so -- this is
10 particularly noteworthy to me because that -- San
11 Bernardino County is totally different, dissimilar from
12 the rural and often remote communities and counties under
13 discussion. And so I'm very happy to see that San
14 Bernardino County is not under consideration.

15 The Central Sierra Nevada region includes Inyo,
16 Mono, Alpine, Amador, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Calaveras, and
17 the areas east of the ridge of the Sierra Nevada in
18 Nevada County, Placer, and El Dorado counties, and
19 including the Lake Tahoe Basin. These -- this region
20 includes many national forests and National Park Gateway
21 communities.

22 While these geographic areas are largely remote,
23 there are many shared interests and economies primarily
24 resulting from tourism employment from a vast number of
25 recreational offerings such as ski areas, camping, lakes

1 and boating, fishing, hiking and backpacking, and similar
2 activities.

3 Many of these small and large businesses are under
4 permit from the Forest Service or the Park Service. This
5 region has not only Yosemite National Park, but Death
6 Valley National Park, Manzanar National Historic
7 Monument, Devils Postpile --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MS. HOGAN: -- National Monument, Mount Whitney, and
10 Bodie State Park. Our residents choose to live in
11 remote, mountainous communities. But these counties need
12 to be kept together because our remote areas are sparsely
13 populated.

14 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

15 MS. HOGAN: And we need to be able to combine our
16 collective voices to make sure that our needs are
17 addressed in the winter. Thank you very much for
18 listening.

19 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Speaker, before you hang up.

20 Are you still there?

21 MS. HOGAN: Yes, I am.

22 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Could you tell
23 us -- again, we're trying to draw sort of the areas
24 you're talking about -- could you tell us what is the
25 dividing line in the County of Madera?



1 MS. HOGAN: Well, I would draw it just west -- you
2 know, I mean, actually probably, it doesn't have much
3 population ,it's probably the wilderness part of Madera.
4 But I know that it does touch -- a small part, touches
5 Yosemite. So I would probably put the line right there.

6 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Got it. Okay. Thank you very
7 much.

8 MS. HOGAN: You're welcome. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, we do not have any
10 raised hands at this time.

11 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Yeah, I do see that, Katy. And
12 I think we have just a few people who are quite content
13 to listen, which is more than -- I love to have people
14 listen in and participate what they like.

15 Do we have any -- I know -- I think I was going to
16 ask Commissioner Yee to give us a little bit of his
17 connection to this area.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. I was just going to
19 mention to the previous caller having problems with
20 splitting counties, it sounds like there is a solution to
21 that in our map drawing tool. But of course, you're also
22 just welcome to, you know, make a paper copy of the -- of
23 a map and just get a highlighter and draw out exactly
24 what you have in mind. You know, and mail it in to us.
25 And that will be, you know -- we'll consider that with

1 just as much care and attention as any other submission.
2 So if that's the easiest way to do it, please be welcome
3 to -- to do that.

4 You know, California has a lot of natural wonders.
5 And even as a boy, I remember being proud of the fact
6 that we have the tallest trees in the world, the coast
7 redwoods, the most massive, which are the Sierra redwoods
8 in Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties and then the oldest
9 trees in the world as well, the bristlecone pines in the
10 White Mountains.

11 And a few years ago, my wife and I got to finally
12 visit them and wow, what an amazing landscape, so
13 beautiful, so remote. And that whole 395 corridor,
14 visiting Manzanar also, which is of course heartbreaking,
15 but also just a marvelously-preserved and presented, you
16 know, the whole story there of the internment camp and
17 the cemetery that's still there.

18 And then up to Mono Lake. Oh, my goodness. It's
19 like -- actually we took the trip right when our kids --
20 our younger kid had gone off to college. So we were
21 empty-nesters and we took a trip to kind of transition
22 our minds between kids at home and kids away in our
23 lives. And that was the perfect trip for that because it
24 was just such a -- such a otherworldly landscape compared
25 to living in the big city. So just a marvelous trip.

1 Also many memories of Yosemite as well, of course,
2 and especially about twenty years ago, my brothers and a
3 sister-in-law and my seventy-four-year-old father all did
4 the half-dome hike all the way to the top, the cable run
5 and everything. And that was a trip for a lifetime and
6 just an amazing experience, so many good memories.

7 I still have not been to Death Valley somehow. We'd
8 love to do that someday. I also have not -- Whitney on
9 the bucket list. Hopefully, I can get up there while I'm
10 still in good enough shape to do that. So I'm looking
11 forward to that and many other beautiful places in this
12 area.

13 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: No, I agree. I just came from
14 Las Vegas up through Nevada and then into Mono. (Audio
15 interference). Looking at Mono Lake is really -- it's
16 just -- it's completely otherworldly. It's a -- it's
17 truly, truly -- if you have not seen it. You really need
18 to. Really of course, be zipped up from Lee Vining, then
19 up and to the backside of Yosemite, which is very --
20 again, totally -- you go from essentially looking like
21 you're on the moon to deep forests. It's very amazing.
22 And it's all within a short distance. It's a -- it's an
23 amazing state in that way.

24 Well, I see, you know, we're coming up upon our
25 mandatory break here. And since we might just go ahead



1 and break early (audio interference) a few minutes.

2 Let's -- we might get a caller in. I think we have a
3 couple of people who are coming in after our next
4 session.

5 We are required to take a fifteen-minute break. We
6 might go a little early. And then we will be coming back
7 at 5:45. Thank you very much, everyone. And we'll go
8 ahead and take our break now.

9 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 5:20 p.m.
10 until 5:45 p.m.)

11 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Well, welcome back, all. Thank
12 you for indulging us in a fifteen-minute break. And
13 we're -- everyone, we're at the California Citizens
14 Redistricting Commission Community of Interest meeting.
15 We encourage you all to visit Communities of Interest
16 Tool to draw a map to describe your community by visiting
17 drawmycalifornia -- myC -- I'm sorry --
18 www.drawmycacommunity.org. That will take you directly
19 to the Community of Interest Tool.

20 At this time I'll pass this over to Katy our public
21 comment moderator to continue with public input. Thank
22 you, Katy.

23 If we -- we'll see if you can read the instructions,
24 please, and we'll see if we get anyone to -- who wants to
25 raise their hand and call in to talk to us.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, Chair.

2 Would you like me to read the call-in instructions
3 or the session instructions for the appointments?

4 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Please do both.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Do both, all righty. I
6 like the idea. All right.

7 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the
8 raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen to
9 enter the queue. When it is your turn, you will be
10 identified by your assigned unique ID number, which you
11 were emailed yesterday.

12 You will be reconnected to the session with the
13 ability to enable your own video and/or audio. You will
14 then be assigned a speaker order number. Before you
15 begin speaking, please make a note of your speaker order
16 number for future reference.

17 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time
18 limit. There will be a warning at thirty seconds and
19 fifteen seconds remaining. It is the Commission's goal
20 to find the area on the map that you would like to
21 discuss prior to your testimony. If you are within a
22 specific neighborhood or a -- of a large city, please
23 mention it by name. Once we are able to locate your
24 area, your three-minute testimony will begin.

25 Attendees will not be able to share their screen.



1 At the end of your public input or at the end of your
2 time, you will be reconnected in a listen-and-view-only
3 mode. At the beginning of your input, please remind the
4 map of what area you would like to see on the screen.

5 That was our beginning session for appointments.
6 However, our appointments are not present at this time,
7 so I shall read the call-in instructions.

8 In order to maximize transparency and public
9 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
10 taking community of interest input by phone. To call in,
11 dial the telephone number provided on the livestream
12 feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the
13 meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed, it is
14 83668328009 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a
15 participant ID simply press the pound key.

16 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a
17 queue. To indicate you wish to comment please press star
18 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When it
19 is your turn to speak, you will hear a message that says,
20 the host would like you to talk, and to press star 6 to
21 speak.

22 If you would like to give your name, please state
23 and spell it for the record. You are not required to
24 provide your name to give public comment. Please make
25 sure to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent



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

5 And at this time, Chair, we do not have any raised
6 hands. And that is a lot of Katy's voice.

7 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much, Katy.

8 Just a reminder for all to visit our website at --
9 it's ww.wedrawthelinesca.org (sic). And the reason I
10 sometimes say [ww.](http://ww.wedrawthelinesca.org) (sic) instead of just the
11 wedrawthelinesca.org is we're getting comments from
12 people saying that the line is not secure. If you do get
13 that when you log in, try to please exit, and do hit the
14 ww.wedrawthelinesca.org (sic). Also if you've been
15 trying to do things and go to a different page on our
16 website and you get that, it's not secure, refresh
17 your -- the website and that will sometimes take care of
18 the issue.

19 Now, you can also sign up for our emails by going to
20 our website. To learn more about the Commission, about
21 our meetings, about updates and announcements, you can
22 also please connect with us on social media. We are on
23 Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube at --
24 and our handle is [wedrawthelinesca](https://www.facebook.com/wedrawthelinesca).

25 So just seeing if we haven't have any callers, if



1 they'd like to raise their hands, indicating that they'd
2 like to comment, we'd love to hear from you.

3 There are many ways that we can participate. You
4 can give public input to the Commission, obviously,
5 through our public input meetings, which are taking place
6 throughout the summer. You can also go to our
7 communities of interest, which is our COI mapping tool at
8 drawmycacommunity.org. You can also get through -- get
9 through that access to that website directly through our
10 website.

11 And the online tool is available in English,
12 Spanish, simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese,
13 Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, Farsi, Arabic,
14 Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, Khmer, Hmong, and Thai.
15 Tutorials are also available in those languages. On our
16 website ww.wedrawthelinesca.org (sic) click on the Draw
17 My CA Community icon or by email at
18 votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov. Also by mail, the California
19 Citizens Redistricting Commission, 721 Capital Mall,
20 Suite 260, Sacramento, California 95814.

21 Katy, do you want to try our -- just the quick
22 instructions, please?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

24 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The Commission is now



1 taking community of interest input by phone. To give
2 comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter the meeting
3 ID number 83668328009 for this meeting.

4 Once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to
5 enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions
6 have been read previously in this meeting and are
7 provided in full on the livestream landing page.

8 And Chair, we do not have any race hands at this
9 time.

10 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Well, thank you, Katy.

11 Just to tell you what's been going on with the
12 Commission. We've had two committees input meetings so
13 far this week and we have two more. One this Thursday,
14 July 22nd, at 4 p.m. focused on Monterrey, San Benito,
15 San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and Ventura
16 and their surrounding areas. Registration closes tonight
17 at 5 p.m. for those.

18 Sorry, we just missed that one. We also have a COI
19 public input meeting this Saturday, July 24th focused on
20 Orange County and its surrounding areas. Registration
21 for the Saturday meeting closes Thursday at 5 p.m.

22 Our next business meeting is tomorrow on Wednesday,
23 July 21st at 4 p.m. Now, you're not required to make an
24 appointment to provide input at these COI meetings.
25 However, it is recommended. You can also call in the day



1 of the meeting. At this time, our meetings are still
2 being held virtually, so anyone in California can provide
3 input. And again, please go to our website at
4 wedrawthelinesca.org for meeting information.

5 So I'm just wondering, since we're -- have a bit of
6 a lull here, we want to hear a bit more stories from the
7 Commissioners about this wonder -- their adventures in
8 this area.

9 Any takers? I know I certainly have quite a few.
10 My -- as I said, my cousin lives in Amador County. And
11 from the time my children were very little, we've gone up
12 for Easter egg hunts and up through to their place up in
13 Jackson. And I think their -- we go to the Catholic
14 church there, and which is interesting, where Highway 49
15 is.

16 They have little chat -- little churches in the
17 towns. And then the parish consists of four of those
18 little churches that go up from one -- up one hill, down
19 to the next valley to the next little -- little town.
20 And we'd go to some of those. Of course, I'm sure they
21 thought we were all Christmas and Easter Catholics
22 because we only saw -- ever showed up at Easter. But it
23 was beautiful.

24 And the countryside at that time of year is
25 absolutely magnificent. There's a Daffodil Hill, which

1 is no longer open to the public. The entire hillside was
2 covered in daffodils and that whole area -- you'll get
3 the bluebells lighting up in the spring. It's absolutely
4 magnificent.

5 I think probably many people have been to Train town
6 or Jamestown down in -- I think it's in Mariposa County
7 out to ride the trains and if you ever saw, it's Back to
8 the Future III, the big train that they wrecked from that
9 one, it's actually at -- you can see it and you can see
10 the big front end that they blew up off of the train.
11 That is Jamestown. That's another fun adventure.

12 Any other stories from Commissioners?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Neal's raising his hand.

14 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Oh, I can't see him.

15 Commissioner Fornaciari?

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I got a few stories.
17 When my in-laws retired, they moved to a little town in
18 Calaveras County, so we spent an awful lot of time up
19 there visiting them. And he's probably watching.

20 So I don't know if you're watching right now.

21 But of course, Calaveras County is famous for -- was
22 made famous by Mark Twain's book, The Celebrated Jumping
23 Frog of Calaveras County. I remember as a young boy,
24 several years in a row, going up to the Calaveras County
25 Fair and watching the frog jumps. So that was a lot of

1 fun.

2 And then my in-laws moved to just outside of
3 Jackson, a little town called Ione in Amador. And
4 they -- Ione is famous for Preston Castle, which is -- I
5 mean, it's a legitimate castle was built in the late
6 1800s. But it -- I mean, it looks like a castle.

7 And if you're coming into town on 104 from Highway
8 99, you come around the corner and there's this big
9 castle. And it was a reform school for a number of
10 years.

11 And it must have been quite frightening for those
12 kids to be to be taken to a castle for -- to be reformed
13 or whatever. I guess it closed in the 60s, but now it's
14 a -- supposedly a haunted in an attraction, especially on
15 Halloween.

16 And one last thing, a great drive is driving down
17 Highway 49 through the gold country, starting up in
18 Auburn, through Placerville, down through all the
19 foothill counties. Really, lots and lots of history
20 there. And just a really beautiful, fun drive.

21 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Yeah, I -- we have done that
22 drive quite a few times and it's so lush and green and
23 just lovely. It's truly wonderful as the rolling hills,
24 you know, you totally understand why it's called the
25 foothills.

1 And then you can, you know, keep on going up, you
2 know, virtually any of those highways, except 49, that,
3 you know, go up into the Sierras and you literally leave
4 ecosystems. Soon you're up around just all the boulders
5 and you know, you leave the tree line behind. It's very
6 interesting.

7 And you can pop down into -- over on the other side
8 of 395. And that's just a wonderful -- if you ever done
9 that drive -- is that's -- I've gone from, you know, not
10 much further north than Lee Vining, although I -- well I
11 did one point.

12 But down into Inyo and out through -- I haven't had
13 the pleasure being through Death Valley. And it was the
14 year where it almost -- it didn't quite break the record,
15 which was, you know, the supposedly 134 degrees. And it
16 was in the 20s, but it was 130 degrees. And that was
17 pretty hot.

18 But it's such a dry heat that you don't notice it.
19 And that's why people die. They walk off, and you know,
20 go for a hike, and don't come back because they just
21 don't understand how dry it is. And they just -- it's --
22 but it's gorgeous.

23 And I know so many people who go there for the
24 wildflowers in spring when it's supposed to be just
25 magnificent. We didn't have that pleasure. But when

1 you're driving through there, it's you think, wow, it's
2 so nice to have air conditioning in your car.

3 So just wondering if we can -- might do another.

4 Katy, could you -- could you go ahead and do our
5 instructions one more time?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

7 Would you like the long or the short?

8 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: You can do the longer version.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All righty.

10 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.

12 In order to maximize transparency and public
13 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
14 taking community of interest input by phone. To call in,
15 dial the telephone number provided on the livestream
16 feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter the
17 meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed. It is
18 83668328009 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a
19 participant ID, simply press the pound key.

20 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a
21 queue to indicate you wish to comment. Please press star
22 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When it
23 is your turn to speak, you will hear a message that says,
24 the host would like you to talk, and to press star 6 to
25 speak.



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

9 And we do have a raised hand at this time, Chair.

10 Caller with the last four 0494, if you will please
11 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6 on your
12 telephone keypad. Caller 0494, you are unmuted.

13 I have a couple of brief instructions for you. Your
14 speaker order number will be Number 14. If you will,
15 please make note of that for future reference. And if
16 you please let the mapper know what area you would like
17 to discuss today, the floor is yours.

18 MS. HUTCHINSON: Hi. Hi, all. My name is Sara
19 Hutchinson and I'd like to give input around Mariposa
20 County today. My family and I have been property owners
21 in Mariposa County for about forty years. We have a home
22 in Wawona, which is in Yosemite National Park, and I
23 would like to urge the Commission to keep Mariposa,
24 Tuolumne, Calaveras, and then some of the eastern parts
25 of Madera and Fresno Counties are still kept together.



1 As we all share concerns around wildfires, forest
2 management, you know, and our economies rely heavily on
3 year-round tourism and recreation. And obviously, this
4 is based on the national parks and the various lakes
5 across the region. I think it's really important for us
6 to keep these communities together because our culture up
7 in the mountains is very different from the valley floor,
8 which have their own sets of interests and concerns.

9 And yeah, I think that much of the land in the
10 mountains is under Federal management, right? And a
11 few -- obviously a few private properties. And I think
12 that this kind of dynamic makes it much more different
13 than the folks that are on the valley floor.

14 And I just would like to make sure that our
15 interests, especially around, again, like, the wildfires,
16 forest management, environmental preservation is -- it's
17 kept intact, and so that mountainous folks can, like,
18 concentrate and like, advocate for what they need and
19 what we need versus folks that are otherwise in the
20 Central Valley. So that's kind of what I'm here to say.
21 That's it.

22 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

23 Before you go -- are you still with us?

24 MS. HUTCHINSON: Huh? Yes, I am.

25 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Good. Could you just give



1 us -- we're, again, trying to get the overall area that
2 you're describing. Could you give us a little bit -- you
3 mentioned I believe it was Mariposa, Tuolumne, Calaveras,
4 Amador. You also mentioned a bit of Merced.

5 And did you say a little bit of Fresno or is that
6 over to Mono?

7 MS. HUTCHINSON: Yeah. No, I was thinking -- well,
8 Mono -- Mono and Inyo, I think are, like, have a similar
9 culture and like, similar interests. I was talking about
10 specifically eastern Madera and Fresno Counties.

11 And I'm thinking about, like, even in the foothill
12 regions, like Coarsegold, Oakhurst. Those, you know -- I
13 think that those need to be coupled together with -- with
14 these, like, mountainous regions.

15 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you so much.

16 MS. HUTCHINSON: Okay, that's it?

17 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Yes. Thank you.

18 MS. HUTCHINSON: Okay. Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I --

20 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Great.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I will invite -- I would
22 like to invite those in the queue that have not given
23 comment today to please press star 9 on their telephone
24 keypad. If anyone has called in and not given their
25 community of interest input today, please press star 9



1 and raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.

2 But at this time, Chair, we do not have any raised
3 hands.

4 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you, Katy.

5 Why don't we just take a stand for two minutes in
6 case one of our listeners would like to like to comment,
7 or in case someone is fumbling around trying to get that
8 number and call in?

9 (Pause)

10 Commissioner Fernandez?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm going to tell you about
12 an unlikely place where I didn't realize I'd get one of
13 the best meals I've ever had. So as you know, I used to
14 work for the Department of Corrections, and Amador County
15 is home to a youth facility -- used to be youth facility,
16 the prison.

17 That's what Commissioner Fornaciari was referring
18 to, the castle. It's no longer operable. And there is
19 Mule Creek State Prison, and there's also a Pine Grove
20 Fire Camp. So that was one of my assignments.

21 So I went up there to visit and kind of, you know,
22 get the lay of the land. And they happened -- it was
23 going to be, I think, lunchtime or something.

24 So I -- you know, I paid, bought my ticket. And it
25 was the best meal for four bucks -- for four dollars that

1 I've had. They made homemade Chicken Cordon Bleu,
2 homemade chocolate cake and homemade rolls, and they were
3 absolutely wonderful. I wish I could cook that well, but
4 never expected it at a fire camp. So that was a nice
5 surprise for me.

6 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Well, yeah, that is a surprise.
7 That's not what you'd typically hear or expect. Oh, I'll
8 have to go. Well, I'd also --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, I don't think -- you
10 can't go. It's a --

11 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Why not? Or probably don't
12 want to.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, you can't go. It's,
14 it's very -- yeah, it's a correctional facility, so.

15 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

17 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: I really don't want to go
18 there.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm telling you, don't go.

20 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Any other stories to share from
21 the Commissioners?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I can chime in if we --

23 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Ah, Commissioner Sinay? Oh,
24 I'm sorry. No. Go ahead Commissioner Sadhwani.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, yes. Sorry. I didn't



1 want to cut off Commissioner Sinay. Yeah, so you know,
2 unfortunately, I haven't had a chance to travel
3 extensively throughout this region, largely because for
4 such a long time, I've had young kids in diapers and
5 bottles, and it just felt like far too much to take long
6 car rides.

7 But just in the last few years, we've very
8 fortunately been able to take several trips, actually, to
9 Yosemite, to Mammoth, to the Sequoias, and have begun to
10 kind of explore these areas. Actually, just at -- during
11 Memorial Day weekend, we went to Curry Village in
12 Yosemite. And all three kids, including my five-year-
13 old, we did the hike to both Vernal Falls and Nevada
14 Falls and did the whole loop back.

15 So in total, it was, I don't know, ten or eleven
16 miles and they were troopers and they did the whole
17 thing. It was really beautiful. And we were there with
18 a number of families and just such an incredible, I mean,
19 incredible gem of a -- of a, you know, of an outdoor
20 environment and really, really wonderful memories from
21 that entire experience.

22 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yeah, that is --
23 yeah, wonderful. Let's see.

24 Commissioner Sinay?

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Most of my memories from



1 that -- from this area is skiing and Mammoth. And
2 especially going to spring break in high school and
3 running into everybody else who was on spring break from
4 our high school.

5 It was like, wait, we're five hours away, how is it
6 that we're running into everyone? And recently my
7 husband took my daughter and her friends up there to go
8 skiing.

9 My son and I didn't go because my son didn't have
10 the same break and they ran into everybody from their
11 high school. So she had just kind of a similar memory.
12 So it's kind of fun.

13 And we have one of our close family friends. They
14 live in San Francisco. So we're always looking for
15 places to meet midway for Thanksgiving. So we'll go on
16 Airbnb and see what we can find.

17 And even though it is Tulare, we did end up going to
18 near the Sequoia National -- you know, Sequoia and King
19 National Park and just how quickly things changed. You
20 know, we were -- it was just so beautiful to go from the
21 valley, you know, of -- and then start going up and it's
22 like, whoa, wait, it's turning green. I don't -- I
23 hadn't really looked up where we were going before we
24 went because I was too busy. And I was like, whoa, this
25 might be the best place we've gone yet.



1 You know, there is a river behind the house we
2 rented. And it was just amazing. Lots of great
3 memories, a lot of good hiking. So the picture behind me
4 is from there. So it was, like, warm down in the valley,
5 but it was snow -- like, yeah, there was snow up at the
6 top. And I don't -- we were kind of prepared when we did
7 that hike, but it was fun not to be prepared.

8 And what's amazing to me when you're in a lot of
9 these forests is the resilience of the forests. You
10 could see where fires had hit before and the growth
11 coming back and such. It's just amazing, amazing area.
12 Amazing people. And I really do look forward to us
13 getting to see it in person as a group.

14 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: That truly would be wonderful.
15 I think we're all looking to get out and see the state
16 that we would like to. Actually, it's wonderful to talk
17 to everyone. It's -- just really opens things up when
18 you see the countryside. And we're really hoping to do
19 that. So let's see.

20 We might do a -- Katy, if we're -- we might, you
21 know, maybe go to a video unless --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Would you like the short-
23 form instructions and then a video?

24 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Yes, please. It would be
25 perfect. Thank you.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The Commission will now
2 be taking community of interest input by phone. To give
3 comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter the meeting
4 ID number 83668328009 for this meeting.

5 Once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to
6 enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions
7 have been read previously in this session and are
8 provided in full on the livestream landing page.

9 And Chair, what meeting -- or what video would you
10 like to go to?

11 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Why don't we just do the five-
12 minute video?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sounds good.

14 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you. And welcome back
17 from our video break. Hope everyone enjoyed that.

18 Katy, at this time, could you please read the call-
19 in instructions --

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I can.

21 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: -- or raised hands
22 instructions? Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I can read the call-in
24 instructions. I would also like to give instructions to
25 those who joined us via Zoom link with their appointment.



1 005, if you are ready to give comment, please use
2 the raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen.

3 The Commission is now taking community of interest
4 input by phone. To give comment, please call 877-853-
5 5247 and enter the meeting ID number 83668328009 for this
6 meeting.

7 Once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to
8 enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions
9 have been read previously in this session and are
10 provided in full on the livestream landing page.

11 And again, 005, if you are ready to give comment at
12 this time, if you will please use the raise your hand
13 button at the bottom of your screen indicating you are
14 ready to give comment. Sometimes the raise your hand
15 button can be kind of a pain. I'm going to use the allow
16 to talk and ask if you are ready to give comment.

17 Hi, are --

18 MS. POULTON: Hello?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Are you ready to give
20 comment? Would you like me to promote you?

21 MS. POULTON: Yes, please.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Will do. I
23 will --

24 MS. POULTON: I didn't know I was 005, sorry.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No, you're fine. I'll



1 promote you now.

2 MS. POULTON: Okay.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Just a moment. 005, you
4 are able to enable your audio and video in the lower,
5 left corner of your screen now.

6 MS. POULTON: Oh, I've been out in the field.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, you'll have to
8 restart. Oh, go ahead.

9 MS. POULTON: Right. So my name's Lynne Poulton. I
10 live in Lee Vining in Mono County, and I think it's
11 really important that Mono County and Inyo County are
12 kept together. And I would highly recommend that we are
13 combined with counties that are to the north in the
14 eastern side of the Sierra. We weren't able to make a
15 map of that because we could only select whole counties.

16 But really what we have most in common is with --
17 kind of the whole eastern side from the Sierra Crest,
18 east, going all the way up to Tahoe. So to me, my
19 community is definitely Mono plus Inyo. I do a lot of
20 things that have to do with Inyo County as well as Mono
21 County and have friends in both counties. And my market
22 centers are in both counties. There's so much that is
23 tied together between Mono and Inyo. But I would like to
24 see us be joined going north for redistricting. And I
25 think it's really important that we are not on the west



1 side, connected to the west side.

2 So Frank Bigelow is my Assemblyman and I don't know
3 if he's ever crossed over the Sierras, but it would take
4 hours and hours to go all the way around the bottom of
5 the Sierras and back up to Mono County to visit us. So
6 that's probably why he doesn't do it.

7 So if -- to have a representative that I can't even
8 access during the winter without an eight-hour drive or
9 better, I think that's a poor combination. So I can't go
10 visit and talk to him in person or to his office or to
11 his staff. So.

12 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you. One thing before
13 you ring off. We do have your testimony. Thank you.

14 But if you do go back to the my community -- to my
15 draw my community -- to the tool online, in the tutorial,
16 it actually does have -- tell you how to divide counties.
17 And if you can go through and actually do the help chat,
18 if you have any questions, you should indeed be able to
19 divide counties up. And --

20 MS. POULTON: Well, if you were picking cities or
21 neighborhoods, but --

22 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Yeah, no it should have --

23 MS. POULTON: We're rural, so we don't really have
24 those kind of things to pick -- blocks -- we don't
25 have -- I -- for me to pick every city block in Mono

1 County, it would just be hours and hours and hours and
2 hours, so.

3 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Yeah, you should be able to
4 draw just a large area. There's -- there are two
5 different -- it depends on what layer you are on.

6 MS. POULTON: Yeah, the little marking thing, that
7 didn't work so well for me. And again, I tried it, but
8 oh, well. It didn't work.

9 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Well, thank you very much. And
10 also you can indeed, because you've given us the
11 testimony, even if you can't draw the map, you can give
12 the testimony and you can actually draw it in by paper
13 and you know, email it to us.

14 You know, or the -- our website, it gives you all
15 the information to do that. And just anything that you'd
16 like to add for just -- please attach your speaker number
17 and today's date. Make sure that it coordinates with
18 your testimony.

19 MR. MANOFF: And I'm so sorry to interrupt, but we
20 wanted to make sure that 005 got to make a note that your
21 speaker order number is Number 15 today. Thank you so
22 much.

23 MS. POULTON: Okay. Thanks.

24 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That was all of our



1 comment at this time, Chair.

2 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Katy.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.

4 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: We might have -- do we have any
5 other stories to share from Commissioners or? I'm doing
6 a lot of sharing here.

7 It's a wonderful area. We've probably all been to
8 Yosemite many, many times. At least in the -- all the
9 different areas for various and sundry reasons.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa?

11 MODERATOR AKUTAGAWA:: All right, I'll share. And
12 of course, it's a Yosemite story. Believe it or not,
13 I've never been to Mammoth either.

14 It's just -- yeah, my -- it was just not something
15 that I guess my family was able to do or afford to do
16 when I was growing up. But Tuolumne was one of the areas
17 in which we drove through during our family vacations.
18 But the story I'll tell is when I was just not long out
19 of college.

20 I'll just say that when you're in your twenties,
21 you're -- you sometimes just don't know. And so I went
22 camping. And fortunately I was with somebody who is, I
23 guess, an experienced camper. So he helped make things
24 better for a group of us.

25 And back at the time, I've learned differently now,



1 but apparently, you have to have an appointment or you
2 have to have some kind of permit to go up and climb up to
3 Half Dome, which when I was in my twenties, we did not
4 have to do, we just set out on a hike to go up Half Dome.
5 And that's what we did.

6 And we got up to Half Dome, believe it or not. Like
7 I said, I did not know what I was getting myself into. I
8 am not a hiker. I just kind of thought, all right, we're
9 going to go -- we're going to go hiking. And it was
10 quite the hike, I would tell you that. But later on, I
11 was pretty happy that we made it all the way to the top.

12 Coming down was a whole different other story. And
13 again, this speaks to some of our inexperience. It got
14 dark -- very dark, very fast -- coming down from Half
15 Dome. And yeah, that was quite the experience. I don't
16 think I'll ever forget it.

17 Fortunately, we met up or we ran into another couple
18 that happened to have a flashlight. This is how
19 unprepared we were. And we just followed them down the
20 trail. Thank goodness for them. I'd probably still be
21 wandering the trails right now if it weren't for them.

22 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Oh, yeah. I guess the first
23 time I was in Yosemite I was a teenager then, out
24 traveling, visiting California with my family, visiting
25 relatives up around the Sacramento area. And then we

1 headed back and went through Yosemite, and it was
2 absolutely wonderful. And I remember, you know, again,
3 things you could do then that you can't do now.

4 You know, we were in some of those rivers that, you
5 know, huge signs, don't go in the river. Don't go in the
6 river. No, nothing disastrous happened. And absolutely
7 wonderful. Then went down out, you know, out the back
8 side, down Lee -- to Lee Vining and out. It was
9 wonderful.

10 And I've been there many times with my children.
11 And letting my daughter learn her -- she learned to ski
12 in the Yosemite ski area in a -- in a blizzard,
13 unfortunately. It's a miracle she still likes to ski.
14 She was very young and she was in our first ski lesson
15 ever. And everyone started to leave the mountain and
16 leave the, you know, leave the valley and everything.

17 We were like, well, we've got to go get our daughter
18 who's in the ski class. And then we were some of the
19 last people out, and that was one of the more hairy --
20 I've had several scary driving trips, but getting out of
21 that was a little dicey. So it's a -- it -- always had a
22 great time in Yosemite, the -- the many times I've been
23 there. Well, I see we might have another caller in.

24 Katy, would you please read the instructions?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. I would be

1 happy to give the instructions to the person who called
2 in.

3 Please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating
4 you wish to comment.

5 I would like to ask, Chair, would you like me to
6 read the instructions for community of interest input and
7 public input? I was unclear.

8 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Let's just stick with the
9 community of input at this --

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

11 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: -- moment. Let's -- right now.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sounds good.

13 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And you want the
15 instructions read again?

16 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Just the, you know, how to
17 raise the hand and that, please.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, just to raise the
19 hand. Okay. That's what confused me.

20 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Caller 5070, if
22 you would like to give comment at this time, please press
23 star 9 raising your hand indicating you wish to comment.
24 That's caller with the last four 5070. Please press star
25 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment.



1 And we do have a raised hand at this time.

2 Caller 5070, if you'll please follow the prompts to
3 unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 5070, you are unmuted.
4 I have a couple of brief instructions for you. Your
5 speaker order number will be Number 16. If you'll please
6 make note of that for future reference. And if you
7 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
8 discuss, the floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So we're from Murphys,
10 California, and we were just wanting to talk about this
11 redistricting thing. And we were hoping that we could
12 keep it the way that it is, as our mountain communities
13 are completely different than the other towns.

14 There are other cities that are involved here. And
15 you know, we run a real estate office up here. Our needs
16 are so much different than what's going on down below.

17 We were just hoping that we could you know, maybe
18 urge you guys to try and keep it the way that it is. You
19 know, we -- because we need our voice to be heard. And I
20 think that if we get bunched up with just the other
21 cities, it's just going to be a problem for us, and we'll
22 get lost in the shuffle. And that doesn't, that won't
23 serve anybody, especially us.

24 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Do you want to --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So we would urge -- oh, go



1 ahead.

2 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: No, no, I -- no. Go ahead,
3 please.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, we would just urge you to
5 consider keeping things the way that they are. Because
6 it's -- we don't feel like we get a lot of representation
7 as it is because we're kind of the, you know, we're
8 the -- we're the small communities with small populations
9 and you know, we have completely different things that we
10 need. And that's pretty much all I've got to say today.

11 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: But thank you.

13 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Could you give us -- could --
14 wait, could -- before you go, please, Caller --

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. No problem.

16 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Could you please give us --
17 you're saying the way it is in a certain district.

18 Could you tell us which district? Was it the Senate
19 Assembly, Congressional or if you don't know particularly
20 which ones, if -- what areas would -- are you talking
21 about staying together and not the --

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, you know, for us -- for
23 us, you know, I mean, we're in Calaveras. So you know,
24 if you keep Calaveras, Amador, El Dorado, you know,
25 Mariposa, those guys, all of us are kind of similar. And



1 that would help us because we're -- we could be a, you
2 know, we're a block.

3 We have similar needs whereas you get down below and
4 into Merced, Stockton, you know, Sacramento, they're
5 totally different birds. We just -- we just -- these
6 mountain communities are unique. And we have completely
7 different needs than the rest of the areas around us.

8 And as far as the you know, the -- as far as the
9 districts you have, just for any of them, for us that we
10 can be clumped together with those guys. That would be
11 great because they have similar needs as us.

12 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you so much.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You're very welcome.

14 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Okay.

15 Well, thank you, Katy. We might -- I think we have
16 the same people who are -- we've got some good listeners
17 there. At this point, we might try going to a twenty-
18 minute video.

19 MODERATOR AKUTAGAWA:: All right. Thank you for
20 being back, everyone.

21 I think until Commissioner -- sorry about this.
22 Just getting back to the script. Once we get
23 Commissioner Andersen back, I will just go ahead and get
24 back -- sorry. My script is not working. Well --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Akutagawa? Chair



1 Akutagawa, would you like me to read the instructions
2 briefly?

3 MODERATOR AKUTAGAWA:: That would be awesome. And
4 then that way I can just fix what's going on with my
5 script.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely.

7 In order to maximize transparency and public
8 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
9 taking community of interest input by phone. To call in,
10 dial the telephone number provided on the livestream
11 feed. It is 877-853-5247.

12 When prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided
13 on the livestream feed. It is 83668328009 for this
14 meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID simply
15 press the pound key.

16 Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed in a
17 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
18 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
19 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message
20 that says, the host would like you to talk and to press
21 star 6 to speak.

22 If you would like to give your name, please state,
23 and spell it for the record. You are not required to
24 write your name to give public comment. Please make sure
25 to meet your computer or livestream audio to prevent any



1 feedback or distortion during your call.

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

5 And I see we have Commissioner Andersen back with
6 us.

7 MODERATOR AKUTAGAWA:: Okay. I'm turning it back
8 over to her.

9 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you so much. Suddenly
10 lost all Wi-Fi.

11 So thank you very much, Commissioner Akutagawa.

12 So I'm hoping we just said we'll continue to take
13 both public input at this time and also invite public
14 comment at this time.

15 But we just read those instructions by chance?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We read the instructions
17 for a community of interest input, but I can do the brief
18 ones if you feel it's not sufficient to just add that on
19 at the end.

20 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Yeah. At this point, unless we
21 have some callers in the queue who would like to raise
22 their hand, I'd say we should also go ahead and invite
23 public comment at this time.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. The
25 Commission will now take public comment at this time by



1 phone. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and
2 enter the meeting ID number 836683280091. Once you have
3 dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the comment
4 queue.

5 The full call-in instructions have been read
6 previously in this session and are provided in full on
7 the livestream landing page. And again, the Commission
8 is taking community of interest input and public comment
9 for items not on the agenda at this time.

10 And we do not have any raised hands, Chair.

11 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Katy. I think
12 you're hearing me. I'm having difficulty (audio
13 interference).

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We are. You are going in
15 and out, Chair.

16 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: I'm having trouble with my
17 audio. (Audio interference) that the (audio
18 interference).

19 MODERATOR AKUTAGAWA:: We can hear you.

20 Okay. I think her --I do believe her Wi-Fi must
21 still be going in and out.

22 Katy, well, since you just read off the -- both for
23 public comment and public input, we'll go ahead and we'll
24 just hold tight. In the meantime, what I'll do is -- let
25 me just make a quick announcement that -- let's see, we



1 will be holding additional communities of interest public
2 input meetings this week. Today is Tuesday.

3 We will be holding our next meeting on Thursday,
4 July 22nd, starting at 4 p.m., and it will be focused on
5 the counties of Monterrey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo,
6 Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and Ventura. I do believe
7 that is zone -- zone out -- Outreach Zone E and their
8 surrounding areas.

9 I also want to just remind everybody that we have
10 another public input meeting following the Thursday
11 meeting on Saturday, July 24th, that will be focused on
12 Orange County and its surrounding areas. And if you're
13 interested in the business of the Commission, we will be
14 having our business meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, July
15 21st, starting at 4 p.m.

16 So if you are following us on the redistricting
17 Commission, we have a meeting tomorrow. We have a public
18 input meeting on Thursday and then we have another one on
19 Saturday. So you'll get a break on Friday along with us.

20 Just wanted to also say that callers who want to
21 give communities of interest public input to us, you are
22 not limited to a particular region. Anyone can call into
23 any region and you can visit the meetings page at our
24 website to see the additional list of upcoming
25 communities of interest public input meetings at



1 wedrawthelinesca.org. And then you could go to the
2 meetings tab.

3 Okay. I think we have Jane back. I'm going to turn
4 it back over to her.

5 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner
6 Akutagawa. For some reason, I'm coming in and out. So
7 if I just start -- please take over.

8 At this point, though, I'm -- you know, thank you
9 for reading everything. I think we might -- we tell a
10 few more stories and see if anyone has anything to say
11 for us or we wait to hear if any callers might comment,
12 either public comment or additional community of
13 interest.

14 Commissioner Fernandez?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm hoping I'm going to get
16 this right. And maybe Commissioner Yee can help me with
17 this, since he's a runner.

18 My youngest one ran cross-country, and I believe
19 it's an Angels Camp in Calaveras County, where they would
20 hold the sectionals. So it was always a very nice drive
21 up there. It's probably like an hour and a half from
22 where we're at. And it really is in a very remote area.

23 And for me, I love remote areas with just, like, one
24 street in -- one road and one road out. Drives my
25 husband crazy because he's from the city. But I'm like,



1 no, it's great. You know, sometimes you have to if
2 there's just one lane and somebody is coming up it's one
3 direction, they need to back up because there's only room
4 for one of us.

5 But in terms of Angels Camp, it was just so
6 beautiful up there and it was really great to see all the
7 kids, the high school kids running. And they all -- you
8 know, they would -- they wouldn't just stay with their
9 own school.

10 They'd go with the other schools too. So it was
11 just really nice, heartwarming interaction amongst all
12 the runners, considering they're all competing against
13 each other to get to the next level. But just beautiful
14 country, again. I just -- I love those counties.

15 Have you heard -- have you heard of that,
16 Commissioner Yee?

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: I have not. It sounds wonderful
18 though. I do know that in the Mammoth Lakes area,
19 there's a lot of professional athletes, like runners and
20 others who train there because it's that altitude.

21 So you get to train at altitude and build up your
22 stamina. And I know of this Meb Keflezighi, the
23 Eritrean-American Boston Marathon, New York Marathon,
24 Olympic medalist trained there when he was active.

25 And it sounds lovely. I mean, if you can afford to

1 just hang out there during training season and build up
2 your red blood cells. So I know that area is known for
3 that.

4 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: You know, you mention that I
5 don't know about running, but I do know that up in
6 Alpine, there's a famous bike race that is literally
7 from -- all at high altitude. And it's -- it starts
8 in -- I think it goes through Markleeville, but it's from
9 one remote portion as one of the highways ends and then
10 goes on a sort of unmarked road, but it's everyone there
11 knows it and then comes up and down.

12 It's a -- it's grueling, but it's a hugely popular
13 event, kind of like there's one in in Kansas so similar
14 to, like, they call them sort of road grinders or
15 something like that for bicycle enthusiasts. That's --
16 I've heard of them. I have never participated in
17 something and probably never will.

18 Well, we're doing our -- doing our best here to see
19 if anyone had to wait until after 7 to -- after, yeah, 7
20 o'clock to be able to call in, but I'm not sure we're
21 getting any additional callers.

22 We might read those instructions one more time
23 please, Katy.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

25 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. The
2 Commission will now take public input -- oh, wait. Hold
3 on.

4 The Commission is now taking community of interest
5 input and public comment for items not on the agenda at
6 this time. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and
7 enter the meeting ID number 83668328009 for this meeting.

8 Once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to
9 enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions
10 have been read previously in this meeting and are
11 provided in full on the livestream landing page.

12 And we do not have any raised hands at this time,
13 Chair.

14 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Katy.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Um-hum.

16 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: We might stand for just a
17 couple of minutes here and see if any callers call in
18 and. --

19 Unless any additional Commissioners have some
20 stories they want to tell?

21 MODERATOR AKUTAGAWA:: I do believe you have a
22 caller, Jane.

23 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Ah. I think we do.

24 Katy, could you please -- 855 -- could you please go
25 ahead and read the raise your hand instructions?



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: For those that are in the
2 comment queue, if you would like to give comment at this
3 time, please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating
4 you wish to comment.

5 Caller 6855, please follow the prompts to unmute.

6 MR. SUKATON: Hello? Can you hear me?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Go ahead.
8 The floor is yours. Your speaker order number --

9 MR. SUKATON: Excellent.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- will be Number 17, if
11 you'll please make note of that.

12 MR. SUKATON: 17. Thank you. I'm just returning.
13 I was Caller 10. And I'm not going to speak specific
14 cause I know I've already had my first about the region.
15 I did want to note I appreciate the Commission's
16 unanimous motion to request a January 14th deadline from
17 the courts.

18 I know that there's a longer conversation around
19 that, but as many of you know, when I presented -- I'm
20 sorry, Sam from CLVCV here -- when I presented to you in
21 February, I made it really clear, like, you know, the
22 environmental community is really new to this process.
23 Even though, as you've heard tonight, the issues are vast
24 for us. We want to make sure that we're represented.

25 And I was very -- personally very concerned that the



1 Christmas holiday would have been a blanket on
2 participation. A lot of folks are off. And as you've
3 heard, like, a lot of communities are cut off just even
4 by the -- even by the snow itself. So the idea that
5 we're going to have a little bit more time to talk to our
6 communities and kind of make sure that they're squared
7 away to give input on final maps.

8 I just -- I didn't have a chance to thank you or to
9 call directly at that Commission hearing last week. And
10 I wanted to thank you directly voice-to-voice. I know
11 you're continuing with comments. I'll be around. And as
12 always, anything on the environment or public lands, I'm
13 glad to either be a resource or to connect you with
14 resources, though a lot of them introduced themselves
15 here tonight.

16 Again, thanks so much. The CLCV Education Fund
17 really appreciates the Commission's continuing engagement
18 on -- because you know, our land our air and our water
19 mediate how we experience the world and they should
20 experience how we mediate, how we're being governed. And
21 I appreciate that.

22 The thoughtfulness, the care and frankly, the
23 stories, particularly for the little stretch of God's
24 country, as Commissioner Fernandez mentioned, and your
25 emphasis also on the digital divide and making sure that



1 the Californians who live here have access to the
2 Commission in the same way that so many of our others
3 have engaged in and will engage them. Thanks for your
4 time.

5 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Of course, we did
6 request that date from the Supreme Court, California
7 Supreme Court, and we will have to see what we end up
8 with. So we appreciate the -- we certainly did think and
9 deliberate about that quite some time. And trying to
10 accommodate the holidays for the public. So we'll see
11 what happens.

12 Well, I believe, you know, these are our intrepid
13 listeners who've -- I thank you very much for doing this
14 with us. as we've been reaching out to Alpine, Amador,
15 Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Mono, Inyo, and the
16 surrounding areas. We thank you very much for all your
17 comments this area. For those still listening, Zone G
18 has a second specific meeting and that is on August 20th.
19 It's a Friday.

20 So for those who have been completely unable,
21 particularly people in Alpine County, we would certainly
22 like you to get all your comments in either online email
23 or attend that meeting. And at this point, unless we
24 have anything else from any of the Commissioners, I don't
25 see any instant raised hands. Oh, ah-ha. I do.



1 Commissioner Yee?

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Just to highlight one of the
3 items that we will be discussing at tomorrow's business
4 meeting, we will be deciding on whether or not to proceed
5 with the previous motion about travel and whether to go
6 ahead with travel plans that would start August 4th or in
7 fact, whether to take note of the Delta variant as well
8 as the various counties having different various
9 responses to that, making planning much more challenging
10 now. And so perhaps deciding to remain virtual and
11 unfortunately not be able to travel. So that'll be a
12 discussion and hopefully a decision tomorrow.

13 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.
14 Yes, thank you.

15 Actually, I will just before we take off, remember,
16 actually, tomorrow we do have a business meeting starting
17 at 4 o'clock. And then on Thursday, we will have the
18 public input meeting also at 4 o'clock focused on
19 Monterrey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara,
20 Santa Cruz and Ventura.

21 And then, again, on Saturday, we have a public input
22 meeting -- COI input meeting focused on Orange County.
23 The Thursday meeting -- the appointment time zones are --
24 appointment time's already over, but you can certainly
25 call in. But the one for Saturday, you can still make



1 appointments through --

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thursday.

3 MODERATOR ANDERSEN: Thursday, sorry. Thank you
4 very much.

5 And with that, obviously it's getting a bit late.
6 So I think we might end the meeting. And I appreciate
7 everyone's help and support today, like of all the staff,
8 all the Commissioners and all the callers in.

9 Thank you very much. This meeting is now adjourned.

10 (Whereupon, the COI Input Meeting adjourned at
11 7:11 p.m.)

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25



CERTIFICATE OF TRANSCRIBER

I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript, to the best of my ability, of the videoconference recording of the proceedings provided by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission.



JENNIFER BARTON

August 18, 2022
DATE

