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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 September 4, 2020

9:30 a.m.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Good morning and welcome to the  
4 California Redistricting Committee. We would --

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

6 CHAIR TURNER: I would -- I would -- we are resuming  
7 on today, Friday -- yay, it's Friday -- September the  
8 4th. And we will begin our day with roll call, please.

9 MS. JOHNSTON: Thank you.

10 Commissioner Ahmad?

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

12 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Akutagawa?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

14 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

18 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fornaciari?

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

20 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Kennedy?

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

22 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Le Mons?

23 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

24 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sadhwani

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

1 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sinay?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

3 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Toledo? I'm sorry.

4 Commissioner Taylor?

5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I'm present.

6 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Taylor, yes.

7 Commissioner Toledo?

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Present.

9 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Turner?

10 CHAIR TURNER: Here.

11 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Vazquez?

12 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

13 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Yee?

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

15 MS. JOHNSTON: Two absent, but you have a quorum,

16 Madam Chair.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Outstanding. And with the quorum we

18 shall move. And we'll begin our day, Ryan, with public

19 comment. And I'll ask, Raul, please, if you would read

20 instructions before we begin.

21 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes. Good morning. In order to

22 maximize transparency and public participation in our

23 process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment

24 during their meeting by phone. There will be

25 opportunities to address the Commissioners regarding the

1 items on the agenda and the process in general. In  
2 addition, for each agenda item that requires a vote, the  
3 public may provide a comment for that particular item.

4 Each time that the Commissioners bring up an action  
5 item, the viewing audience will be informed that it is  
6 time to call in if they wish to make a public comment.  
7 The Commissioners will then allow at least three minutes  
8 for those who wish to comment to join the public comment  
9 queue.

10 To make a public comment, please dial 877-226-8163.  
11 After dialing the number you will speak to an operator.  
12 You will be asked to provide either the access code for  
13 the meeting, which is 5185236, that's 5185236, or the  
14 name of the meeting, which is the Citizens Redistricting  
15 Commission, first Commission meeting.

16 After providing this information, the operator will  
17 ask you to provide your name. So please note, you are  
18 not required to provide your actual name if you don't  
19 wish to. You may provide either your own name or a name  
20 other than your own.

21 When it is your turn to make a public comment, the  
22 moderator will introduce you by the name you provided to  
23 the operator. Providing a name helps ATT, which is  
24 hosting this public comment process, to ensure that  
25 everyone holding for public comment has a chance to

1 submit their comments.

2       So please be assured that the Commission is not  
3 maintaining any list of callers by name and is only  
4 asking for some names so that the call moderator can  
5 manage multiple calls simultaneously and can let you know  
6 when it's your turn to speak.

7       After providing a name and speaking with the  
8 operator, you will be placed in a listening room, which  
9 is a virtual waiting room where you will wait until it is  
10 time for you speak. You will be able to listen to live  
11 audio of the meeting. Please mute your computer  
12 livestream audio, because the online video and audio will  
13 be approximately 60 seconds behind the live audio you are  
14 hearing on the telephone.

15       If you fail to mute your computer livestream audio,  
16 it will be extremely difficult for you to follow the  
17 meeting, and difficult for anyone to hear your comment  
18 due to the feedback issues which will arise. Therefore,  
19 once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when you  
20 may be called upon to speak, and please turn down the  
21 livestream volume.

22       From the listening room, listen to the meeting and  
23 the call moderator. When you decide that you want to  
24 make a comment about the agenda item currently being  
25 discussed, you will need to press 1-0, that's 1-0, so

1 that you can be placed in the queue to make your public  
2 comment. When joining the queue to make a public  
3 comment, you should hear an automatic recording informing  
4 you that you have been placed in the queue. You will not  
5 receive any further instruction until the moderator  
6 brings you in to make your public comment.

7         The moderator will open your line and introduce you  
8 by name that you provided to the operator. Once again,  
9 make sure that you have muted any background noise from  
10 your computer. Please do not use a speakerphone, but  
11 rather speak directly into your phone.

12         After the moderator introduces you, please state the  
13 name you provided to the operator and then state your  
14 comment clearly and concisely. After you finish making  
15 your comment, the Commissioners will move on to the next  
16 caller and you may hang up your call. If you would like  
17 to comment on another agenda item at a later time, please  
18 call back when the Commissioners open up public comment  
19 for that item and repeat this process.

20         If you are disconnected for any reason, please call  
21 back and explain the issue to the operator and then  
22 repeat this process and rejoin the public comment queue  
23 by pressing 1-0.

24         MS. JOHNSTON: And to note for the record,  
25 Commissioners Le Mons and Toledo have arrived.



1 MR. VILLANUEVA: Thank you. The Commissioners will  
2 take comment for every action item on the agenda. As you  
3 listen to the online video stream, public comments will  
4 be solicited. That is the time to call in.

5 The process for making a comment will be the same  
6 each time, beginning by dialing 877-266-8163 and  
7 following the steps that I've outlined for you. These  
8 steps are also located on the homepage of the website  
9 where you can click the link and identify those steps.  
10 Thank you.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And counsel, Commissioner  
12 Le Mons was already online. And I think there was  
13 someone else that joined with Commissioner Toledo. But  
14 we're here. Thank you.

15 MS. JOHNSTON: Right. Thank you.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Ryan, we'd like to check to see if we  
17 have some public comment waiting, please.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. And as a reminder,  
19 please press 1 then 0 if you wish to make a comment,  
20 press 1-0.

21 And we do have somebody that's queued up. Please  
22 spell your name for the record. I'm opening the line of  
23 Peter Cannon. Please go ahead.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And your name --

25 MR. CANNON: Hi. My name is Peter Cannon, P-E-T-E-R

1 C-A-N-N-O-N. I previously called in about your job  
2 search. I think your training to date has been great.  
3 However, I believe that one thing has been missing. We  
4 have not heard from the old Commissioners other than the  
5 one -- other than one on a very technical topic.

6 Even the applicant review panel took the time to  
7 hear from three past Commissioners. You all now know  
8 about the day in the life of a Commissioner. You have  
9 had seven of them -- of those yourself.

10 I -- my specific suggestion now is to invite former  
11 Commissioners to present in groups by their  
12 subcommittees. Based on their old agendas, it appears  
13 they have five main areas: technical, public information,  
14 finance and administration, legal, and outreach.

15 This could be helpful as you pivot from education to  
16 implementation. Some examples; as you consider potential  
17 landmines -- landmines to avoid over them drafting your  
18 line drawing RFP, wouldn't it be great to hear from the  
19 old technical subcommittee that drafted the last one? As  
20 you consider how to maximize your funding, knowing how  
21 the finance administration subcommittee secured budget  
22 augmentations would be helpful, I believe.

23 And if you are trying to figure out how to spend 2.1  
24 million in new funding for outreach, what would the very  
25 jealous, former, outreach Commissioners done -- have done

1 with these -- with those dollars if they had them?

2 And I thank you for your time and consideration.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you so much, Mr. Cannon. We  
4 appreciate the comments and the wise advice. Thank you.

5 Is there a next caller?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: As a reminder, if you do  
7 wish to make a comment, please press 1, then 0. And we  
8 have no further in queue at this time.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you. We will definitely  
10 hold that for consideration.

11 So we'll move today into our agenda -- continued  
12 agenda item, item number 16. We still -- and I believe  
13 Commissioners, did you all get the job -- the -- the  
14 postings that went out for the videographer, language  
15 interpreter, etcetera?

16 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Madam Chair --

17 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fornaciari?

18 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. There you go.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Fornaciari?

20 MR. FORNACIARI: Yeah. Chair Turner, thank you.

21 Before we get going on that, I just -- you know, I  
22 checked the -- the live feed and, you know, you'll come  
23 to find -- and I'm not one who's a great speller, but I  
24 think queue, should be q-u-e-u-e, not c-u-e. So if  
25 someone could fix that on the livestream, I think that

1 would be great.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Agenda 16 continued?

3 Okay.

4 So we had a report on -- let's see. This was the  
5 finance committee, I'm sorry. So we'll be in the hands  
6 of the finance subcommittee at this time for the  
7 videographer's solicitation.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So am I starting  
9 role, are you starting? Let's see, who's starting?  
10 Okay, I'll just start. So for the videographer, this is  
11 the one -- we did receive three bids for that one. And  
12 we had -- two of the lower bids were within 150 dollars  
13 of each other, which is interesting. One of them came in  
14 a dollar below the 250,000-dollar limit, which was  
15 interesting. But, you know, I'm used to that sometimes.

16 So basically, with this type of bid that went out,  
17 they come back with costing information. So that's  
18 really all we're going by. We don't have any, like,  
19 experience information or anything like that. They had  
20 to have met the criteria. And I'm hoping they did meet  
21 the criteria and how that will be vetted out.

22 There are two -- like I said, it's only 150 dollars  
23 difference. The total came in to about 190,000, 191,000.  
24 And like I said, they were within 150 dollars of each  
25 other. The only difference I see is one of them has an

1 office in Auburn, California. So their travel to  
2 Sacramento costs were much lower, obviously. The other  
3 venter had offices in San Jose and San Diego. So their  
4 costs for traveling to Sacramento were obviously higher.  
5 They have a further way to go, and since there seems to  
6 be a majority of our meetings, potentially, could be in  
7 Sacramento, but -- so that's probably where the major  
8 cost difference could be moving forward.

9       So I really, at this point -- and I believe  
10 Commissioner Fornaciari, we were kind of on the same page  
11 where either one would probably be okay. I guess I was  
12 just leaning a little bit more towards the Auburn one,  
13 because in the long run that might come out to be less  
14 expensive. Because it's Sacramento, closer to  
15 Sacramento. So it was a 1,000-dollar travel cost to  
16 Sacramento versus the 1,200 dollar for meeting costs,  
17 so -- but other than that, that's what I have.

18       MR. VILLANUEVA: I have a comment.

19       CHAIR TURNER: Yes. Please, go ahead.

20       MR. VILLANUEVA: I had expressed this to the  
21 subcommittee. When that scope of work came out, it was  
22 based on one kind of plan and vision. And I had  
23 mentioned to them to kind of step back and look at it,  
24 because -- and especially after the discussion about the  
25 line drawer -- the scope and vision that developed that

1 work, that statement work, is different.

2 And so my concern is on two different levels. One  
3 is the way that the vision and the scope will work  
4 captures public engagement and what will be required of  
5 the videographer to do that with you.

6 And the other part -- and I hadn't -- I hadn't  
7 realized it as much as I have in this meeting, and that  
8 is the cost for ATT to run your public comment, and as  
9 much public comment as you do, is really, really  
10 expensive. And so could we look at a scope of work with  
11 your videographer that has them looking and/or partnering  
12 with how you engage public comment?

13 And not just by telephone, but in other different  
14 ways. So again, I -- and especially last night I'm  
15 thinking, I think the visions are different. And what  
16 caught my attention, again, is your discussion about the  
17 line drawer. The line drawer's a little -- is a little  
18 bit more -- because you're -- you're hiring a technician  
19 to do technical things at your request and under your  
20 direction, is a little bit more linear than the  
21 videography, where you're asking technicians to also  
22 problem solve with you on some of these issues that you  
23 were grappling; just in terms of the public engagement  
24 part.

25 So I guess what I'm suggesting is maybe as you're

1 stepping back for one to step back for the other.  
2 Because that component, the videography, your public  
3 comment, are going to be critical for all of your  
4 operations moving forward. And I think the visioning and  
5 the ideas that you want to develop for how you do that  
6 require just as much time for one as the other.

7       Anyway, I just wanted to share that with you.

8       CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Raul.

9       COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. So --

10       CHAIR TURNER: Go ahead.

11       COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I was -- I read your  
12 comment last night and I've been thinking about it too.  
13 And in going back and reviewing the RFP, yeah -- I  
14 mean -- I kind of -- I agree with what you're saying.  
15 And I -- we might want to, you know, put this on the back  
16 burner for the time being. I have a couple questions  
17 about that though.

18       So currently the contracts through the State  
19 Auditor's Office, and so I could envision it would be one  
20 or two meetings, so a few months, if you will, before  
21 we're ready to put out a new RFP or whatever this is  
22 bid --

23       MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

24       COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- or whatever it's  
25 called.

1           Is the current contract that's in place, in place  
2 long enough for it to give us the time to kind of rethink  
3 how we might want to do the videoconferencing for  
4 probably a few months?

5           MR. VILLANUEVA: So the current contract runs  
6 through December 31st. I would have to go and discuss it  
7 with them in terms of making sure that there's sufficient  
8 funding in the contract. I had already brought that up  
9 to them in August. As I'm looking at possibilities,  
10 they're amenable to that. They are waiting for your  
11 discussion today though. And that's really the long and  
12 short of it.

13           They -- there -- like I said, there is a strong  
14 support by the CSA, by the Auditor's Office, to ensure  
15 that what you as a Commission need as you start up for  
16 your meetings, and the requirements for transparency and  
17 public engagement, are there for you.

18           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So but -- so even if  
19 that -- I mean, so when you say that you want to check to  
20 see if there is enough budget, you mean enough budget  
21 left on the contract? Or enough budget in the -- in the  
22 auditor's pot? Because they can always send us a bill,  
23 right? You said yesterday they sent bills.

24           MR. VILLANUEVA: No, it's really in terms of the  
25 contract. So --



1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

2 MR. VILLANUEVA: So with -- so one of the reasons  
3 you do the costing, right, on the front end is so you  
4 know -- you can budget out for the work.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

6 MR. VILLANUEVA: So if the work's going to be  
7 extended, it's just due diligence to make sure that  
8 there's sufficient funding to accomplish that work. And  
9 so it --

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

11 MR. VILLANUEVA: -- would behoove me then, as part of  
12 the discussion, to bring that to the table with them, and  
13 that's something we would look at. And so if that needs  
14 to happen then the auditor would have to go through the  
15 process then to do that, which is fairly straight  
16 forward. But again, it's just part of due diligence.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm going to -- I do  
19 remember you talking about that, Raul, about whether or  
20 not this contract encompassed everything. I guess what  
21 I'm -- was looking at is I was looking at it as a pure  
22 videography contract. And can't we do the AT&T piece of  
23 it as a separate contract? I think that's -- I was  
24 trying to keep them separate --

25 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

1           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ:  -- versus having a  
2 videographer not only deal with -- focus on videography,  
3 but then also bring in that AT&T component.  And maybe  
4 that might be too much for someone?  I mean, maybe that's  
5 not their expertise, would be the AT&T component of it.  
6 So I guess I -- we didn't really have a chance to discuss  
7 it as a subcommittee.  So I guess we're discussing it  
8 now.  And I think for me, I was just trying to keep them  
9 separate and pure --

10           MR VILLANUEVA:  Right.

11           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ:  -- so that we could  
12 potentially get the true expertise in each area and try  
13 to be more efficient about it.

14           MR. VILLANUEVA:  So here's what got me thinking  
15 about it.  If you do something by Zoom, can we figure out  
16 how to do the public comment by Zoom?  Are there other  
17 options that we haven't looked at?  And because we have  
18 to pipe it through the meeting, at some point there has  
19 to be some kind of a -- of a partnership between the  
20 other entity, if another entity is doing it, and the  
21 videography.

22           When you start looking at the statement of work, we  
23 haven't asked for that partnership.  That's important  
24 because as the perspective contractor is pricing out  
25 their work, pricing out their staffing and work plan, if

1 the scope of work isn't covering those things, then  
2 they're not also allocating resources that are needed to  
3 do that. And that would be an inadequacy in the  
4 statement of work.

5 Another thing that caught my mind was -- so for  
6 example, Commissioner Sinay and I, we worked for quite a  
7 bit to try and find her a place to where she could be  
8 present for the meeting. I was unable to find any  
9 government building because they're all closed. Okay?

10 So what happens in November and December when the  
11 Commission wants to go out and engage the public? What  
12 are our opportunities there? And what if at some point  
13 the Commission has to set up its own little stations as  
14 it were? Videography would be a part of that, and we  
15 haven't included that in the scope the work. And so  
16 I'm -- those -- okay -- So anyway --

17 So you get the point in terms of my concerns with  
18 that scope of work? It -- the way I was looking at it,  
19 when I originally developed it was based on -- what I'm  
20 seeing now is much more of a linear -- how we're doing it  
21 now -- or how you were -- or how the ARC was doing  
22 things. And this is a different ballgame. And again,  
23 your discussion yesterday about the line drawer was so  
24 key to me in terms of making me want to sit back and go,  
25 have we really envisioned what you're going to need out

1 of what's really a very, very key player for your  
2 meetings? And for your public engagement.

3 And so anyway -- so that's why I felt --you know, I  
4 have to bring that up as part of the discussion for your  
5 consideration.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So you don't feel -- excuse  
7 me. And I'm just getting into the little nuts and bolts  
8 of this --

9 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- but on -- let's see,  
11 page 5 starts the videoconferencing and teleconferencing  
12 requirements. You don't feel that encompasses enough of  
13 what we need for the remote side of it? Because it does  
14 talk specifically about --

15 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes. It does.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- remote and -- yeah.  
17 From telephonic connections from remote attendees and  
18 different information. So you don't feel that it  
19 encompasses enough detail?

20 MR. VILLANUEVA: So --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Or requirements or  
22 coordination?

23 MR. VILLANUEVA: So what that is predicated on is  
24 the individual who's calling in, finding their own place,  
25 and that place having its own capabilities for internet

1 and telecommunications. That's what that is predicated  
2 on. And so what happens, like I said, if we want to set  
3 something up, because everything's closed. It -- that  
4 scope of work is going to accomplish that. And so at  
5 that point then we would be faced with either developing  
6 some other contract or making do with the current,  
7 because the scope of work doesn't fit it.

8       COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So is it something, Raul --  
9 I'm just trying to, you know, grasp this. And I  
10 apologize for running back and forth on this. Is it  
11 something that we could do an addendum to this process,  
12 and maybe just communicate with the three that submitted?  
13 Or do we have to go back out? Do we have to -- would  
14 your recommendation be to just completely do away with  
15 what we have, start over again, and go through the  
16 process? I'm just trying to understand the -- what your  
17 recommendation would be and what would be the most  
18 efficient for us.

19       MR. VILLANUEVA: So the actual vehicle is going to  
20 depend on the vision that's designing the scope of work.  
21 It could be that a small business contract may not be  
22 large enough to carry it through. And we may have to go  
23 through a master services agreement or another means. I  
24 think it really depends on what the vision is for that  
25 and what needs to be included. That's -- so that's as

1 far as I got on the drive up today. You know, it's like,  
2 okay, hit wall, let's hear what the Commission has to say  
3 on the subject.

4 CHAIR TURNER: I'm wondering if -- oh, Commissioner  
5 Andersen?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, one more I -- well,  
7 first of all I really appreciate, Mr. Villanueva, that  
8 you bring this forward, because this is a crucial part.  
9 And where -- when we define a scope of work, and then we  
10 realize that, you know, we might not have included  
11 things, particularly in this time of Covid when things  
12 are so up in the air, it's tricky to consider everything.

13 And another item that I'm thinking we might need the  
14 videographer help for, that we have not even addressed  
15 yet, is the language interpreter. Because I know one  
16 option -- well, obviously, we'll talk about this later,  
17 but it isn't just video in person, but there's actually a  
18 whole videography aspect of it that would have to be  
19 incorporated with the videographer. And I -- that hasn't  
20 even been brought up yet. So in terms of is -- I don't  
21 know the contract well enough, and if it is there --  
22 there might be things that will come up that we will not  
23 anticipate yet.

24 But I don't know if we need to flush all that out  
25 yet. Can we do it, as Commissioner Fernandez said, in

1 like a type of addendum for future work coming up? I  
2 don't know if the -- I didn't read the details of the  
3 contract that well. So is it priced such that we could  
4 then put a number on the additions? And because I think  
5 this is not just -- you know, rather than try to define  
6 our scope right now, which I don't think we fully know  
7 and understand, but I don't think we need -- but I don't  
8 want to be held -- the videographer held to it as the  
9 scope is changing.

10 Do you see where I'm trying to come from? I don't  
11 know that the depth of the -- flexibility in the  
12 contract.

13 MR. VILLANUEVA: That's the key thing --

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But if -- I just want to --  
15 I want to piggyback on that a little bit of what  
16 Commissioner Andersen said, is I've been involved with  
17 state contracts before and actually, like, at the CalPERS  
18 level. So they have more flexibility. And it's  
19 absolutely true where what you go out and you scope  
20 changes as you go through the process, correct? And so  
21 as you go along you actually do make changes and  
22 amendments to the contract. And you know, you work --  
23 you go back to the vender and you're amending the  
24 contract in terms of what your additional scope and then  
25 the additional costs.

1           So I mean, that's my -- I guess I'm just a little  
2 concerned we're -- I appreciate, Raul, you bringing up  
3 that it's not including something, but I'm sure it's not  
4 including some other things too that we're not going to  
5 know about until, like, next month or the month after.  
6 And I feel at some point we have to just -- and I'm not  
7 saying it's right now, I'm just saying it's -- but at  
8 some point we have to just, you know, bite the bullet,  
9 have the contract, and then normally you do have -- there  
10 is a process to make amendments to it. Once -- you know,  
11 as you move along and you realize that you've got -- you  
12 know, there's like a change order or whatever you want to  
13 call it. But anyways. So that's -- and thank you,  
14 Commissioner Andersen, for bringing that up. Because,  
15 you know, I have had experience in that where you do have  
16 the contractor and you are able to change and add on to  
17 the scope as needed.

18           CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. I see you Commissioner  
19 Sinay and Le Mons, right before, and Yee, right before.  
20 The point that I wanted to say is that I'm hopeful that  
21 we will have opportunity to go back to the three small  
22 businesses that have applied and at least ask for  
23 question of their capabilities.

24           I don't know a lot of videographers, but the one  
25 that I'm -- I am familiar in working with, a lot of them



1 by being small business are actually used to going to  
2 remote sites and performing some of their services. So  
3 this may not be so far outside of their scope. Granted  
4 this has a little bit more, you know, degree of  
5 difficulty in what we're asking them to do. But if we  
6 could start by adding in having additional conversation  
7 and letting them tell us if this something that they  
8 think they'd be able to accomplish or not, it might  
9 inform us whether or not we need to automatically move to  
10 a master service agreement.

11 So I have now Commissioners Sinay, Le Mons, Yee, and  
12 Akutagawa.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Le Mons had his  
14 hand up first. Go ahead.

15 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner  
16 Sinay. And thank you, Madam Chair. First I want to  
17 thank Raul as well. I really appreciate the  
18 thoughtfulness that you brought to this, and the  
19 thoughtfulness you've brought to this process in general.  
20 I think that you have been an invaluable resource to us.  
21 I really wanted --

22 MR. VILLANUEVA: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: -- to appreciate you for  
24 that. And also the way you even manage the  
25 communication. I think you do it very brilliantly in

1 terms sharing your point of view. You're being very  
2 respectful of, you know, where that intersects with our  
3 role, etcetera. I really appreciate it.

4 I think that what I'm hearing and supporting of what  
5 Raul is saying, is I think there's a re-envisioning  
6 opportunity. And I think the comparison was to how we  
7 were looking at the line drawers. So we know that there  
8 is a set of tasks that these particular expertise bring,  
9 but because we're -- the fourteen of us, I think, are  
10 looking at things in different ways. So the most, I  
11 think, appropriate word that comes to my mind is  
12 reimagining, and is there an opportunity to reimagine  
13 this particular piece and how it's going to work; not  
14 just for the meeting facilitation, but some of the other  
15 things that we're going to need and want.

16 So I guess for me it would be a question of -- it  
17 sounds like we potentially have contracts in place that  
18 may be robust enough financially to take us through  
19 December, which gives us a little time, if that's indeed  
20 the case, to actually do this re-envisioning. And I  
21 think we could do it parallel to the re-envisioning that  
22 we're going to be doing with the line drawing.

23 So provided we don't create a gap in service,  
24 because we know we cannot have that --

25 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

1           COMMISSIONER LE MONS:  -- and we're able to do this  
2 re-envisioning opportunity, I would really support -- and  
3 not us figuring it out today, but us of course relooking  
4 at how we would approach this.  So that's -- that's my  
5 thought.

6           CHAIR TURNER:  Commissioner Sinay?  Thank you.

7           COMMISSIONER SINAY:  Thank you, the -- Commissioner  
8 Le Mons, and Madam Chair.  And Raul, I really appreciate  
9 that you are slowing us down, because sometimes I feel  
10 like you're speeding us up.  And this was a bit, hey,  
11 slow down and think about it.  So as Commissioner Le Mons  
12 said, your input is really valuable.  I would not have  
13 thought of what I'm thinking right now if you hadn't done  
14 that.

15           And in all my little Post-Its -- I am trying to  
16 organize all my little Post-Its -- I do -- I did write  
17 down different tool -- kind of workshop presentation,  
18 whatever, to understand what the world looks like.  What  
19 are -- what are our opportunities for using different  
20 technology and tools for engagement.  As much as we would  
21 like to say by December we'll be out in the community,  
22 really the news is saying, you know, it's going to be in  
23 that mid-2021.  And so we really need to stop looking at  
24 2010 and how it's been done, and look -- you know, and  
25 think differently --

1 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And so I do feel that one of  
3 our agenda items will have to be inviting different  
4 people who are looking at line mapping and which rules  
5 are there for line mapping for government meetings, as  
6 you were saying, not just public comments, but even how  
7 we engage and share. Is Zoom the best way?

8 Public engagement, you had brought it up, but in  
9 general, not just public comments, but how we're going to  
10 engage the community.

11 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You know, our dockets --  
13 there's so many different pieces that we need. And some  
14 things I think we -- we just want to be -- we want to  
15 explore with staff and some things staff is just -- we  
16 just need to say, hey, we need better this.

17 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: But it is a whole new world  
19 we're in. And if we've been in it for about seven --  
20 eight months, however long we've been in it, it's -- and  
21 people are really innovative, and so I would love to hear  
22 what is out there. Who's been trying things differently  
23 and what's what? We're not the only ones in this things  
24 that --

25 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

1           COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I would support exactly what  
2 Commissioner Le Mons said, is let's reimagine -- let's  
3 get the information we need to be able to reimagine. And  
4 then let's get the support we need to make that vision a  
5 reality.

6           CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Yee and then  
7 Akutagawa.

8           COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you and good morning  
9 everyone. On Commissioner Sinay's point she just made,  
10 I'm imagining there's like scores of state Commissions  
11 having this exact same conversation, because, you know,  
12 they all have similar requirements, you know, for public  
13 comment and videography and so forth. I guess I'm  
14 wondering -- it's probably a rabbit trail -- but I'm  
15 wondering if there's, you know, any office in the state  
16 government that's kind of looking at this at a more  
17 global level. How can we provide services for all these  
18 different bodies, Commissions, whatever, boards that do  
19 need these services, so --

20           And also, I'm wondering, you know, since, you know,  
21 every meeting we're going to need videography and public  
22 comment facilities functionality, is there any -- is  
23 there any point in maybe thinking about making this a  
24 staff position and staff functionality? You know, I know  
25 we don't meet every day, but if we're paying tons and

1 tons for outside contractors to do this, there could be  
2 some advantage to that maybe? But of course we'd have to  
3 get our own equipment and so on. I don't know.

4 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Is that realistic or even worth  
6 considering?

7 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Chair, everyone  
9 who's already commented. And Raul, I also want to add my  
10 thanks and appreciation to you. I'm glad that you  
11 brought up what you did. I think these are the kind of  
12 things that help us to be a better Commission in terms of  
13 hearing the public comment too. I think it helps us to  
14 think about things that maybe because of our own  
15 perspectives and our own blind spots, we may not have  
16 considered, or even thought to even realize that we  
17 should be considering. So I think that this was -- has  
18 been incredibly helpful.

19 I would -- two -- two things that I want to just  
20 build on. One is, I think about our time yesterday  
21 around the public comments and the concerns about making  
22 sure that people are going to be able to take part and  
23 the checks that have had to be enacted to make sure that  
24 the lines are open and other things like that. And as I  
25 think about that, it makes me think even more so that

1 what Raul was bringing up is an important part of our  
2 responsibility to the people of California, to ensure  
3 that there's -- as best, as efficient, as effective, and  
4 as -- and I'm going to say innovative ways in which we  
5 could use the tools that are out there to ensure that we  
6 can engage everybody in the best possible way.

7 I -- one of the things that kept going through my  
8 mind is, can we allow them to call in on the Zoom too, so  
9 that then we can see who's in queue. We can even see who  
10 was just curious and listening in. Or at least we can  
11 even see their faces, to be honest. So in a true kind of  
12 public meeting, we would be able to see them as well as  
13 they see us.

14 And so those are the kind of spots that I'm thinking  
15 about that would be good in terms of, as Commissioner Le  
16 Mons had said, reimagining what this could be. I feel  
17 like we're in a much different place. And most likely  
18 when we first drafted this, even though you knew that  
19 there was a COVID timeframe --

20 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uhm-huh.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- I don't think anybody  
22 thought that we were still going to be in this moment  
23 where we are today, still unable to meet in person and to  
24 travel. So I do -- I do want to just bring that up. And  
25 so -- I'll just stop there. I'll just stop there.

1 CHAIR TURNER: (Indiscernible). Okay. Fernandez,  
2 Andersen, Toledo.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I just want to comment to  
4 Commissioner Akutagawa, is -- in our -- in my school  
5 board meetings we also had Zoom, obviously, but we also  
6 had the capability of -- we had -- I think it was the --  
7 we separated people out in terms of an attendee versus  
8 actual, like, board member, Commissioner. And then if  
9 they wanted to do public comment, we had somebody that  
10 could actually bring them into -- so that we could see  
11 them. So there is that capability. And I would be  
12 hopeful that we could do that. And then maybe we're not  
13 dealing with the people calling in having telephone  
14 issues? But I mean that's a really --

15 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm surprised we didn't  
17 have it. But that just triggered my memory that it is  
18 possible to do that. So that's a good thing to look  
19 further into.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh. Commissioner Andersen?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. This is -- I'm  
22 trying to piggyback on a bunch of great ideas that we're  
23 all saying. I love Commissioner Le Mons' idea of  
24 reimagining the scope. And then Commissioner/Chair  
25 Turner, the way you said, well, what -- can we go back to



1 our three videographers who brought in their ideas? I  
2 think that dovetails exactly into what a couple of call-  
3 ins yesterday on the line drawing. Why don't we come up  
4 with like -- basically, putting off -- giving room for  
5 Commissioner Sinay to add her blue notes.

6 Let's add -- get experts to come in and present this  
7 information to us. To confirm yes, these things can  
8 happen. There -- I know a bunch of (indiscernible) and  
9 there are security issues with how you do this. But we  
10 don't need to go through this right now. We have experts  
11 who are bidding on it who can tell us what -- how -- the  
12 best ways to do these things. And we (indiscernible)  
13 with like the line drawing. We'll have some experts come  
14 and present to us. So we need to actually have -- almost  
15 like the -- you know we were talking about a little  
16 workshop. But more of a day of our next meeting,  
17 actually have these -- have people come or they can  
18 present -- or I -- the only thing that I need from Raul  
19 is how do we set something like this up, such that we can  
20 get (indiscernible) without having anyone who would want  
21 to bid on it to be these experts. How would they not get  
22 disqualified by doing that? So there's -- there's the  
23 logistics of that.

24 But basically, I think, we need to kind of back off  
25 for a minute and get our experts out there to tell us how

1 we -- their opinions, essentially.

2 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So we can evaluate -- well,  
4 look, video -- I'm sure the videographers are saying, oh,  
5 golly, guys, you can do this, and this, and this, and  
6 this. And we're fumbling around here because it's not  
7 our field.

8 MR. VILLANUEVA: Right. Right. Right.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's where I'm going.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Thank you. I see you,  
11 Raul. Can we go Toledo, Sadhwani, Raul, and then Turner?

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. Just very quickly. And  
13 can you hear me?

14 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh. Perfect. Thank you. So  
16 I also welcome the idea of re-envisioning or visioning a  
17 little bit more about this and updating the scope. And  
18 one thing that -- one element that I think is really  
19 critical for us to look at is also the security threats  
20 around all of our communications. And I know that this  
21 has been an -- this -- that we are, as a Commission,  
22 looking into this. But just -- one thing that -- our  
23 county government was recently -- had a -- I think it's  
24 referred to as a Zoom bombing, or a Zoom attack, or a  
25 cyber-attack --

1 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

2 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Yes. It is.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And it was pretty awful, and  
5 it was targeted -- it was a controversial issue though,  
6 thing, brought up. And because of that it -- it was a --  
7 it was actually an international attack. And so it  
8 stopped the whole process and brought it to a standstill.  
9 So I would hate for something like that to happen. For  
10 us to really think through security elements of it, given  
11 that the topics that we may be encountering might be of a  
12 controversy or of passion for some groups.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I -- thank you both  
15 (indiscernible). I so appreciate this comment of slowing  
16 down, reimagining. I agree with everything folks are  
17 saying. And to that end, I'm wondering, we've been on  
18 item 16 for a while now, and we've only covered two of  
19 the points. Both it seems like we're coming to this  
20 resolution of, we need to think about what our plan and  
21 process will be. So I'm wondering if at some point --  
22 and maybe that will be different for language  
23 interpretation -- well, language interpretation, my  
24 stance is we're going to have a long conversation about  
25 that too. (Indiscernible) American Sign Language,

1 because I think we recognize the need for it. We need  
2 all of them (indiscernible). I honestly wondered if we  
3 want (indiscernible). I honestly wonder if we want --

4 MS. JOHNSTON: Can you move closer to the mic?

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. If we want to move  
6 ourselves --

7 MS. JOHNSTON: You're breaking up.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh. Sorry. I thought I had  
9 put stuff --

10 MS. JOHNSTON: Right.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Is that better?

12 MS. JOHNSTON: For the moment, but it goes in and  
13 out.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. I'll switch to a head  
15 phone. I guess I'm kind of a -- wondering if we want to  
16 switch to item 23, so we can actually start having a  
17 wider conversation about vision, future, and then maybe  
18 come back to finalizing -- or having some conclusion  
19 about -- or is this something we want to punt to our next  
20 meeting to (indiscernible). Something of that nature.  
21 But just to -- I think we keep coming back to this piece  
22 of we need to think big picture before we can get to the  
23 details of contract.

24 So just in terms of process do we want to move --

25 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

1 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- forward and then kind of  
3 recognize that we need to come back to all these key  
4 (indiscernible), whether that's later today or at our  
5 next meeting.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh. Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I just wanted to say both  
8 Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Andersen, it's  
9 really hard to hear you today. So I don't know if both  
10 of you could please use mics or something, because you're  
11 both coming in and out.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Raul?

13 MR. VILLANUEVA: So rather than going to further  
14 discussion, I was going to tell you a little story about  
15 the line drawer thing. But instead let me -- let me  
16 move -- kind of move things forward. If you're at a  
17 point where you've decided that really you need to  
18 revision the original intent for that scope of work to  
19 find a more appropriate scope of work, then really the  
20 next step is to take a vote for -- really -- let me go  
21 back. Is someone would need to make a motion to reject  
22 that solicitation and to begin process for a new one.  
23 You don't have to delineate the process, but you do have  
24 to end that solicitation in a formal manner.

25 The other thing that I would suggest is instead of

1 moving too much forward, you're MSA contracts with the  
2 American Sign Language and the transcriptionists, those  
3 may be easier wins in terms of being able to decide -- to  
4 vote those in or not.

5       Also, I'd like to put on the table, yesterday there  
6 was a recommendation by a subcommittee, the subcommittee  
7 for the Chief of Counsel, to go out and do a search -- an  
8 executive search. So there are public entities that can  
9 do that. And you can then at -- so then you can have a  
10 motion for me to go and obtain the information for a  
11 perspective interagency agreement, which would be much  
12 faster. If you go with a private company, you're going  
13 to go RFP. And so my suggestion is allow me to do the  
14 interagency search first, and if you don't like that then  
15 you're looking at the RFP.

16       I know that's about three things on the list, but --

17       CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

18       COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. Let -- why don't we  
19 go one at a time? But I do -- I do agree Raul, we --  
20 because I think the transcription one, like you said, and  
21 the American Sign Language that -- we could go through  
22 that quickly because that's a multiple services agreement  
23 or something like that?

24       MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes, exactly.

25       COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So why don't we -- why

1 don't we go with the videographer --

2 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner -- Commissioner  
3 Fernandez, before you do that -- Commissioner Vazquez,  
4 did you raise your hand? Okay. Okay. Please, go ahead.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh. Okay. Okay, so -- so  
6 then I would do a motion that we -- we not make a  
7 decision on the videographer and go back and re-envision  
8 and -- re-look at the scope of the RFP.

9 MR. VILLANUEVA: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So that's my motion for  
11 that piece of it. Is that what you're looking for, Raul?

12 MR. VILLANUEVA: If I may. It has to be a little  
13 bit more direct than that. The motion would be that you  
14 reject the current solicitation --

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

16 MR. VILLANUEVA: -- and then the second part of --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So what I said plus  
18 reject it. Does that cover it?

19 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

21 MR. VILLANUEVA: Well, I -- I don't know -- I  
22 suppose. Marion should respond to that.

23 MS. JOHNSTON: Is there a second --

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Does that cover it, Marion?

25 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes. Is there a second?

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I think --

2 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fornaciari?

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'll second.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'll second.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

7 MS. JOHNSTON: You need public comment before you  
8 take a vote.

9 CHAIR TURNER: And before we do public comment, is  
10 there -- are there others in this grouping that we will  
11 be also making a motion on?

12 MR. VILLANUEVA: Oh. Very good.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh. That's right. So we  
14 should probably get all of them. Sorry. My bad. Okay.  
15 So that's one of them. That's one of the motions.  
16 What's the other motion?

17 The other motion -- oh. I don't know if we are in  
18 agreement of going forward with the Chief Counsel to do a  
19 public search contract and to direct Raul to look into  
20 that to see if there are interagency agreements?

21 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think that was the second  
23 piece, right Raul?

24 CHAIR TURNER: Oh. Is that -- that's not under 16.  
25 That's not under 16 I believe.



1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It is not. It is not.

2 CHAIR TURNER: So what we're looking for is  
3 resolution or a path forward for the language  
4 interpreter, transcription contract --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh. Okay.

6 CHAIR TURNER: -- and American Sign Language.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So for the  
8 transcription contract, I'll let -- and also for the  
9 American Sign Language, I'll let Raul talk about that,  
10 because those are --

11 MR. VILLANUEVA: Necessary --

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- state agreements --

13 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right? Right. Okay.

15 MR. VILLANUEVA: Okay. So those are both master  
16 services agreements, as I described yesterday. And by  
17 the way, I wasn't trying to give you full education on  
18 all the different types of contracts. There's probably  
19 about twenty, thirty, or more, or types of bidding.  
20 Anyway. So the master services agreement is done on --  
21 by the state on behalf of providing the opportunity for  
22 other entities within the state to obtain those services.  
23 So as such, they've already been pre-bid, the contractors  
24 have already been evaluated, the costs have already been  
25 negotiated, and the contract is in place. And so part of

1 the process then is identifying which of the vendors, per  
2 say, is the one that provides the services in your  
3 specific area; which is for the transcription and the  
4 American Sign Language, that's the case. I'd have --  
5 we'd have to pick the vendor here in Sacramento.

6 The contracts that I've developed with them take  
7 into consideration live-person as well as by video.  
8 Since we don't know when we'll be able to do a live-  
9 person again, but they include both. And they're  
10 amenable to that. There's a preliminary costing to set  
11 the basis of the budgeting for each of the contracts.  
12 And the rest of it is boilerplate. You have to -- you  
13 basically piggyback on the master services agreement.

14 Any questions? And you have copies of those. And  
15 they've also been posted, by the way.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee?

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: So there's no MSA for any of the  
18 other services, videography? So --

19 MR. VILLANUEVA: The videography, you could obtain  
20 that through the California Master -- the CMAS, master  
21 agreement. I haven't looked into that. But I know  
22 there's videography on that.

23 CHAIR TURNER: So -- Commissioner Sinay?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: My apologies. I -- I'm  
25 wondering if we're going too much in the weeds, to a

1 certain extent, on administrative right now just because  
2 we don't have the executive director. This one I'm --

3 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- fine with. But if we can  
5 kind of remember that we will have an executive director,  
6 hopefully in maybe, say a month. And, you know, and  
7 we're going to have to figure out how we're going to work  
8 with that executive director and other staff, because I  
9 kept reading admin -- you know, that the last Commission  
10 went too much into administrative, and I'm not sure what  
11 they meant by that. So I would like to meet with 2010  
12 and understand what they meant by that.

13 So just -- just so that we can differentiate what is  
14 administrative, what is -- you know, what is -- the  
15 different pieces that -- if there are things that we feel  
16 that we might want to wait until we have an executive  
17 director, because they're the one that's going to manage  
18 it, and we do have that time, then it might be good for  
19 us to spend our time that -- our limited time we have  
20 today on looking at more the vision, the gen -- the  
21 things we need to understand for our work that will slow  
22 down our timeline if we get too caught up in  
23 administrative.

24 MR. VILLANUEVA: Well, right now I can't extend the  
25 services for your meeting without the Commission

1 authorizing that to occur. Because I agree with you. A  
2 lot of things should wait for the executive director.  
3 But being able to have your meeting -- and so that's  
4 really why you're seeing these specific ones, the  
5 American Sign Language, the transcription, the  
6 videography. And then you'll have the discussion about  
7 the foreign language interpreter. Because those are the  
8 core basis for your meeting.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

10 MR. VILLANUEVA: And without them, your meetings  
11 stop and -- because I don't think we do them in the dark.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So we have a motion and a  
13 second for the videographer. And Raul, what you're  
14 speaking about now is a master service agreement for the  
15 transcription contract and for the American Sign  
16 Language?

17 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes, Chair.

18 CHAIR TURNER: So those two points. Is there a  
19 motion and second for those for further discussion?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm just going to --

21 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner -- uh-huh?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm just going to respond  
23 to Commissioner Sinay. In our subcommittee we were  
24 actually talking about -- gosh, I can't wait for the  
25 executive director to come on board so that we don't have

1 to do this. Because we know that right now we're having  
2 to do it because there is no one else. But yes,  
3 definitely looking forward to staff coming on board, and  
4 then it would be them reporting to us and us not having  
5 to review this to the detail --

6 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- and get, you know, our  
9 fingers into it; which we shouldn't have to. And in  
10 terms of for transcription and sign language, I guess I  
11 make a motion to move forward with those. I guess it  
12 would be separate -- separate or can I --

13 MS. JOHNSTON: You can --

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- combine them?

15 MS. JOHNSTON: You can combine them.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So that we go  
17 forward with the MSA agreements with both of those.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Toledo, were you  
19 waiting?

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No. No. Sorry about that.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Oh. Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'll second the motion.

23 MS. JOHNSTON: I'm sorry. Who was that?

24 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yee.

1 MR. VILLANUEVA: I have a point of order, please.  
2 Marion, do they have to specify the specific contractor  
3 in each one, or can they -- can the motion be general  
4 like that, that -- because they've seen the MSA?

5 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes. They can be -- to -- you're  
6 approving the ones that are currently in place.

7 MR. VILLANUEVA: Very good.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So we have --

9 MR. VILLANUEVA: Thank you.

10 CHAIR TURNER: -- a motion and second for the  
11 videographer solicitation, and together a motion and a  
12 second for American Sign Language and transcription  
13 contract. And so under 16, what's left is the language  
14 interpretation, solicitation, and there's a discussion of  
15 options that we can have there.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: And I have one comment about the line  
17 drawing, Madam Chair.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Oh. Yes. I'm -- thank you, Marion.  
19 Please go on. Go onto this side.

20 MS. JOHNSTON: On the line drawing, first of all, I  
21 wanted to call your attention to section 8253(b) of the  
22 government code, which says that the legislature shall  
23 develop -- provide the public with access to a computer  
24 software for drawing maps. And I was informed yesterday  
25 by the assembly representative that that is in process.

1 There's a beta version of it. It should be ready soon  
2 for the Commission to explore. And he would like to have  
3 that on the agenda for the next meeting. But that will  
4 help with public input on line drawing.

5 And secondly, I want to correct a misstatement I  
6 made yesterday. I misunderstood Karin MacDonald. She  
7 did not apply for the first line drawing, but she has not  
8 decided yet whether she wanted to apply when you redo it.  
9 So I just wanted to correct that mistake on my part.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. On the language  
11 interpreter solicitation, is there -- are there any  
12 questions, comments? Because subcommittee, I don't  
13 think -- did you have that one? I don't think so. Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No. We didn't -- we didn't  
15 have that. I think that Raul was going to talk about it,  
16 because he -- well, he mentioned about potentially small  
17 business, MSA, or bid. So I wasn't sure. There hadn't  
18 been any work done on it yet.

19 MS. JOHNSTON: I think we need some parameters from  
20 the commissioners about how extensive services you wish  
21 to have.

22 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh. Thank you. Commissioner  
24 Sinay and Commissioner Andersen next.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: In general, this -- on this

1 whole contracts thing, when we're looking at small  
2 businesses, does that include nonprofits? And how -- do  
3 we have the capacity to do grants or are, you know, or  
4 contracts with nonprofits, both on this language -- this  
5 language, you know, capacity piece, as well as in the  
6 future when we're talking about outreach -- that's a long  
7 time away, but just for me to have an understanding of  
8 how has the government set up parameters to contract with  
9 the nonprofit community?

10 MR. VILLANUEVA: So as far as the small business  
11 option, that's actually a certification you apply. It's  
12 very straightforward, very "easy to get" in terms of the  
13 requirements. There's not -- and by easy, I mean there's  
14 not a lot of bureaucracy; it's been very streamlined. So  
15 if you're going to -- when you do a small business  
16 solicitation, there's a whole database of businesses that  
17 have the small business certification and Disabled  
18 Veteran Business Enterprise certification. And you go  
19 straight to that database.

20 In regards to contracting with a nonprofit entity, I  
21 would have to look into that.

22 MS. JOHNSTON: A nonprofit could qualify as a small  
23 business, but we don't know if they have yet.

24 MR. VILLANUEVA: I don't know enough to -- I would  
25 want to learn more to be able to provide you reliable



1 information. I'm not at that place right now. I mean,  
2 that could be -- I just don't know.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can I do a follow-up?

4 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: My concern is, as I said  
6 yesterday, is that there is a tradition -- I don't know  
7 if tradition's the right way, but there is an expectation  
8 a lot of time when government, academics, others go into  
9 communities to expect the communities to do the work for  
10 free.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I don't want us continuing  
13 that practice. And so I really want us to think, how are  
14 we going to make sure that community groups or  
15 individuals in the community get funded appropriately.

16 And I also would say that I wish that the speakers  
17 who spoke to us did get paid because to me, that's a  
18 cleaner line that we hired you to do this versus they did  
19 it and we, you know -- what conflicts of interest  
20 statements, things like that, did we ask of them?

21 So I just want us, not at this -- not right now, and  
22 maybe to put it in the agenda, is to really think through  
23 how we create the walls, because we really have created a  
24 really big wall between us and the community advocacy  
25 groups that we make them call in and do public

1 statements, and we haven't made the academics, who are  
2 known.

3 I mean, if you look at our speakers, they weren't  
4 very diverse ethnically. They weren't very diverse  
5 professionally. They weren't almost very diverse gender-  
6 wise. So I really want us to think about equity --  
7 access to equity, our own access to diverse information  
8 and diverse speakers. And so when I'm saying hey, we  
9 need to think through how we're going to pay the  
10 community for the work they're doing, I'm also saying  
11 hey, we need to pay academics for the work they're doing  
12 and we need to pay, you know, whatever. I just want us  
13 to really think through how we do this ethically,  
14 equitable, and sustainable for the community.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa  
16 and then Commissioner Kennedy, please?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. And I just want  
18 to support what Commissioner Sinay said also as well,  
19 too. I think -- this wasn't my original comment, but I  
20 do want to just build upon what she said. I think that  
21 there's going to be some value that we would get from  
22 other sources other than just academics. And I say  
23 because for example, our public commenter, Sofia Garcia,  
24 from the Dolores Huerta Foundation yesterday, she brought  
25 up some really important points that again, I think this

1 is what I referred to earlier, that they help us to think  
2 through things that perhaps we may not have even realized  
3 to ask.

4       So I do want to just say that having some other  
5 opportunities to utilize someone other than just a  
6 company or an academic would be helpful, in terms of  
7 being able to assess, you know, where are we going to get  
8 the best kind of services that will help us to look at  
9 all the different angles.

10       I do want to say, though, in terms of the small  
11 business certification, I am aware -- so I run a  
12 nonprofit. We have tried to get small business  
13 certification, but because we're a nonprofit, we do not  
14 fit cleanly for that kind of certification.

15       So nonprofits, you're -- at least in my experience,  
16 I don't know if you're going to find those that have that  
17 kind of certification. We fit in this other weird  
18 category because we're a nonprofit, so I think it's going  
19 to be a question of whether or not as a nonprofit  
20 organization, would one of the many various organizations  
21 that provide language interpretation services; would they  
22 be qualified as a potential bidder for a contract to  
23 provide interpretation services?

24       And I do agree that many times, those that have  
25 their specialized language capabilities are oftentimes

1 asked to do it for free. And given how stretched  
2 nonprofits are right now, the smart ones, I will say, are  
3 saying no if they can't do it, unless they're going to  
4 get paid because there's just -- they just don't have the  
5 bandwidth or the capabilities of doing everything that  
6 they're committed to doing, but are -- and then trying to  
7 do other things that they're not getting paid to do, but  
8 still may be in alignment with their work and their  
9 mission, but are just not getting paid.

10 I know that there's a lot of hard choices being made  
11 right now, so I think as much as we can be mindful of  
12 being able to pay people for their services, I think most  
13 people would probably very much appreciate it in this  
14 current time right now.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.  
16 Totally in agreement.

17 Commissioner Kennedy, Andersen, and Sadhwani, and --  
18 yeah.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam Chair.

20 For Raul and for Marian, do we have the possibility,  
21 in the case of invited speakers; do we have the  
22 possibility of offering an honorarium, you know, even if  
23 it's something like, you know --

24 MR. VILLANUEVA: I don't think so.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- one day of our per diem,

1 you know. If our per diem is 375 dollars, when we invite  
2 someone in to speak, we pay them 375 dollars in the form  
3 of an honorarium, without having to go out for bids and  
4 stuff.

5 MS. JOHNSTON: I don't believe so.

6 MR. VILLANUEVA: If I may also, I don't disagree  
7 with -- on one level with a lot of the ideas that are  
8 being put out. At a certain point, though, you've got to  
9 remember, you're a state Commission, okay? And because  
10 you're a state Commission, there are certain  
11 restrictions, if you want to look at them that way. The  
12 other way to look at them is there's certain  
13 responsibilities because you're a state Commission and  
14 you're paid with state dollars. That carries certain  
15 responsibilities and certain requirements.

16 So while some of these ideas are really good in the  
17 abstract, trying to figure out how you intersect them  
18 with you as a state Commission could be challenging. So  
19 that's why with the question about can you contract, or  
20 how do you contract with nonprofits, I don't know. I  
21 would have to look into that. Nonprofits is a notion  
22 this big; there's a lot of different types of entities.  
23 That's not an easy one, you know. But I have no problem  
24 going and investigating that for you.

25 MS. JOHNSTON: And on the honorarium question, the

1 honorarium is payment to you for your work. You can't  
2 transform that somehow into a payment to someone else. I  
3 mean, you personally could make a gift of it, I suppose,  
4 but it cannot be a Commission decision.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right. I mean, I was just  
6 using that as a yardstick.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Right.

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I mean, I've been -- I've  
9 lectured at the Foreign Service Institute and other  
10 places and received honoraria of 250 a day or 500 a day,  
11 depending on, you know, and some of these are government  
12 entities like the Foreign Service Institute; others are  
13 not.

14 MR. VILLANUEVA: Right.

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: But you know, generally, an  
16 honorarium is not intended to fully compensate for  
17 someone's time --

18 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: But it is intended to, you  
20 know, express understanding that a person's time is  
21 valuable.

22 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And so when I mentioned our  
24 per diem rate, that was just as a yardstick.

25 MR. VILLANUEVA: Right.

1           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: That would fall in that range  
2 of honoraria that I've received when I've gone out and  
3 spoken at various places. Thank you.

4           CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh. Thank you. Commissioner  
5 Andersen, Sadhwani, Yee, and Le Mons.

6           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Can  
7 everyone hear me, or am I breaking up?

8           MS. JOHNSTON: You're better.

9           CHAIR TURNER: You've been good for right now.

10          COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. I'm getting a -- I  
11 need to get a microphone.

12          So basically, we don't have to reinvent the wheel on  
13 this, it turns out. The court system has been looking at  
14 interpreters and video interpreters for several years  
15 now, and this is -- it's a really crucial, important  
16 issue. We need interpreters who can -- basically that we  
17 supply. And I totally agree with the idea, we don't want  
18 to have to have our nonprofits paying for this service.  
19 It should be on us, as we -- our American Sign Language  
20 interpreters and transcribers. We incur these costs for  
21 us.

22          And the court system actually does have something  
23 like this in place. I don't know the -- I don't  
24 understand the full details of it, but there is a person  
25 who was involved in early pilot programs for that, and

1 who could possibly come and speak to us about the latest  
2 ways that these are all being done, and it's not just the  
3 court system, but it's other state organizations also.

4 And my understanding, having a brief discussion with  
5 her, is that there's also the same group, they actually  
6 have the areas of the state; if you say I'm going to go  
7 to, you know, Butte County.

8 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And they'll say, ah, up in  
10 Butte County, these are the common other languages that  
11 are spoken. And they have up to six different ones in  
12 all different areas. And they're not just, oh, yeah,  
13 they're Spanish or it's -- oh, there's Phuong. There's  
14 different dialects of Vietnamese. And then they actually  
15 get those experts, and they can say, if you're going  
16 here, these are the language experts you need, and then I  
17 believe there's a group that then can supply those  
18 people --

19 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes, yes, yes.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- to us. Then it's up to  
21 us to make sure that that's correct.

22 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: But -- so it's like, we  
24 could then check with our nonprofits --

25 MR. VILLANUEVA: Certified court reporters.



1           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN:  -- or our advocates in the  
2 areas to say, are these the languages that you need.  If  
3 they say yes, they are indeed, then we could actually  
4 hire them through this -- through a company who we've  
5 hired.

6           MR. VILLANUEVA:  Right.

7           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN:  So I'd like to, as part of,  
8 like, this next -- bring in a few experts to talk to us  
9 about it before we move ahead, I'd like to actually see  
10 if we could bring this person in, actually explain to us  
11 about this, about what their knowledge is.  And I'd like  
12 to see if Raul can pursue this a little further because  
13 my understanding is a bit shaky.  And if he could pursue  
14 this to see if that's indeed the right direction.

15          MR. VILLANUEVA:  Right.

16          CHAIR TURNER:  Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

17                 And Raul, if you want to respond to Commissioner  
18 Andersen, please?

19          MR. VILLANUEVA:  I just wanted to comment quickly  
20 that she -- Commissioner Andersen is talking about the  
21 certified court reporter's program.  The discussion you  
22 had with Olivia over at CSA?

23          COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN:  Yes --

24          MR. VILLANUEVA:  Yes.

25          COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN:  -- except that that, you

1 know, so that has gone; there are other programs out  
2 there that are doing things like this --

3 MR. VILLANUEVA: Right.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- to become just a court  
5 reporter.

6 MR. VILLANUEVA: Right. So they have a database  
7 that -- so it's two things. One is, they have -- so in  
8 terms of the database regarding the languages that are  
9 spoken in different areas so that they have the right  
10 court interpreters to service the courts in those areas,  
11 that is part of that.

12 I did identify a small business that they specialize  
13 in providing interpretation services by certified court  
14 interpreters, and I'm looking into that. Anyway. So  
15 yeah, it's a higher level of interpretation sometimes,  
16 and you have to be careful when you're working with  
17 interpreters, because sometimes they'll work with an  
18 informal version of the language. So an example with  
19 Spanish, I can speak Spanish, and so I understand when  
20 it's a little bit less formal and -- anyway. And so you  
21 have to be careful with your -- the level of interpreter  
22 skill with the vendor, is what I'm going towards.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

24 Commissioner Sadhwani, Lee, and Le Mons. Can't hear  
25 you.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Can you hear me now?

2 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. Well, the speaker  
4 thing doesn't work.

5 So first, I just wanted to say I really appreciate  
6 this conversation. You know, I so appreciate  
7 Commissioner Sinay's comments about ensuring that we are  
8 hearing that there's (indiscernible); I really appreciate  
9 that. Thank you.

10 To that end, as I mentioned before, I feel like this  
11 live interpreter piece warrants a larger conversation  
12 about our process at raising an issue, how we move  
13 forward, et cetera, with this entire process.

14 If we are, as a state Commission, we need to hire a  
15 small business language interpretation service, I'm fine  
16 with that, and I think that we can also think broadly  
17 about how we engage community-based organizations just as  
18 we have talked about. And in addition to hiring one  
19 chief counsel, we might have additional legal  
20 consultants. I think we can think broadly and outside of  
21 the box about having community consultant -- community  
22 outreach consultants as well, that we can contract with,  
23 because I do agree that we cannot expect that community  
24 organizations or members are going to be acting for free  
25 on our behalf or, you know -- in order to support us in

1 some way.

2 So I think (indiscernible), there might be ways for  
3 us to think about that broader image and ensuring  
4 compensation for that. And I, you know, I agree that the  
5 people that we've talked (indiscernible), should be  
6 compensated as well at some level (indiscernible) or  
7 something.

8 But again, I would just reiterate that I think this  
9 is really for a different conversation and we can wrap up  
10 the pieces about transcription, and that's how we would  
11 come to that in a broader conversation.

12 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani, I  
14 think it's the equipment that we're using. We really are  
15 going to have to get to the point of how we can change  
16 these computers out and these phones. They're so  
17 unreliable and unpredictable as to when it will or won't  
18 work.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Or if we could, you know,  
20 just a good, you know, microphones, it'd really help.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Good headset, yeah.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can I make a recommendation?

24 Commissioner Sadhwani, you're still going in and out, and  
25 I know that you put in your mic and your headsets, so you

1 may need to call in and participate. You can watch us on  
2 the video but call in when you need to speak. But we can  
3 keep trying.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Am I coming through  
5 okay?

6 MR. VILLANUEVA: Dial 877 --

7 CHAIR TURNER: Sometimes, Commissioner Andersen --

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You're going in and out as  
9 well.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right. Okay.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners Yee and then Le Mons,  
12 please?

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. So I'm certainly all  
14 for compensating generously, especially to help smaller  
15 nonprofits and so forth, and to increase diversity.

16 Just a quick footnote, sometimes when presenters  
17 come and so forth, it can be the case that it's within  
18 their, you know, their job description and their day job.  
19 I mean, I've been on that -- on the other side myself.  
20 And so for instance, for Karin MacDonald, she is the  
21 director of the state database, the Statewide Database,  
22 and I don't know, but it may be the case that part of her  
23 job description is outreach, you know, which would  
24 include groups like us, so --

25 I mean, I'd love to pay her to talk about anything

1 any day, top dollar, but just to point out that  
2 sometimes -- I mean, pro bono is not just doing a favor;  
3 sometimes it is within the scope of --

4 MR. VILLANUEVA: Uh-huh.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- a person's job to provide  
6 information and outreach like that.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh. Thank you for pointing that  
8 out.

9 Commissioner Le Mons?

10 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes, thank you for pointing  
11 that out, Commissioner Yee. I was going to say something  
12 similar.

13 In addition, I think we convoluted a lot of  
14 different points. I wanted to suggest that we give Raul  
15 a very specific instruction to try to identify pathways  
16 to be able to support nonprofit contribution and be  
17 compensated, so that's something that needs to be  
18 investigated and brought back what our options are.

19 The philosophical position of not expecting  
20 nonprofits to give services for free, support that, no  
21 assumption there that they ought to or should. I don't  
22 think we necessarily had that assumption. I think more  
23 importantly is how do we create a way so that we can  
24 support, appropriately through compensation, if they're  
25 outside of our current contracting systems, in the

1 context of the discussion that we're having currently.

2       And same being with the various programs that are  
3 available to us with regard to language services. I'm  
4 now confused as to what exactly we are talking about  
5 specifically with regard to language services right now.  
6 I think that what we're trying to make a decision on is  
7 whether or not to continue with the Master Agreement  
8 that's in place. I need to have that clarified, and then  
9 if that limits us to any of the things that we've  
10 identified as desires in the last few minutes, then it  
11 would help me understand whether we move forward with  
12 that. If we can augment, then that would help me  
13 understand that we don't need to necessarily stop this  
14 particular process, but we want to be looking at  
15 augmentation as we move forward.

16       So if somebody could clarify the language, what  
17 we're actually trying to decide on the language piece  
18 right now.

19       CHAIR TURNER: Absolutely. With the language  
20 interpreter solicitation, because there was no  
21 subcommittee dealing with it, it has been kind of a broad  
22 conversation, but there are some options as to whether to  
23 continue with the Master Service Agreement in place, and  
24 then I think it came up because of discussions on the  
25 calls, as far as the inadequacies, perhaps in the moment

1 that we're in, that would allow people to call in from  
2 different languages, have access. And so I think we're  
3 just trying to broaden that out and see if it's still  
4 applicable, or if there are other opportunities that we  
5 need.

6 Commissioner Andersen and Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'll lean in and hopefully  
8 you can hear me. Do we have a Master Service right now  
9 for any language interpretation -- I didn't think --

10 CHAIR TURNER: We do not. Okay. Well, good we're  
11 clarifying, Commissioner Le Mons.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I don't think there's  
13 anything right now. MR. VILLANUEVA: No.

14 CHAIR TURNER: All right. Thank you.

15 And Commissioner Fernandez?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. You're absolutely  
17 right. There isn't anything in place right now and I  
18 think it was more of a discussion of if we're going to --  
19 if as a Commission we want something in place and if so,  
20 then provide the direction as to what we want. So there  
21 isn't something right now.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

23 Commissioner Fornaciari?

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes, that's correct. So I  
25 would just echo what I think Commissioner Sadhwani said.



1 This is a much bigger conversation for us to get to the  
2 bottom of it now. I think we've given Raul some  
3 direction to -- some direction at least to get started,  
4 but I think this couples in with, you know, the planning  
5 we're going to be doing on how we're going to execute our  
6 work and that will -- that planning will help inform, you  
7 know, exactly what we need in language interpretation  
8 services and how we want to go about getting it.

9 So I propose at this point that we put this issue  
10 aside and we take it up at a later date, and that we go  
11 forward with public comment on the motions that are on  
12 the table at this point, and then do the votes, and then  
13 wrap up action item -- or agenda item 16.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Before we do that, Raul,  
15 are you -- do you have clear direction on this particular  
16 item?

17 MR. VILLANUEVA: In regards to real-time  
18 interpretation during the meeting as needed, yes.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

20 MR. VILLANUEVA: I haven't heard -- because there  
21 was other discussions on translating the entire meeting;  
22 I haven't heard that, so I won't be looking at that right  
23 now. But as far as real-time interpretation of a speaker  
24 during the meeting, yes.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Great. So Commissioner

1 Fornaciari, yes, all can move forward with what -- now  
2 that we're all clear of what Raul's going to do at this  
3 time.

4 Is there a motion?

5 MS. JOHNSTON: You don't need a motion to instruct  
6 Raul. He will come back with proposal for you next time.

7 MR. VILLANUEVA: You just got to tell me.

8 CHAIR TURNER: All right. Okay. And I think  
9 Commissioner Fornaciari did indicate. Commissioner  
10 Kennedy?

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just  
12 to clarify, we are including interpretation when someone  
13 calls in with public comment in a language other than  
14 English?

15 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes. So an email came to me and  
16 asked about that, and I responded that like right now,  
17 the Department of Consumer Affairs offers that service,  
18 so anytime you walk into a Board office, you just pick up  
19 the phone, indicate what language you need to be able to  
20 work with, dial in the number, and there's the  
21 interpreter right there. That may be a state contract,  
22 in which case it would be easier for us to access  
23 something like that.

24 So that was one of the directions that I was looking  
25 at; I was offered some other options to look at.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. And so do we need a motion to  
3 table this, or are we just going to table it?

4 MS. JOHNSTON: You just instruct Raul to come back  
5 at your next meeting.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So Raul, could you please come  
7 back with the detail for our next meeting for the  
8 language interpretation solicitation.

9 And so at this point, we will go to public comment,  
10 because we have motions on all of the other pieces. And  
11 this public comment line, we're opening the line for  
12 public comment on agenda item number 16 only, please.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. If you wish  
14 to express public comment on agenda item 16, you may  
15 press 1 and then 0 on your telephone.

16 (Pause)

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: While we're waiting, can you  
18 hear me better now? Yes. Okay, good. Thank you. I  
19 changed around mics.

20 MR. VILLANUEVA: Very good.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm going to grab my son's  
22 gaming headset soon.

23 MR. VILLANUEVA: Oh. That's good.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You may be disappointed when  
25 they won't fit in that socket, in the jack. Because

1 these computers are older, you have to find the right  
2 jack.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, he'll get an adaptor for  
4 me.

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I think there's something --

6 CHAIR TURNER: How are we doing, Ryan?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There are no lines in  
8 queue.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Marian, can we go to vote,  
10 please?

11 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes. The first motion is to reject  
12 the videographer proposals and to have a discussion at  
13 the next meeting, re-envisioning what you would like to  
14 see for videography.

15 Commissioner Ahmad?

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Akutagawa?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Andersen?

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

21 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

23 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fornaciari?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

25 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Kennedy?

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

2 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Le Mons?

3 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

4 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sadhwani?

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

6 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sinay?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

8 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Taylor?

9 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

10 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Toledo?

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Turner?

13 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Vazquez?

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Yee?

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSTON: That motion passes. Madam Chair?

19 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

20 MS. JOHNSTON: The next motion is to extend -- is

21 that the right word?

22 MR. VILLANUEVA: No, to -- to --

23 MS. JOHNSTON: Renew?

24 MR. VILLANUEVA: To hire.

25 MS. JOHNSTON: To hire. Okay.

1 MR. VILLANUEVA: Well, to contract. To go ahead and  
2 contract.

3 MS. JOHNSTON: The next motion is to go ahead and  
4 contract through the master services agreement for  
5 transcription services and ASL services.

6 Commissioner Ahmad?

7 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

8 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Akutagawa?

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

10 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Andersen?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fornaciari?

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Kennedy?

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Le Mons?

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sadhwani?

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sinay?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Taylor?

25 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Toledo?

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Turner?

4 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Vazquez?

6 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

7 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Yee?

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Someday I'm going to be the  
9 tiebreaker. Someday.

10 MS. JOHNSTON: Now you just make it unanimous. The  
11 motion passes.

12 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: You hold the unanimous power.

13 MR. VILLANUEVA: That was good.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you so much. Commissioners,  
15 we'll go to break at this time. And we'll be back at --  
16 let's take until 11:15, we'll be back. Thank you.

17 (Whereupon, a recess was held.)

18 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Welcome back from break. And  
19 we will continue on our agenda items. And what I'd like  
20 to do is to get a follow-up on, I think it was agenda  
21 item 14 on the Chief Counsel recruitment. Was there  
22 another piece there that needed to come back?

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I believe the only thing was  
24 potentially entering into a -- and I don't know if this  
25 is something we can bring a motion on, is to potentially

1 contract for recruiting incentive.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Actually, can we -- I do  
3 have a bit more information on that, which I want to talk  
4 to Commissioner Toledo at lunch about. But could we  
5 postpone -- I think there's possibly a better way of  
6 doing this, which might be more efficient.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So could we hold off  
9 negotiation until post-lunch?

10 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Then I'd like to go to the  
11 follow-up on the report -- the census report -- response.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. Thanks, Madam Chair.  
13 We -- Commissioner Toledo and I prepared draft letters  
14 for your review, and edits, or approval. We also  
15 accompanied with that a memo, kind of outlining our  
16 thoughts of the strategy there.

17 So we included a draft letter to the Secretary of  
18 State and Census Bureau Director, as the first letter.  
19 Using almost exactly that same language, we also prepared  
20 letters for your review to Senator Harris, our senator  
21 here in California, who is authoring the senate version  
22 of the bill that they are -- as they prepare an  
23 accountable census act, as well as Representative Maloney  
24 from New York.

25 The bill in the Senate is currently in the Homeland



1 Security Committee. So before it would move forward, it  
2 has to go through that committee. So we also included a  
3 letter to Senator Ron Johnson -- I believe that's his  
4 name, correct -- of Wisconsin, who is the head of that  
5 committee, who would ultimately have the authority to  
6 move it forward.

7 So we certainly welcome your feedback to that. I  
8 don't know if that letter has -- and memo has made it up  
9 on the website yet. But certainly, we welcome feedback  
10 from the other commissioners in terms of their level of  
11 comfortability. And then when we had had this  
12 conversation before, we had said we would start with a  
13 letter and then discuss the possibility of an amicus  
14 brief, or even joining the lawsuits.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: At the advice given from  
17 counsel the other day, here in the public -- you know, in  
18 our public meeting, I had went ahead and sent emails to  
19 the lead counsel of two different lawsuits that are  
20 occurring. One being brought by both MALDEF and Asian  
21 Americans Advancing Justice, and another one representing  
22 the National Urban League and a number of others --  
23 including, I believe, the state of California and the  
24 city of Los Angeles.

25 I actually have not heard back from any of those

1 emails that were sent. So I don't have much to report  
2 back there. I don't think that it has to prevent us from  
3 at least a conversation around an amicus brief that we  
4 can do independently, on our own. But certainly, I don't  
5 have anything to share about the ideas that were brought  
6 up previously about joining litigation.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Toledo?

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes. So I would -- I would  
9 suggest that we maybe take some of these in steps.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Correct.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So if we start with a letter  
12 to the Census Bureau and to the director because that's  
13 ultimately what the full Commission wanted us to draft.  
14 So let's -- and the focus of that letter is really around  
15 the quality of the data, the potential for litigation,  
16 the -- if we get data that's inaccurate and incomplete,  
17 the importance of securing complete and accurate data for  
18 the state of California, so that we can do our job. And  
19 just highlighting the challenges that exist in California  
20 around obtaining complete and accurate data and urging  
21 them to take the time that's necessary to get a complete  
22 count, and to do the quality controls, the follow-ups,  
23 the -- I forget the exact terminology -- it's the --

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Post-processing.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Post-processing. Thank you.

1 That's necessary to get us data that will reduce our risk  
2 in terms of litigation.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So -- and so it's a very -- I  
5 would say it's a very non-partisan letter in the sense of  
6 we're urging for a complete and full count of  
7 California's -- California's population so that we can --  
8 so that we can do our job.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And so it's -- and so  
11 that's -- that's the -- that's that letter. And we -- so  
12 maybe we can begin there and just see if there's any  
13 discussion around that.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Toledo, you want  
15 to lead that discussion?

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: In terms of the discussion  
17 that we focused --

18 CHAIR TURNER: In terms of -- no, no. I'm sorry.  
19 In terms of, Commissioners, if you have any response --

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh. Okay.

21 CHAIR TURNER: -- to the letter and just  
22 (indiscernible).

23 Commissioner Fernandez and Le Mons.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. First of all, I just  
25 want to thank you both. I read the letters and I thank

1 you for the time and effort that you put into that. It  
2 really brings home what we're trying to do and what our  
3 concerns are.

4       The only question I had on the one for the Census  
5 Bureau is on the second paragraph, the first sentence  
6 talks about the work of the -- of our Commission and that  
7 we rely on the census data. And it says -- the letter  
8 says reapportionment decisions. I thought it was -- it  
9 should be more appropriate -- would it be, to say  
10 redistricting decisions versus reapportionment? I  
11 mean -- but we kind of went through that, like --

12       COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: We can make that change.  
13 That's a good -- that's a good catch. Thank you.

14       COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. And that was the  
15 only -- and then my other -- I'm not an English major but  
16 I'm thinking -- I'm thinking this is going to be, you  
17 know, something that is formal, will go out there. And  
18 you know, we refer to April 13th. And I would -- I would  
19 advise, you know, making -- putting the year in there,  
20 also. I mean, because, you know, ten years down the  
21 road -- yeah. I'm not an English major, but I'm just  
22 thinking -- and I realize that's how the letter was that  
23 I believe the U.S. Senate sent. They just put the 13th;  
24 they didn't put the year. I think I'm just more of like  
25 on the legal side. You always try to put the --

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: We'll definitely put the year  
2 in.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- year. So that was the  
4 only thing. But other than that, thank you so much. I  
5 mean, I really -- it was well read. So thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Le Mons?

8 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Thank you as well to the both  
9 of you on your working effort on this. I support the  
10 letters 2000 percent. And non-party affiliate is how I  
11 would be characterized. And there was a question in  
12 there.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. That was raised,  
14 actually, Marian had raised that for us, and I thought  
15 that was very astute. Technically speaking, our, you  
16 know, non-party affiliated friends on the Commission,  
17 colleagues, I think are identified as not being a member  
18 of one of the two major parties, technically. Right? So  
19 if anyone -- I think this is an opportunity -- if you all  
20 want to be identified -- however you want to be  
21 identified, please let me know. Let us know.

22 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Do we have an option or is  
23 there --

24 MS. JOHNSTON: There's no standard option. You can  
25 come up with one you like.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh, okay. The non-party  
2 affiliate.

3 MS. JOHNSTON: Well, but some -- you may be a party  
4 affiliate of a different party.

5 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No, I'm not.

6 MS. JOHNSTON: Okay. If none of you are --

7 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'm clear on what I'm saying.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm not either so --

9 MS. JOHNSTON: Is that true -- is that true of all  
10 the non-affiliated?

11 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSTON: If that's true, then non-party is  
13 fine.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No libertarians or green  
15 party?

16 MS. JOHNSTON: Could be.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa and  
18 Commissioner Vazquez.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just want to say that I  
20 think the official term on the voter registration is  
21 decline to state.

22 MS. JOHNSTON: Well, not necessarily because you  
23 could state another -- a minority party.

24 MS. JOHNSTON: Oh, that's -- okay.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Vazquez, go ahead.

1           COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Along this line, I  
2 guess it's sort of up to the Commission and possibly the  
3 authors or maybe we need something more specific. But a  
4 couple of the -- a couple of times it's mentioned we're a  
5 bipartisan Commission -- and I'm just -- I'm curious if  
6 we need to change that to multi-partisan? Multi-  
7 partisan?

8           COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Would that be non-partisan?

9           COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I --

10          COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I thought about that,  
11 too. And I -- in terms of the bipartisan. But there  
12 really are two parties, and the rest of us are non-party  
13 affiliates, like, kind of -- and so I went back and forth  
14 on that. I did try nonpartisan as well and that didn't  
15 seem -- so we -- we're open to whatever the Commission  
16 wants to use.

17          COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Personally, I would recommend  
18 not non-partisan because I do think that we've been put  
19 together in many ways based on our party or non-party  
20 affiliations.

21          So to me, that's -- that doesn't say non-partisan.  
22 It just means we have -- parties have come together based  
23 on some previous agreements. I don't -- to me  
24 nonpartisan doesn't fit, and I'm sort of agnostic as to  
25 what the other term is, whether it's bipartisan or multi-

1 partisan.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Bipartisan plus, maybe.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Well, generally in advocacy  
4 letters, what I've seen is bipartisan because we really  
5 are a two-party system with -- two major parties, right?  
6 And the two major parties come together, and even though  
7 there are others involved but we can -- that doesn't mean  
8 that that's correct or the best terminology, but that's  
9 what I've seen in previously, right. And colloquially  
10 it's --

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah.

12 CHAIR TURNER: I see Commissioner Le Mons, there was  
13 a hand before you. Commissioner Andersen and then  
14 Commissioner Le Mons. And then Commissioner Kennedy.  
15 I'm sorry.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I think Commissioner Kennedy  
17 was first, so if you want to go ahead.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: You can go ahead. I'll hold  
19 for a second.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Can people hear me?

21 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. A couple of things.  
23 Oh, on the bipartisan, remember in California we're used  
24 to multi-party and stuff, but these letters are actually  
25 going to the -- on the federal level, and they won't know



1 what we're talking about. Bipartisan to them means, oh,  
2 okay, you know, about half and half. So I think, and I  
3 agree with Commissioner Vazquez, you don't want to say  
4 nonpartisan because then that has a different meaning.  
5 We'll just have to stick with bipartisan since it's going  
6 to the feds, or to the federal level.

7 I actually have one great letter and an idea and  
8 the -- our -- the ideas I've come across were very good.  
9 And thank you very much for all your work. I do have  
10 some specific edits and two items which -- we're not  
11 leading with our strong suit in terms of, you know,  
12 the -- one is to imply, you know -- if the inacc -- if  
13 the data is inaccurate, by doing that -- by doing their  
14 action, they are causing legal ramifications for -- not  
15 just for us but also, essentially, anyone else who starts  
16 using the data. Like cities -- and basically, you know,  
17 cities, the counties, all the different other people who  
18 below them start -- have to use -- for redistricting  
19 purposes of all types, have to use this data. So that's  
20 an item we -- I'm not sure where to put that one in.

21 But just starting out, the first sentence, it says,  
22 "tasked with re-establishing the boundaries of our  
23 districts". That strike me as that's not the right word.  
24 I mean, we're not re-establish -- they are established.  
25 Should that just be re-drawing or re-districting at that

1 point? That's a question for the subcommittee. Then we  
2 already got them to change in the first -- second  
3 paragraph, second line. It's not reapportionment, it  
4 would be re-districting.

5       Then, after we're talking -- of the next couple of  
6 lines down, when -- and this is another idea, when you're  
7 saying, we are concerned with the early end to data  
8 collection will impact the quality of the census data,  
9 which the -- which we will utilize to draw the new  
10 legislative districts.

11       And to say something like, as you may not be  
12 familiar, California law requires all districting to use  
13 all of the people, regardless of their age or  
14 citizenship, and they must be counted. Emphasizing all  
15 people, in this case, because that is extremely important  
16 to us and everyone in California. And those are issues  
17 that are being parsed at this level, at this point. And  
18 that's not true in other states, where it is true for us.  
19 I think that's another strong argument on our case.

20       Then, let's see, a couple of lines down. And I can  
21 give these -- like, there's a comma missing. The third  
22 paragraph we say, "yet it has been further complicated by  
23 COVID-19 pandemic, which has limited the outreach  
24 communication efforts in hard-to-reach communities,  
25 including people of color, low-income, immigrant

1 families, Native Americans, and the homeless", we should  
2 definitely add in.

3       And then when you say, "particularly hard hit",  
4 including the uncounted and rural counties, then delete  
5 including, just say rural counties, tribal lands, as well  
6 as counties that have significant demographic change over  
7 the last ten years. I would delete "such as San  
8 Bernadino and Riverside", because that's too specific.  
9 It's too -- you know, there are many other -- there are  
10 changes up and down and it's too limiting.

11       Then the last sentence on the first page, "we  
12 strongly believe this is the best option of upholding the  
13 confidence and vitality of the entire process". Because  
14 you talked about portions of it, the apportionment, and  
15 if you say "entire process", that gets our -- the meaning  
16 across.

17       So those are my very specific comments. But great  
18 letter, great ideas. Really appreciate the work. Thank  
19 you.

20       COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And thank you. That's great  
21 feedback and we'll incorporate it into our letter.

22       COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And I can -- I can send you  
23 like a, you know, like a little type-up of the couple of  
24 wordings if that's easier.

25       COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That would be great if you

1 would. Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, that would be great.

3 I'm taking notes but the -- especially on the specific --

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Me too.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- very specific ones,  
6 that'd be great.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I can't do it that quickly,  
8 so --

9 CHAIR TURNER: I see you, Commissioner Ahmad. There  
10 was someone before you. Le Mons. Kennedy.

11 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. It was me, but I don't  
12 need to say anything else on this.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. I see Commissioners Kennedy,  
14 Vazquez, and Ahmad. I was looking down for a minute, so  
15 I'm not sure what order.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Madam  
17 Chair. At the end of the second paragraph, starting,  
18 "that means taking the time", that's not a complete  
19 sentence. I can't figure out exactly how you want to  
20 modify it, but it's not a complete sentence.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just a quick -- I do have a  
22 proper wording on that one. I missed it. Thank you. I  
23 can send that to you.

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Yeah. In the last  
25 paragraph on the first page, I, you know, I think you'd

1 want to be as air tight as possible. The original  
2 deadline was not October 31st. They announced a deadline  
3 of October 31st at some point, but, you know, the  
4 original, original was something earlier than that.

5 So I'm not sure that the word, "original", helps us  
6 there. And that's also -- that's both in the second line  
7 and the third line. The fourth line, I think the wording  
8 for the enumeration period is superfluous. This will  
9 provide the time needed for self-response and non-  
10 response follow-up, would seem to be sufficient on that  
11 one.

12 I particularly appreciated your work in figuring out  
13 who else to send letters to, because I do think that's  
14 important. On some of these other letters, Maloney  
15 letter -- well, I'll leave that one for now. The Harris  
16 letter, I mean, this is just where we need to deviate a  
17 little bit more from what is otherwise boiler plate. I  
18 mean, if Senator Harris has introduced a bill, I think  
19 asking her to push for passage of her bill, it comes  
20 across a little odd. And maybe we just need to, you  
21 know, express our support for her bill, again, rather  
22 than asking her to support her bill.

23 And on the Johnson letter, at the very end, I would  
24 instead of push for passage, I would say, expedite the  
25 passage. If he is the chairman of the Commission, and we

1 expect that he may not be all that interested in moving  
2 it, I think asking him to expedite the passage of it  
3 would be a stronger wording.

4 But I think those are the main items that I would  
5 add. But again, you know, I think it's very important,  
6 and thank you for looking for where else we can send the  
7 letters to.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. And maybe if we  
9 can just get consensus. Because I just want to make sure  
10 we have consensus on the first letter because that would  
11 be the basis for everything else, including potentially  
12 any other type of advocacy we may want to do.

13 And particularly, the arguments that are being made.  
14 Right? The arguments around the data, the arguments  
15 around counting everybody, and the need for specific data  
16 around everybody, and the potential risk if we don't get  
17 that data. Because the --

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: My only --

19 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Before -- excuse me.  
20 Commissioner Vazquez, please.

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. My question was  
22 probably for counsel. Do we need a motion to support  
23 either of these pieces of legislation before we  
24 officially send them? I get they're in draft form right  
25 now and it's a concept, but curious if we need a motion.

1 MS. JOHNSTON: You should have a motion to approve  
2 the letter being sent. I don't think -- you don't need  
3 to make it separate from supporting the legislation.

4 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Got it.

5 CHAIR TURNER: What's your --

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Would that -- Oh, sorry. I  
7 didn't know if it was still my time.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, please. Go ahead. You just  
9 paused.

10 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes, sorry. So the other --  
11 I think maybe Commissioner Andersen said this as well,  
12 but I do think in the second paragraph in the first  
13 letter to the administration officials, in one, two,  
14 three -- the third sentence -- "cause them to rely on  
15 potentially inaccurate and incomplete data to guide their  
16 redistricting processes, which may result in avoidable  
17 legal challenges". I do think that language could be  
18 stronger, you know, almost certainly. Or -- I don't  
19 know. Just that feels like the big risk that we are  
20 taking by using poor data. That feels like the argument  
21 that everything -- around which everything else is  
22 structured. So to the extent we can make that language  
23 strong, while still accurate is --

24 CHAIR TURNER: Who --

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: We're comfortable with making

1 it stronger, although the -- one of the questions we  
2 had -- or at least I had, was we don't know how accurate  
3 the data is going to be, right? That was -- and how --  
4 of the quality of the data that's going to come out of  
5 this process. So is it that it will be inaccurate if  
6 they -- so we don't know how inaccurate or accurate or  
7 complete this data is. And that's why we used the -- I  
8 think grammatically and in terms of context, a little  
9 bit, the "may" rather than a stronger form. But we're  
10 happy to do a stronger version of that.

11 Even the severity of if we do get inaccurate data,  
12 it would have -- or incomplete data, it would have  
13 negative consequences on our work.

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. As a professional  
15 advocate, I would recommend strengthening that language.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioners Taylor,  
17 Ahmad, Andersen.

18 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. Just maybe as it applies  
19 to the wording, there was a publicly announced date of  
20 October 31st that was relied upon, correct?

21 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: All right.

23 MS. JOHNSTON: That was announced May 18th.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes, that's correct.

25 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you.



1 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Ahmad?

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Madam Chair. I have  
3 three points/questions. In regards to edits to a letter,  
4 and this may be a question for counsel, would we just  
5 share some of those small edits with Raul and then he  
6 would share it with the subcommittee?

7 MS. JOHNSTON: If you want to authorize the  
8 subcommittee to make the changes as they wish based on  
9 your comments.

10 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay. Okay. And then the  
11 other two questions I had, and I guess this is for the  
12 group. Do we have a letterhead? And would we be  
13 including signatures of the Commissioners on the letter  
14 as well?

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: This was a question that I  
16 had as well. I don't know that we have letterhead yet.  
17 I don't know -- it's -- just in terms of like even logo  
18 and such, I know when we were under the State Auditor's  
19 office we were still using that Shape California kind of  
20 logo, and now we've switched our website to the We Draw  
21 the Line. So I don't know the answer to that.

22 And in terms of signatures, I think whatever is the  
23 preference of the Commission. I don't feel strongly one  
24 way or another. But we would just need some way of  
25 capturing everyone's electronic signature in order to put

1 on there. I don't know how you all feel about that, but  
2 either way.

3 MR. VILLANUEVA: As far as the letterhead, I do have  
4 a copy of the old letterhead with -- old meaning it's the  
5 current --

6 MS. JOHNSTON: It's from ten years ago but it's the  
7 one we've been using.

8 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes. Yeah, the current logo.  
9 That's the word I wanted. It's the current logo and  
10 everything from 2010. May I suggest, it's recognized,  
11 use it. Once you have public communications person, you  
12 can get a graphic artist and develop your own.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Andersen?

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Actually  
15 on that, the letterhead that is -- quick question just to  
16 the letterhead. Is that the one that our current agenda  
17 is on?

18 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes.

19 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Well, that has the --  
21 that is not the current address, so I would not recommend  
22 using that.

23 MS. JOHNSTON: 721 Capital Mall?

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Is that our current address?

25 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes.

1 MR. VILLANUEVA: It's the newest of the new.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That is the new address?

3 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes.

4 MS. JOHNSTON: That's where we are.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. All right. Well, I'm  
6 neither here nor there on that one. The letter, and  
7 specifically content, there were a couple things that I  
8 did miss in terms of our emphasizing in our -- in our  
9 argument. And the one point that Commissioner Vazquez  
10 brought up on that sentence in -- let's see -- five lines  
11 down, second paragraph going down, which makes a  
12 premature end of the census counting will force the CRC  
13 and similar entities across the country to rely on -- it  
14 says potentially inac -- incomplete data. So I think  
15 that's fine. It says to guide the redistricting process  
16 which may result in -- then you should say unavoidable  
17 legal challenges, because since you're going  
18 potentially -- and then to say unavoidable, I think  
19 that's consistent in terms of making the stronger  
20 emphasis.

21 Then item though that I want to add, and I don't  
22 quite know where, is we really need time on the post-  
23 enumeration evaluation of the data, remember Karin  
24 MacDonald was talking about. And I don't remember her  
25 exact wording for that, but that is crucial.

1           And she was saying that they are being pulled from  
2 that to work on the reapportionment -- the people in the  
3 Census Bureau. And we should emphasize how our -- the  
4 quality of the data depends on extending to the date as  
5 everyone planned and using the staff according to the  
6 proper -- you know, don't pull the staff because we need  
7 that post-quality -- post-enumeration review time. And I  
8 think we can look back to see what her wordings were of  
9 what that -- the official term. But that's another  
10 argument that we should put in that would strengthen our  
11 argument, I think.

12           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I believe that the term was  
13 post-processing.

14           COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: It is.

15           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. And I thought that we  
16 had that in there, but I --

17           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It was a bit more than that.  
18 She -- she said there was -- she had another term for it,  
19 which was -- it was part of the post-processing review  
20 but had a -- actually there was a little term I thought  
21 she used. I can go back --

22           COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: We can go back and look at --  
23 look at that. I thought we took her exact language, but  
24 there might be another term that we missed.

25           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. And then we do -- I

1 agree we do want to use her language, because that's  
2 consistent with how the census people will speak, you  
3 know, that's their, you know, census speak. Which comes  
4 down to the last paragraph on the first page. We say  
5 this will provide the needed time for the enumeration  
6 period of self-response and nonresponse follow-up. I  
7 understand Commissioner Kennedy said, you know, do we  
8 need that. But I would put that in because I believe  
9 that is census language again.

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: We took it from the speaker as  
11 well.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So -- the exact. We just hope  
14 that -- because we're not census experts by any -- or at  
15 least I'm not. And so we just kind of took the language  
16 that she was using.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, that's -- that's what  
18 I thought, and that's why I think we should go ahead and  
19 leave it in. So -- but yes. And if I -- I will send my  
20 comments -- is it okay to send to Raul and the  
21 subcommittee or --

22 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes. Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you very much  
24 everybody.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. I think Marian has

1 her hand up.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

3 MS. JOHNSTON: I have -- just like to caution you  
4 against using too strong language in that this will make  
5 your results inadequate, because you don't want language  
6 to come back and bite you if somebody sues. So I would  
7 just make it a little more cautionary.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Which is -- so the "may" -- so  
9 that was our thinking around the "may", right? Because  
10 we don't know if the data is going to -- the quality of  
11 the data. We have a belief that it -- that it may not be  
12 as accurate if they cut down the time. But we're not  
13 certain. And that was the -- that's one of the speakers  
14 said.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. I think that's  
16 correct, right? Ultimately, we are expressing our deep  
17 concern. We're not threatening lawsuits or anything of  
18 that nature, at least not at this stage.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

20 Vice Chair Ahmad, will you take Chair for a moment?  
21 I have to drop off for a second.

22 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Do we have any additional  
25 comments, questions about item number 9?

1           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So I'll just -- I'll just  
2 put in I really appreciate everybody's feedback on this.  
3 It sounds like everybody is feeling comfortable moving  
4 forward. I have a list of as many of the edits as I  
5 possibly could capture. If there are very specific  
6 things -- I know, Commissioner Andersen and Commissioner  
7 Kennedy, you had some very specific changes in terms of  
8 the wording. If you'd like to send that to us, it sounds  
9 like that is allowable. Exactly what was mentioned here  
10 in -- in public meeting. We are -- you know, I don't  
11 mean to speak for you, Commissioner Toledo, but I think  
12 we're -- but we're happy to make those changes and --

13           COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Absolutely.

14           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- and with your approval,  
15 you know, happy to send it or have Raul or Marian,  
16 whoever is the most appropriate person, to actually send  
17 these letters out and have them posted somewhere on our  
18 website as our kind of official stance on this matter.

19           MS. JOHNSTON: And how do you want to do signatures?

20           COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Well, I would ask the question  
21 whether the signature of every Commissioner is needed,  
22 given the timeliness. Right? This is an issue that is  
23 time sensitive, and we probably want to get it out sooner  
24 rather than later. And perhaps maybe just the signature  
25 of the Chair, if that's allowable. Unless everybody

1 feels that they'd like to put their name on it, or if we  
2 think, from an advocacy standpoint, it would be stronger  
3 if we had everybody's name on it. I'm fine with either.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Me too. I'm actually fine  
5 with no signatures, but I mean, either way.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay. Yeah.

7 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I saw Commissioner Le Mons  
8 unmute, and then Fernandez, and then Vazquez.

9 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Well, I was going to make a  
10 motion, but I realized I was premature.

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay. Commissioner Fernandez?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would -- I would  
13 recommend a signature instead of no signature, and maybe  
14 put our names on there, which would be fine. And whoever  
15 can get -- I'm just going to say I'm, like, 15 miles away  
16 from headquarters, so potentially I could go and sign it,  
17 you know, if you do it right away. But from the Chair,  
18 if -- if you want the Chair to sign it, that's fine, too.  
19 I'm just saying I'm close. I could do it on behalf of  
20 the Commission. But I do think a signature is best.

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Commissioner Vazquez?

22 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: That was going to be my  
23 recommendation, a signature. For me, I think the Chair  
24 should sign it, and then list our names.

25 MS. JOHNSTON: We do have overnight service that we



1 could send a final draft to the Chair and have her sign  
2 it and send it out.

3 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Question on that, counsel.  
4 Does it have to be a wet signature?

5 MS. JOHNSTON: No.

6 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Can it just -- so we don't have  
7 to do overnight?

8 MS. JOHNSTON: That is up to you all.

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay. Well, Chair Turner is  
10 not here to speak to that, so we'll hold off on that.

11 Commissioner Yee?

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Later when we discuss Chair  
13 rotation, one of the questions that's going to come is  
14 when does a Chair's term end. And the basic debate is  
15 does it end at the end of the meeting, so the new Chair  
16 begins at the end of this meeting, or -- which would be  
17 end of today, probably -- or does the Chair -- new Chair  
18 start at the beginning of the next meeting? So it may be  
19 relevant to this -- who signs this letter.

20 MS. JOHNSTON: Well, if you decide to send the  
21 letter today and have the Chair sign it, then the Chair  
22 that would sign it I think would be Commissioner Turner.  
23 But our concern was that once you -- once the Chair  
24 switches, we want to be able to deal with the new Chair  
25 for the coming meeting.

1 CHAIR TURNER: I have to --

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Commissioner?

3 CHAIR TURNER: -- I have to multitask, but I am  
4 here, and I can either send it -- sign it with overnight,  
5 or it can be -- I can do the signature online.

6 MR. VILLANUEVA: I don't -- I don't think we have  
7 overnight right now.

8 MS. JOHNSTON: I will pay for overnight.

9 MR. VILLANUEVA: Exactly. It will be you and I  
10 paying for it.

11 MS. JOHNSTON: I'm happy to do that if -- if you  
12 would prefer do overnight.

13 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yeah. We --

14 MS. JOHNSTON: But if you're happy with a computer  
15 signature, that's fine with me, too.

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, that was -- that was  
18 going to be my suggestion, if a computer signature is  
19 allowable, I think that would probably be -- work for all  
20 of us, and then if we all want to sign it, we can all  
21 sign it, you know, via electronically. But again, we'd  
22 have to commit to signing it right away to get it off.  
23 But I think electronic signature during this day and age  
24 would probably be preferable. My opinion.

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons?

1           COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I'd like to make a  
2 motion that we move forward with the letter produced by  
3 the subcommittee with the edits, with the signature of  
4 the Chair to be expedited, and send it out as soon as  
5 possible.

6           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Second.

7           MS. JOHNSTON: A wet signature or a computer  
8 signature?

9           COMMISSIONER LE MONS: At the Chair's discretion

10          COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I second.

11          COMMISSIONER SINAY: I thought I did.

12          MS. JOHNSTON: I'm sorry. Who seconded it?

13          COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Commissioner Fornaciari.

14          COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Pardon me?

15          COMMISSIONER AHMAD: It was seconded by Commissioner  
16 Fornaciari.

17                 Can we take public comment?

18                 Raul, if you would please do the honors of reading  
19 the call-in information.

20                 MR. VILLANUEVA: It would be my pleasure, Vice  
21 Chair.

22                 In order to maximize transparency and public  
23 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be  
24 taking public comment during their meeting by phone.  
25 There will be opportunities to address the Commissioners

1 regarding the items in the agenda and the process in  
2 general.

3         In addition, for each agenda item that requires  
4 votes, the public may provide comment on that particular  
5 item. Each time that the Commissioners bring up an  
6 action item, the viewing audience will be informed it is  
7 time to call in if they wish to make a public comment.  
8 Commissioners will then allow at least three minutes for  
9 those who wish to comment to join the public comment  
10 queue.

11         So to make a public comment, please dial 877-226-  
12 8163. After dialing the number, you will speak to an  
13 operator. You will be asked to provide either the access  
14 code for the meeting, which is 5185236, or the name of  
15 the meeting, which is the Citizens Redistricting  
16 Commission, first Commission meeting. After providing  
17 this information, the operator is going to ask you to  
18 provide your name. Please note you are not required to  
19 provide your actual name if you do not wish to. You may  
20 provide either your own name or a name other than your  
21 own.

22         When it's your turn to make public comment, the  
23 moderator will introduce you by the name you provided to  
24 the operator. Providing a name helps ATT, which is  
25 hosting this public comment process, to ensure that

1 everyone holding for public comment has a chance to  
2 submit their comments. Please be assured that the  
3 Commission is not maintaining any list of callers by name  
4 and is only asking for some name so that the call  
5 moderator can manage multiple calls simultaneously and to  
6 let you know when it's your turn to speak.

7       After providing a name and speaking with the  
8 operator, you will be placed in a listening queue, which  
9 is a virtual meeting room where you will wait until it is  
10 your turn to speak. You will be able to listen to the  
11 live audio of the meeting. Please mute your computer  
12 livestream audio because the online video and audio will  
13 be approximately 60 seconds behind the live audio you are  
14 hearing on your telephone.

15       If you fail to mute your computer livestream audio,  
16 it will be extremely difficult for you to follow the  
17 meeting, and difficult for anyone to hear your comment  
18 due to the feedback issues which will occur. Therefore,  
19 once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when you  
20 may be called upon to speak and please turn down the  
21 livestream volume.

22       From the listening room, listen to the meeting and  
23 the call moderator. When you decide that you want to  
24 make a comment about the agenda action item currently  
25 being discussed, you may press 1-0, that's 1-0, and you

1 will be placed in the queue to make a public comment.

2       When joining the queue to make your public comment,  
3 you should hear an automatic recording informing you that  
4 you've been placed in the queue. You will not receive  
5 any further instruction until the moderator brings you in  
6 to make your public comment. The moderator will open  
7 your line and introduce you by the name that you provided  
8 to the operator. Once again, make sure that you have  
9 muted any background noise from your computer. Please do  
10 not use a speaker phone, but rather speak directly into  
11 your phone.

12       After the moderator introduces you, please state the  
13 name you provided to the operator and then state your  
14 comment clearly and concisely. After you finish making  
15 your comment, the Commissioners move on the next caller,  
16 and you may hang up the call.

17       If you would like to comment on another agenda item  
18 at a later time, please call back when the Commissioners  
19 open up public comment for that item and repeat this  
20 process. So if you are disconnected for any reason,  
21 please call back and explain the issue to the operator,  
22 then you may repeat this process and rejoin the public  
23 comment queue by pressing 1-0.

24       The Commissioners will be taking comment for every  
25 action item on the agenda. As you listen to the online

1 video stream, public comments will be solicited. That is  
2 the time to call in. The process of making comment will  
3 be the same each time. Begin by dialing 877-226-8163 and  
4 following the steps I have just described. These  
5 instructions are also located on the home page of the  
6 website. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Raul.

8 AT&T operator, we will be taking public comments now  
9 on item number 9. Is there anyone in this queue?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MONDERATOR: And as a reminder,  
11 please press 1 then 0 if you wish to ask -- or pardon me,  
12 to make a comment -- 1-0. And we do have one person in  
13 queue. Please spell your name. We're opening the line  
14 of Sophia Garcia. Please go ahead. Your line is open.

15 MS. GARCIA: Hi. Good morning, everyone. My name  
16 is Sophia Garcia. And that's S-O-P-H-I-A G-A-R-C-I-A.  
17 I'm the GIS analyst for the Delores Huerta Foundation.  
18 And I just want to really applaud the conversation that's  
19 been happening around sending a letter regarding the  
20 census timeline.

21 As you know, DHS is a CBO in California, and like  
22 ourselves and a lot of other CBOs across the state, have  
23 been doing census work and preparing for canvassing, and  
24 phone banking, and census outreach for over a year now.  
25 And with COVID and with a lot of the restrictions, and

1 just trying to be careful with our communities. And also  
2 we have been doing canvassing and phone banking as well  
3 since last year, and we're expected and excited that  
4 the -- the census timeline was being extended until the  
5 end of October. When we heard that it was being cut  
6 short, that really was a big blow to our efforts, but  
7 also, we just had a really big concern, not just on  
8 reapportionment and what could happen next year in 2021,  
9 but also just what our communities would be losing out  
10 from.

11 So we're really excited about this conversation that  
12 you are having and applaud the Commission to send a  
13 letter. Again, not just for re -- reapportionment, but  
14 really just the impact that it could have with a -- with  
15 a low -- an incomplete count. As you all know,  
16 California has a huge hard-to-count population, not just  
17 in LA but specifically in the Central Valley. And a lot  
18 of the other CBOs who have been called in -- and calling  
19 in throughout this process are -- are really doing a lot  
20 of great work to try to get our communities counted.

21 So thank you again. I'm excited for you all to send  
22 that letter.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I just say thank you and  
24 thank you for all the work that you all are doing to  
25 ensure an accurate count.



1 MS. GARCIA: Yeah. We have a -- we have a great  
2 team that's going out there right now with all the proper  
3 gear and -- and testing. So any extension would be  
4 really helpful. Again, not just for our communities, but  
5 communities statewide.

6 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you for your comment.

7 Next person?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Once again, if you do  
9 have a comment, please press 1 then 0. And we have no  
10 one else in queue.

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you.

12 So we do have a motion on the floor to approve the  
13 letter sending, with edits, and have the Chair, at the  
14 time, sign off on that letter and expedite the process.

15 Counsel, can we have a roll-call vote?

16 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Ahmad?

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Andersen?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fornaciari?

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Kennedy?

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Le Mons?

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sadhwani?

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI? Yes.

7 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Taylor? Commissioner  
10 Taylor?

11 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Toledo?

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Turner?

15 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Vazquez?

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Yee?

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSTON: Once again, unanimous.

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Great. Thank you so much,  
22 everyone. So that closes off item number 9 on our  
23 agenda. And a natural segue into following up back on  
24 item number 5, which was --

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Do we need to talk about the

1 other letters, or did we just approve all of them?

2 MS. JOHNSTON: I think you approved all the letters.  
3 That is my understanding of the motion.

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Are we good? Okay. Item  
5 number 5, the discussion on procedures for selection of  
6 Chair and Vice Chair. So I will yield the floor to our  
7 subcommittee, Commissioners Yee and Toledo.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, thank you. So you should  
9 have gotten an email with a draft of the memorandum that  
10 we're going to propose. And I apologize, there were  
11 actually two different drafts sent out. The later one is  
12 the correct one.

13 Before we get to that actually, I want to comment,  
14 because we were talking about the census. I want to  
15 encourage everyone, especially if we don't meet next  
16 week, to take advantage of the U.S. Census webinars and  
17 video tutorials. Next week there's some especially good  
18 webinars coming up at their Census Academy. And you  
19 know, training in how to use their main data site, which  
20 is data.census.gov. And I've really enjoyed those, so I  
21 encourage you to check that out. You can just Google  
22 Census Academy and you'll see the website.

23 Okay. The Chair rotation -- actually, I want to  
24 start off, kind of a quick apology for jumping the gun  
25 the first day that we met and trying to propose a

1 rotation that included all of us. That was presumptuous  
2 of me, and I apologize for doing that. I think I was  
3 just very impressed by the 2010 Commission's rotation.  
4 Although later I found out that it probably didn't  
5 involve actually absolutely all of them. I think it was  
6 at least 10 of the 14, but maybe not all 14. In any  
7 case.

8       So the rotation that we're going to propose, the --  
9 what we're looking at specifically is a formula for  
10 deciding on the next Chair. There's an illustrative  
11 probable rotation in the memo. If we were to start today  
12 using that formula, this is who would come up. But  
13 approving the formula means that we can always know who  
14 the next Commissioner is even if people have to adjust  
15 their availability for the rotation on the fly, you know.  
16 So if somebody decides actually they cannot serve the  
17 next meeting, that's fine. The formula will tell us who  
18 the next person is.

19       Also, I think Commissioner Sinay was the only one  
20 who got back to us to declining to be in the rotation, so  
21 she's not in the probable rotation in the memo. But  
22 again, it doesn't matter. She can come back in, or  
23 others can drop out if need be. As we go along, the  
24 formula will tell us who's next.

25       So with that, I will yield to Commissioner Toledo to

1 present the proposal.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And I just want to give --  
3 before getting into the details, really just thinking  
4 about some of our thinking around it, and specifically  
5 around -- we've heard, and just by participating in these  
6 meetings, we've seen that the Chair, specifically, has  
7 significant administrative and facilitation requirements.

8 And -- and as a group we all are committed to  
9 demonstrating appreciation for California's diversity and  
10 geography, and we -- and we sought to distribute the --  
11 in terms of the plan, we sought to distribute that  
12 responsibility of Chair and Vice Chair with the greatest  
13 number of Commissioners to serve that purpose. And --  
14 and in doing that, I think our proposal accomplishes a  
15 couple of the following goals.

16 We wanted to be in compliance with party affiliation  
17 requirements for the Chair and Vice Chair, so there needs  
18 to be a distribution that accommodates the requirements.  
19 We wanted a fair and unbiased Chair and Vice Chair  
20 rotation, that the assignments are based on alphabetical  
21 order in general. And that models our commitment to  
22 impartiality and nonpartisanship. We also wanted to make  
23 sure that we had an opportunity and that we provided an  
24 opportunity for all Commissioners who want to serve as  
25 Chair, while at the same time spreading the

1 responsibilities to -- the significant responsibilities  
2 of serving as Chair to the greatest number of  
3 individuals, while also recognizing that there are times  
4 when we're dealing with significant issues that might  
5 cross meetings.

6       So we took that into consideration, too. And -- and  
7 just making sure that we model our appreciation for  
8 California's diversity of the demographics and the  
9 geography by having people from different parts of the  
10 state serve as Chair and Vice Chair, and so that the  
11 public and the stakeholders can see that. And so that  
12 was our thinking around how we came up with this.

13       And then in terms of the assignments, starting --  
14 our proposal is that starting at the next meeting -- the  
15 next regularly scheduled meeting, the process for the  
16 assignments of Chair and Vice Chair would be made on a  
17 rotation basis where possible. The next Chair would  
18 generally be the previous meeting's Vice Chair. So in  
19 this case, as you can see in the -- in the proposed or  
20 the doc -- Commissioner Ah -- and I'm sorry if I  
21 pronounce this wrong, Ahmad, would serve as Chair, and  
22 next in line would be Commissioner Fernandez. So  
23 Commissioner Fernandez would serve as Vice Chair for the  
24 next meeting.

25       So the -- and you have this in front of you, I hope.

1 The subsequent Vice Chair would serve as the  
2 Commissioner, would be assigned as -- would be the -- the  
3 Commissioner that follows next in terms of the criteria  
4 below. So in the -- in the document, which is that the  
5 Commissioner should be -- should be of a different party  
6 affiliation status than the previous Chair and Vice  
7 Chair. So we -- we're meeting that requirement. And  
8 that's a regulatory requirement, so we put that above the  
9 alphabetical order piece, because there may be some times  
10 when the alphabetical order would jeopardize or conflict  
11 with the requirement of party affiliation.

12 And then in terms of term, which is, I think, a  
13 little bit more a challenging question that we wanted to  
14 bring back. The term of the Chair and the Vice Chair  
15 would -- would start at the -- at the beginning of the  
16 meeting -- the regularly scheduled meeting. And the term  
17 of the Chair and the Vice Chair would end -- and we have  
18 various possibilities for this, would likely end at the  
19 end of the -- or right before the start of the new  
20 meeting so that there would be continuity across. So we  
21 always would have a Chair and Vice Chair, even when we  
22 weren't in session, so that work can get done. Because  
23 there will be some administrative questions that might  
24 come up, or signatures, committee assignments, et cetera,  
25 et cetera that might happen. Maybe not assignments,

1 but -- but committee work that might need to be up to the  
2 Chair. And so that was our thinking. And we're open to  
3 feedback and discussion around the proposal.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: A quick clarification. I think  
5 legally we're only required to have the Chair and Vice  
6 Chair be of different parties. We're not required that  
7 the next Chair to be a different party of the previous  
8 Chair or Vice Chair. But of course that's desirable. I  
9 think we would all agree. So that's the way that the  
10 rotation is set up.

11 Also note that the rotation -- the probable rotation  
12 in the memo doesn't repeat, because there's a different  
13 number of co -- in each cohort -- the three cohorts, and  
14 also Commissioners may drop in and out of the rotation.  
15 So we will probably not be paired up with the same  
16 Commissioner each time we serve.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And we did -- we looked up  
18 what the previous Commission had done, some of the  
19 benefits, and some of the disadvantages and some of the  
20 challenges with -- with rotating so often. But some of  
21 these other goals kind of out -- outweigh some of the  
22 challenges. So we thought we could reconcile the  
23 challenges of the transition, because there would --  
24 there -- the proposal does have quite a few transitions  
25 for every single time a Vice Chair becomes a Chair,



1 there's a transition period and there's a learning curve  
2 and such. But we've tried to minimize -- well, we felt  
3 that that was worth -- that was worth the cost or the  
4 disadvantage of not doing so based on some other factors  
5 that we described before.

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: For 2010 the documentation states  
7 that the ED made a random rotation based on willing and  
8 able commissioners.

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you for your  
10 presentation. Madam Chair Turner, are you back?

11 CHAIR TURNER: I am back. Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa? Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just in terms of the number  
15 of transitions, assuming, let's say, that a meeting could  
16 be one day, could be multiple days like we've had in this  
17 round, are you envisioning -- and I think I'm asking this  
18 question more for clarity -- are you envisioning that one  
19 "meeting", even if it is going to be spread over multiple  
20 days would be the term of that Chair and Vice Chair like  
21 we just did right now or are you envisioning that each  
22 day there would be a new Chair and Vice Chair taking  
23 over?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: The whole entire term -- the  
25 whole entire meeting, even if multi-day. Yeah.

1           COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Because technically it is one  
2 meeting. Even though it's spread over many days, it's  
3 technically one meeting. Right? We're adjourning and  
4 coming back. So this is -- even though it's a multi-day  
5 meeting, it's one meeting. So we're envisioning that.  
6 And there may be some that we -- certainly there is a  
7 possibility that some of these meetings will be longer or  
8 shorter than others. And that's perfectly possible that  
9 we might end up with a couple Commissioners serving as a  
10 Chair for, you know, a week and half. There might be  
11 some that serve for two or three days. Right?

12           And so -- and there's not really -- at this point we  
13 don't -- based on the calendar, it's really difficult to  
14 tell what and when that's going to happen. And it seems  
15 fair that we're kind of doing it this way in the sense of  
16 we don't know which Commissioners would get the longer or  
17 shorter days. And perhaps maybe it doesn't matter, maybe  
18 it does. And if somebody chooses to or can't be Chair of  
19 a long session because of logistical issues or whatnot,  
20 there is the Vice Chair that can step up. And so we'd  
21 have that as a backup.

22           CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fernandez then Turner.

23           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I had a comment, but maybe  
24 I don't have a comment. Because I mean, it is difficult  
25 to change every time and I was just wondering is it

1 something where maybe instead of changing it for each set  
2 of meetings, maybe do it by month? But then again, it  
3 can run over a month, so I was just trying to -- each  
4 time you transition, there's a learning curve and then  
5 right when you've got it then it's time to switch again.  
6 And so I was trying to think of do we do it by month? Do  
7 we do it by meeting sessions? I don't know. I mean, but  
8 I appreciate both Commissioners Yee and Toledo. Thank  
9 you for putting this together. I'm just thinking out  
10 loud. I'm good either way. I was just -- I just know  
11 that there's a transition period and by the time you get  
12 in the swing of things then it's time to hand it off.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. That was --

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: We thought about that as well.  
15 And we also thought -- I think it was Commissioner  
16 Kennedy, who at one of the meetings brought up, you know,  
17 there may be some sessions that are focused on, you know,  
18 the Central Valley, where it may be, you know -- or other  
19 parts of the state. And there might be a Commissioner  
20 that particularly -- where it may make sense that a  
21 particular Commissioner serve as Chair just because  
22 they're from that area or something like that. So  
23 there's lots of factors that could be taken into account.  
24 Although, at this point, it would be very difficult to  
25 plan for something like that. So this became -- this

1 just -- this became a party -- this would be a fair and  
2 equitable way of distributing and we can certainly do it  
3 in other -- there are certainly other methodologies,  
4 other ways of doing it. But we thought at this point, it  
5 seemed pretty random to do it this way because we don't  
6 really know what's going to happen over the next two  
7 years.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. No --

9 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner --

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I -- I appreciate it. I'm  
11 just trying to think of other ways, but yeah. I agree  
12 with what you've proposed.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And before Commissioner  
14 Kennedy, I wanted to comment and say, first of all, I  
15 appreciate the intentionality and the work that you've  
16 put into it. And wanted to state that as having had the  
17 experience that I'm grateful for, I think trying to do  
18 anything different really does prevent -- I was looking  
19 through my notes, which are just very poorly written, and  
20 considering trying to be a Chair and watch hands and  
21 unable to take notes, which makes it very difficult to  
22 know what did we do the previous day when you don't have  
23 them.

24 And so I think a month is too long to have anyone  
25 out of the ability to participate and really be able to

1 process and think through what's going on. And for the  
2 rotation days that come up, when it comes up to -- and I  
3 guess I'm asking the Commission as well as I can't  
4 imagine it being any legal issue, but if it happened such  
5 as someone had one day, which I'm imagining we would be  
6 able to just make a motion or just say we'd like for that  
7 same Chair to continue, you know, the next couple of  
8 days. Or maybe we can write it in a way that says at a  
9 minimum of three times or five or four or whatever.

10       And then that way the rotation would be already set,  
11 anything less than three, four, five days, whatever the  
12 decision would be, would be the same Chair so that people  
13 wouldn't have to do just the one day and move on, that  
14 they would actually get some good experience of three to  
15 five days and then be able to move on in rotation. And I  
16 love it changing at the end of a full meeting and it  
17 seems that most of them, perhaps, will run longer than  
18 that.

19       Commissioner Kennedy?

20       COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam Chair. My  
21 original musing, I guess, last week was quarterly, but I  
22 would agree with Commissioner Fernandez. I think a month  
23 is a reasonable length. I've gone back and looked at the  
24 2010 Commission's calendar, and if you look in -- I think  
25 it was May of 2011 -- there was one stretch where they

1 had six different meetings, six different agendas in six  
2 nights. And it seems to me that it's going to get pretty  
3 dizzying to have a different Chair every day for five or  
4 six days in a row.

5 I've also been thinking about, you know, issues of  
6 accountability and tracking down who was Chair when, you  
7 know, at some point down the road. And it seems to me  
8 that if we go with something a little bit longer than one  
9 meeting, it's going to be easier down the road to figure  
10 out who was Chair when. I guess you'd have it in the  
11 minutes, but -- you know, it'd be easier to just mentally  
12 keep track of who was Chair when if it were by month. I  
13 mean, and the current rotation covers 14 periods, which  
14 would take us close to the end of next year already with  
15 everyone having had chance to Chair. So that's where I  
16 am on this. Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: May I point out that the  
18 proposal, it used --

19 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- the language generally, so the  
21 general way, the next Chair will be such and so. So in  
22 situations where we do have a quick succession in  
23 meetings, we could go with Commissioner Turner's thought  
24 of just deciding that the, you know, the current Chair  
25 will continue for a couple of meetings right in a row

1 before moving on to the next Chair.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Ahmad?

3 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Just a quick clarifying  
4 question. Is this rotation also for closed-session  
5 meetings?

6 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fornaciari and Andersen?

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Just my two cents  
10 here. I mean, I prefer this idea of per meeting. A  
11 month, you know -- two things. A month is a long time to  
12 be sort of out of the game. And when you're Chair, like  
13 Chair Turner said, you're really focusing on running the  
14 meeting and not able to engage at the level you would  
15 like. And the other thing is, you know, some months are  
16 going to be busier than other months. And if we, you  
17 know, maybe if we set up a per meeting with a minimum of  
18 meeting days or something like that, it might be kind of  
19 a compromise.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner, thank you.

21 Commissioner Andersen?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. First of all, I  
23 do appreciate -- I also like the meeting with the idea  
24 that this is sort of a general pattern. And  
25 particularly, I agree with Commissioner Kennedy. If it's

1 a series of quick, successional six different meetings in  
2 six different days, I think we should put -- as  
3 Commissioner Turner recommended, at that point modify,  
4 you know, hey, look, this one Chair should run those --  
5 that set of -- that set of meetings, essentially. And  
6 the reason -- I also agree with that because having been  
7 the Chair, it does take, as Commissioner Turner is  
8 saying, you know, you don't get to take notes. You're  
9 taking notes about public comments. It really does take  
10 a person out of serious participation, I mean, to be able  
11 to document things. And it's also the idea of putting  
12 the proper face on the whole Commission. I think it's  
13 very important to have all of our faces up there at  
14 different times. I think it really makes a difference.

15 I actually had a specific requirement about when the  
16 terms end because there is an issue of -- between  
17 meetings, what happens. And I kind of have recommended,  
18 look, basically when, you know, Commissioner Turner is  
19 stepping down, but she basically still has the authority  
20 until the next meeting starts up. And the Vice Chair,  
21 you know, Ahmad is still the Vice Chair so it's through  
22 that period and then becomes the Chair at the next one.  
23 And the -- essentially Commissioner Fernandez is not  
24 involved until the next meeting starts. And I think it  
25 was our counsel said we would really like to have the new



1 people coming in to work with during the meetings. And  
2 then I looked back -- I've been on a couple of boards,  
3 and it turns out there was an executive committee, which  
4 was essentially the past Chair, which would be, after  
5 this meeting, would be Commissioner Turner. And then the  
6 incoming Chair, which would be Commissioner Ahmad, and  
7 then the incoming Vice Chair would be the executive  
8 committee. The authority would then be on the new Chair  
9 coming in except for items that were done still on the  
10 old meeting. So you have in that executive committee  
11 group, the proper authority at all times.

12 MS. JOHNSTON: Unfortunately Bagley-Keene would not  
13 permit that because if it's more than two people, they'd  
14 have to meet in a noticed meeting. That's why we keep it  
15 two-person committees.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I understand that,  
17 but this is -- and for all -- this is for all  
18 administrative purposes. This is not actually  
19 discussing -- and I want to talk about --

20 MS. JOHNSTON: That's still -- that's still business  
21 of the -- it's not redistricting business, but it is  
22 business of the Commission for purposes of Bagley-Keene.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay well then there's going  
24 to be discontinuity. And that's why I -- then that  
25 becomes a problem, and I don't see -- okay. I thought

1 because it's all administrative that that would be okay.

2 MS. JOHNSTON: You could have the past Chair and the  
3 incoming Chair as the executive committee.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: All right.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioners --

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well then --

7 CHAIR TURNER: Oh. Go ahead.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And then in which case, I do  
9 like the way it's written in terms of the Vice Chair  
10 terms, the way the proposal is written.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioners Sinay, Yee,  
12 and Vazquez?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I wanted to say that I really  
14 appreciate the work that came into this. And I want to  
15 appreciate all of you for seeing being a Chair as a role  
16 of facilitation versus a role of leadership. Because a  
17 lot of times people look at it as leadership and forget  
18 that facilitation piece. So I really have appreciated  
19 you all kind of saying, okay, we're going to -- and it  
20 makes me look bad that I stepped down because I didn't  
21 want to take my turn and all that. And I can't -- I have  
22 no reason why I said no right now. So sorry.

23 I did want to put it out there that we may want to  
24 do it -- the rotation -- that we may look at when we're  
25 doing the community meetings and community input meetings

1 a little different in that -- I know that when the last  
2 committee, the 2010, they look at -- they became teams,  
3 they created a regional map, and then they became teams  
4 around the regional map. And I think they facilitated  
5 the meetings for each of, you know, when they did the  
6 regions. So if you were the LA team, the two people that  
7 were the LA team then facilitated that meeting. So I  
8 just want to put it out there, and it does say generally,  
9 so that allows for that flexibility if when we envision  
10 this, we envision something differently.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Vazquez?

12 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I was going to make a motion.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Oh.

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: But I'll wait for  
15 conversation.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Good. Thank you because I skipped  
17 Commissioner Yee, please.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. So I just want to note that  
19 the current proposal is for the Chair to continue after  
20 the end of his or her meeting until the beginning of the  
21 next meeting. So I mean, if I were Commissioner Turner,  
22 I'd probably want to be able to wrap up this afternoon,  
23 but if we approve it as written, then she would continue  
24 on until the next meeting. I believe counsel's  
25 preference, just in terms of work flow, was to have the

1 new Chair begin at the end of the current meeting to that  
2 the new Chair can start preparing with staff for the next  
3 meeting. Counsel, I wonder if you could say just a  
4 little bit more about what kind of preparation  
5 specifically you're thinking of. The agenda gets sent by  
6 the whole Commission, does it not, before the end of the  
7 meeting?

8 MS. JOHNSTON: The topics --

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Or how does that work?

10 MS. JOHNSTON: The topics get sent. Although it can  
11 be added to, as well, as long as the 14-days' notice is  
12 given. And it's up to the Commission whether you decide  
13 to give that authority to the Chair or whether you're  
14 always going to have it by, perhaps, a vote of the whole  
15 Commission. That's really up to you. Our preference for  
16 having -- there are a lot of plans that go into planning  
17 for a meeting. Perhaps Ramone can add -- Raul can add to  
18 this too. When you're going to have speakers appear, how  
19 long you're going to allow for certain people, scheduling  
20 things. There's just a lot of technical -- that seems  
21 like it would be impossible for having the incoming Chair  
22 be involved with.

23 Raul?

24 MR. VILLANUEVA: I would confer with Marian.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioners Fernandez,

1 Vazquez, and Le Mons?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I hear what Marian is  
3 saying, but I also think -- like, I'm just going to use  
4 an example of right now, it's Chair Turner, and she would  
5 still be involved if we stuck with this plan. And I  
6 don't see the issue of working with both Chair Turner and  
7 Vice Chair Ahmad during that period because then Vice  
8 Chair Ahmad will become the Chair. So I don't see it as  
9 being inappropriate in terms of working with the agenda  
10 and whatever else needs to be decided for the next  
11 meeting because you're going to have the current Vice  
12 Chair and the incoming Vice Chair.

13 MS. JOHNSTON: I said that would be possible. You'd  
14 be leaving out the incoming Vice Chair, but as long as  
15 it's not more than two.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Vazquez?

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: That was going to be my  
18 comment.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Le Mons?

20 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: That was going to be mine as  
21 well. I just have a question, I guess, for Marian. So  
22 there's sort of -- it sounds like two roles. If the  
23 Chair doesn't fully transition at the close of the  
24 current meeting and goes into effect at the beginning of  
25 the next meeting. Then in this in between, for example,

1 Chair Turner would continue to be the signatory, et  
2 cetera, and the Vice Chair would take on more of the  
3 preparation role getting ready -- administrative  
4 preparation and getting ready for the upcoming meeting  
5 and step fully into the position at that meeting.

6 MS. JOHNSTON: That would work.

7 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So that's the only -- is that  
8 how we're -- is that -- could it work that way and is  
9 everyone okay with it working that way, so we understand  
10 some clear delineation?

11 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah? Okay. Then I support  
13 that.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And I support that as well. I  
15 think the one issue that -- maybe it's not an issue --  
16 but it's in terms of authority. Who has the authority,  
17 right, to do the signatories, to be the sign off on -- if  
18 there's disagreements on the scheduling of the agenda and  
19 that sort of thing for the next meeting, the speaker  
20 time, et cetera, would it -- in this -- in the iteration  
21 that you have here, it would be the Chair -- the Chair  
22 that would be the -- have the authority and the Vice  
23 Chair would be providing feedback until the meeting date.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Just because there needs to be

1 one person that -- or maybe not. Maybe it's the two of  
2 them together that have to come to consensus and that  
3 would be fine as well. But the version that you have in  
4 your packet, the proposal that we've made -- and we can  
5 certainly make a change to this that it has to -- that  
6 they both have authority, which -- or the committee, that  
7 committee, that executive committee that was talked  
8 about, might have the authority to work with staff on  
9 creating the next agenda and determining all of the  
10 things that need to happen, which might be a little bit  
11 confusing, but it's workable. Because it goes back to  
12 authority. Who has the authority in between meetings?

13 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh. So as I understood,  
14 Commissioner Le Mons and some of the others, the  
15 authority would remain with the Chair at the conclusion  
16 of the meeting. The agenda setting would be with the  
17 Vice Chair until the start of the meeting and then the  
18 Vice Chair would assume Chair and we would continue in  
19 that manner.

20 Is there a motion for the discussion?

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Oh.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee?

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Oh.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Vazquez first or -- help.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Vazquez.

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Go ahead.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: I was going to ask counsel to  
4 clarify. So in this scheme, you would be working -- the  
5 old Chair would remain in authority, but you would be  
6 working mostly with the Vice Chair, who will be the next  
7 Chair, to set the agenda and so forth.

8 MS. JOHNSTON: That's what I would envision.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. And legally that's fine  
10 because, you know, yeah. Because they're not chairing a  
11 meeting or anything, right?

12 MS. JOHNSTON: Legally, it works either way.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

14 MS. JOHNSTON: It's just how smoothly it works.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. Very good.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Vazquez?

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I was going to make a motion  
18 again. I'm getting ahead of myself. I'm trying to --  
19 I'm embodying Commissioner Le Mons.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm going to second it  
21 because I'm going to embody Commissioner Le Mons too.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Ahmad?

23 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you. I'll make this  
24 really quick so I can also embody Commissioner Le Mons.  
25 I just want -- I agree with the proposal that's on the



1 table right now. It makes sense to me. I would just  
2 want to make sure that everyone knows that in the role of  
3 the Vice Chair then, at the start of the next meeting,  
4 you would be coming in equivalent to the rest of the  
5 Commissioners in terms of information and planning that  
6 went into the agenda, knowing that at any moment, at that  
7 start of the meeting, you might have to jump into the  
8 Chair role. So I'm sure everyone is okay with that and  
9 flexible with that, but just something to keep in a part  
10 of your mind moving forward. But I'm in agreement  
11 with -- I'm in agreement with the proposal.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Counsel -- oh. Commissioner  
13 Akutagawa?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: This is just maybe a little  
15 ticky-tacky, but since I know that there are  
16 Commissioners that are ready to make a motion, I just  
17 want to also note that there are some, perhaps some --  
18 some grammar and other edits that need to be made to the  
19 memo if we're supposed to accept it as-is. Specifically,  
20 on page 2 there is a missing word under -- or above where  
21 it says, "probable initial Chair and Vice Chair  
22 sequence", in the paragraph above that, the sentence that  
23 starts with, "the term of the", and then I think "Chair"  
24 is missing, "and Vice Chair will begin at the start of  
25 the regularly scheduled meeting", et cetera.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Counsel, is there a  
2 formal something that needs to be said and done before  
3 Chair takes over? Because the way I was envisioning it  
4 is that at the end of this meeting, yes, holding the  
5 authority for any signatory and what have you, but at the  
6 beginning of the meeting, it actually starts with the  
7 Vice Chair chairing the meeting as Chair.

8 MS. JOHNSTON: That's how I understand your motion.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Okay. Great. Commissioner  
10 Vazquez?

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Clarifying question. Were  
12 folks in agreement about the length of the term being a  
13 full meeting or three days, whichever is longer? That  
14 was a suggestion made by our Chair.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Ahmad?

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Honestly, at this point,  
17 because we're in a year ending in 0, we have -- and  
18 correct me if I'm wrong, counsel -- we have to give a  
19 notice 14 days in advance?

20 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: And a year ending in 1, it  
22 would be three days?

23 MS. JOHNSTON: No.

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: So I would --

25 MS. JOHNSTON: Only one month in that year is three

1 days.

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Only one month in year ending  
3 with 1 is three days?

4 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes. It was anticipated in the month  
5 before your map drawing when you were most busy --

6 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay.

7 MS. JOHNSTON: -- you would be -- you would have  
8 three days.

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay. So the remaining of 2021  
10 will also still be 14 days?

11 MS. JOHNSTON: Except for one -- except for the  
12 month of August.

13 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Except for the month of August.  
14 All set. Okay.

15 MS. JOHNSTON: Which -- can also be worked around.  
16 When -- last time, because of the -- when they added  
17 Congress to the Commission's duties, originally it had  
18 been in September, because they added Congress, you had  
19 to do your work earlier because of the primaries. But  
20 they didn't make the change of the month. So even though  
21 the maps had to be done by August 15th, September was the  
22 month that you had to give three-days' notice. The  
23 workaroud was we noticed a meeting for every day.

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Got it. Got it. So to have  
25 that back-to-back meeting you -- did they notice meetings

1 in an overlapping manner or just kept one long meeting --

2 MS. JOHNSTON: Every single day because then you  
3 could cancel that day. You wouldn't be cancelling the  
4 whole meeting.

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Got it. Got it. Okay. That's  
6 helpful to know.

7 MS. JOHNSTON: It's cumbersome, but it was a  
8 workarround.

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Got it. Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: So hearing no other pushback,  
11 I'd like to make a motion to approve the committee's  
12 proposal for Chair rotation with the amendment of a term  
13 being one meeting or three days, whichever is longer.  
14 Did I do that right?

15 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I second that.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee?

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: I recommend we not include the  
19 three-day provision because -- and keep our maximum  
20 flexibility, you know, because we just don't know what  
21 it's going to look like going forward and -- you know,  
22 including how each of us will feel when our term comes up  
23 and what's going on in our life when our term comes up.  
24 Right? So you know, with just the understanding, you  
25 know, two, three, four, one, two, three, four, five,

1 seven days, you know, I mean, just how it looks when the  
2 time comes, to keep our maximum flexibility around that  
3 and not set a minimum or maximum threshold.

4 CHAIR TURNER: I still -- and I know we have a  
5 motion and a second, but I don't see that as any  
6 different than if your term came up and it was time for  
7 you to do the full meeting, you still would need to --  
8 you could decline or do something different. I just  
9 think the setting the three keeps us from having to have  
10 the discussion every time it's a single meeting as to  
11 whether or not we want to take action or not. It would  
12 be understood upfront that the person would be Chair a  
13 minimum of three times. It just feels as though --

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Three days. Yeah. True. True.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Le Mons?

16 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I think I might have gotten a  
17 little confused based on what counsel just said a few  
18 moments ago. So anticipating these multiple single-day  
19 meetings, what are the odds of having those types of  
20 meetings between now and before August of next year with  
21 our 14-days' notice?

22 MS. JOHNSTON: It would not happen before August.  
23 It might happen in -- if the time of the census is  
24 extended again so that you had until December 15th to do  
25 your maps, then it might come up towards the end of the

1 year.

2 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So we have a -- maybe we  
3 could approve the proposal as-is and see how things flow.  
4 And we can always amend it moving forward. Because we  
5 may be trying to solve for a problem that's not  
6 necessarily a problem yet.

7 MS. JOHNSTON: The only qualification on that is  
8 that is if you were going to amend it, you'd have to have  
9 it on the agenda as an action item. That could be done.

10 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: That could be done?

11 MS. JOHNSTON: You could always put it on the  
12 agenda, whether or not you want to modify the rotation  
13 schedule.

14 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Well, that might be a  
15 thought, Commissioners, for if we build in the three-  
16 day -- or three to five day, I think was actually the  
17 recommendation. And with the out, like Commissioner Yee  
18 is talking about, it would kind of cover all the bases.  
19 So we're saying this, but we may not do it. That's kind  
20 of what happens, right? It's like okay, we'll agree to  
21 this, and we'll have this out. So is an agreement  
22 necessary? Maybe the proposal without the days and if we  
23 find this a problem, we can address the problem when it  
24 is a problem.

25 MR. VILLANUEVA: Oh. We have a lot of -- we have a

1 lot of motions that's been seconded on the floor.

2 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Or we could just move forward  
3 with it as it is since it's been seconded. I'm good.

4 MS. JOHNSTON: Do you want to call the question?

5 CHAIR TURNER: I --

6 MS. JOHNSTON: Calling the question will stop --  
7 stop public discussion and you still have public comment.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Right. Okay. So Commissioner Yee?

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Can we clarify that the motion  
10 also includes Commissioner Akutagawa's correction to the  
11 paragraph to read Chair and Vice Chair?

12 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Okay. So we'll stop  
14 discussion at this point and go to public comment.

15 Ryan, do we have a public comment in the queue?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And once -- and once  
17 again, if you do have a comment, please press 1, then 0,  
18 1-0. And allowing a few moments here. So far we have no  
19 one queueing up.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Ryan.

21 Counsel, what time is our lunch scheduled?

22 MS. JOHNSTON: Five minutes from now.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we have no one in  
25 queue at this time.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you. Then we will call  
2 to vote, please.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Before we call the vote, can  
4 we just hear the motion one time?

5 MS. JOHNSTON: As I read it, is to accept the  
6 notation proposed by the subcommittee with it being on  
7 the agenda at every meeting as to whether or not you want  
8 to change that procedure.

9 CHAIR TURNER: No. The motion --

10 MS. JOHNSTON: No?

11 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Vazquez, do you want to  
12 make your motion again?

13 MS. JOHNSTON: Oh. It was your second -- I  
14 apologize. I didn't write that down. It would be to  
15 either for one meeting or for three days, whichever is  
16 longer, subject to change at every meeting.

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I didn't have that one. I  
18 mean, so --

19 MS. JOHNSTON: I thought that --

20 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: It's okay, but that was not  
21 my motion. That was --

22 MS. JOHNSTON: Can you clarify, please?

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: That was -- yes. It was just  
24 without the subject to change. So that was -- yeah.  
25 That was not part of my motion.



1 MS. JOHNSTON: Okay. If --

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Can you remake your motion  
3 again? Just say it out what it was because I'm just not  
4 remembering it and I didn't write it down.

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. To accept the rotation  
6 as proposed with the amendments of -- the term duration  
7 being one full meeting or three days, whichever is  
8 longer.

9 CHAIR TURNER: And with the corrected -- adding in  
10 the word "Chair".

11 MS. JOHNSTON: All right. Is everyone clear on the  
12 motion?

13 Commissioner Ahmad?

14 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Akutagawa?

16 And I'm sorry. This is a special vote. Since  
17 you're electing Chairs, it needs to be three from each  
18 subgroup, but -- Commissioner Andersen?

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fernandez?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fornaciari?

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Kennedy?

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Le Mons?

2 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSTON: You had me going there.

4 Commissioner Sadhwani?

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

6 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sinay?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

8 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Taylor?

9 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

10 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Toledo?

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Turner?

13 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Vazquez?

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Yee?

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSTON: It passes with the required votes.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Actually I think I better  
20 say my yes verbally because I think I got --

21 MS. JOHNSTON: I thought I heard -- I thought I  
22 heard you --

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I didn't have a chance to  
24 say yes and since this is also recorded and public, I  
25 should -- I don't want somebody to come back and say that

1 I didn't say yes so --

2 MS. JOHNSTON: I have you recorded as a yes.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, everyone.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Good job, subcommittee. Thank you so  
6 much. At this time, we will go to lunch. We'll recess  
7 for lunch, and we'll come back -- let's just come back,  
8 please, at 1:45, 1:45.

9 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

10 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Thank you and welcome  
11 back to our Commission meeting for Friday, September 4th,  
12 after lunch.

13 We will begin with public comment, Ryan. So if you  
14 would, please. I think the instructions have been read  
15 twice today. Let's just go and see if we have someone  
16 online.

17 Actually, Raul, if you would read them, that'll give  
18 time for the community to join online for public comment.

19 MR. VILLANUEVA: Very good, Chair. Let me bring  
20 that up.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

22 MR. VILLANUEVA: You're welcome.

23 CHAIR TURNER: And Commissioners -- let's see --  
24 Fornaciari and -- I can't remember -- Toledo and  
25 Andersen, are you ready on your subcommittee report?

1 Should I come back after lunch for the chief counsel?

2 Will you be ready right after public comment?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm not sure. I sent a  
4 quick email to you so you should probably get that.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'll check on it. Thank you.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you.

7 We're ready, Raul.

8 MR. VILLANUEVA: Very good, Chair.

9 To the public, instructions for making public  
10 comments by phone. So in order to maximize transparency  
11 and public participation in our process, the  
12 Commissioners will be taking public comment during their  
13 meeting by phone.

14 Each time that the Commissioners bring up an action  
15 item, you will be informed that it is time to call in if  
16 you wish to make a public comment. The Commissioners  
17 will then allow at least two minutes for those who wish  
18 to comment to join the public comment queue.

19 So you can make a public comment by dialing 877-226-  
20 8163. After dialing the number you will speak to an  
21 operator. Then you will be asked to provide either the  
22 access code for the meeting, which is 5185236, or the  
23 name of the meeting, which is the Citizens Redistricting  
24 Commission, first Commission meeting.

25 After providing this information, the operator will

1 ask you to provide a name. So please note, you are not  
2 required to provide your actual name if you don't wish  
3 to. You may provide either your own name or a name other  
4 than your own.

5 When it is your turn to make a public comment, the  
6 moderator will introduce you by the name you provided to  
7 the operator. So providing a name helps ATT, which is  
8 hosting this public comment process -- excuse me --  
9 providing a name helps ATT, which is hosting this public  
10 comment process, to ensure that everyone holding for  
11 public comment has a chance to submit their comments.

12 So please be assured that the Commission is not  
13 maintaining any list of callers by name and is only  
14 asking for some names so that the call moderator can  
15 manage multiple calls simultaneously and can let you know  
16 when it's your turn to speak.

17 After providing a name and speaking with the  
18 operator, you will be placed in a listening room, which  
19 is a virtual waiting room where you will wait until it is  
20 your turn to speak. You will be able to listen to live  
21 audio of the meeting, but please remember to mute your  
22 computer or livestream audio, because the online video  
23 and audio will be approximately 60 seconds behind the  
24 live audio that you are hearing on the telephone.

25 If you fail to mute your computer livestream audio,

1 it will be extremely difficult for you to follow the  
2 meeting, and difficult for anyone to hear your comment  
3 due to the feedback issues which will occur. Therefore,  
4 once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when you  
5 may be called upon to speak, and please turn down the  
6 livestream volume.

7       From the listening room, listen to the meeting and  
8 the call moderator. When you decide that you want to  
9 make a comment about the agenda item that's being  
10 discussed, you will need to press 1-0, that's 1-0. Then  
11 you will be placed in the queue to make a public comment.  
12 When joining the queue to make a public comment, you  
13 should hear an automatic recording informing you that you  
14 have been placed in the queue. You will not receive any  
15 further instruction until the moderator brings you in to  
16 make your public comment.

17       The moderator will open your line and introduce you  
18 by the name that you provided to the operator. Once  
19 again, make sure that you have muted any background noise  
20 from your computer. Please do not use a speakerphone,  
21 but rather speak directly into your phone.

22       After the moderator introduces you, please state the  
23 name you provided the operator and then state your  
24 comment clearly and concisely. After you finish making  
25 your comment, the Commissioners will move on to the next

1 caller and you may hang up the phone. If you would like  
2 to comment on another agenda item at a later time, please  
3 call back when the Commissioners open up public comment  
4 for that item and repeat this process.

5 If you are disconnected for any reason, please call  
6 back and explain the issue to the operator, then repeat  
7 this process and rejoin the public comment queue by  
8 pressing 1-0.

9 The Commissioners will take comment for every action  
10 item on the agenda. As you listen to the online video  
11 stream, public comments will be solicited. This is the  
12 time to call in.

13 The process for making a comment will be the same  
14 each time, begin by dialing 877-266-8163 and follow the  
15 steps that I've just lineated. They're also available on  
16 the website homepage. Thank you very much.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Bravo, Raul. Thank you.

18 MR. VILLANUEVA: You're welcome.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Ryan -- Ryan, AT&T operator, we are  
20 ready, sir, for public comment.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. And as a reminder,  
22 please press 1, then 0 if you wish to make a comment, 1-  
23 0. And we have no one in queue for a comment.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. We'll wait, Ryan, still, just  
25 for another minute. Just another minute. Okay. Did

1 anyone join us?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We have no one in queue.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you, sir.

4 Commissioner Andersen, you were saying?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. We had a quick  
6 subcommittee meeting and we do want to continue about,  
7 specifically, the last proposal on was should we -- I  
8 believe it was -- I don't know if we -- sorry. Let me  
9 stop again. I'm not sure if we made a proposal or if we  
10 just gave direction, but I believe the direction that we  
11 said was, do we ask Raul to go with a recruiter on  
12 getting a slightly modified posting out to a new group,  
13 to a -- meet with a recruiter and to new posting.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: But we'd still like to  
16 essentially do that, but we'd like to help Raul with this  
17 recruiting process because there might be a more  
18 efficient way of doing that. Still the same idea, it's  
19 just rather than saying, Raul, please do this for us,  
20 they're going to give him a little more direction on how  
21 the recruiting -- on using a recruiter.

22 MR. VILLANUEVA: And Chair, that's what I had  
23 asked -- or had proposed.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

25 MR. VILLANUEVA: If I could look for an interagency



1 agreement with a public sector company rather than  
2 initially go out to a private company. Private company  
3 will have to be done through an RFP, so you're talking  
4 four to six weeks just to get that up and going. And the  
5 interagency, we can probably look at maybe a week and a  
6 half.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Commiss --

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: There's a step we could use  
9 before we have to jump into that process. That's what we  
10 wanted to talk about in terms of this.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: In terms of proposal for next  
12 steps, I think what we're moving towards is potentially  
13 advertise for the finished -- finalizing the bulletin and  
14 the job descriptions, updating -- making the minor  
15 updates, and then helping with advertising of that --  
16 so -- or giving direction -- I guess that would be the --  
17 to advertise the position as widely as possible, but  
18 possibly in a couple of legal newsletters, some of the  
19 online postings, and -- while we get the recruiter on  
20 board so that we can get the biggest dissemination  
21 possible. So with addition to --

22 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So --

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: In addition to having the  
24 interagency agreement or exploring that possibility, just  
25 getting it out there and getting it disseminated and --

1 through the legal processes, as well as taking some of  
2 the input from the Commissioners, reaching out to  
3 speakers and experts in the area that -- in our --  
4 speakers that have approached us and other experts in the  
5 legal community to see if they can just help us  
6 disseminate this posting a little bit further. So just  
7 asking them for help in disseminating the job description  
8 to see if we can get a wider pool of qualified  
9 applicants.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, subcommittee. We have  
11 Commissioner Le Mons and Commissioner Kennedy.

12 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No comment.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy?

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just  
15 so that colleagues are aware, I'd suggested our number of  
16 additional recruitment channels to Raul and some of these  
17 may be, I think, pretty good options for getting the  
18 message out widely. One is Election Line Weekly, which  
19 is supported by the Democracy Fund. It's a weekly that  
20 goes out to people interested in election-related topics.  
21 I've been getting it for over a decade, and they have a  
22 very active jobs board there. And also Professor Rick  
23 Hassen at U.C. Irvine runs a very active election hall  
24 blog. So those two I think could be potentially very  
25 good channels for chief counsel. And I also suggested

1 governmentjobs.com, the California Association of Clerks  
2 and Election Officials, and the California State  
3 Association of Counties.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you. Thank you. And  
5 Raul has all of those?

6 MR. VILLANUEVA: I have the emails.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

8 MR. VILLANUEVA: My main concern being that if  
9 you're -- those were out -- it's just a matter of how  
10 much is it and how do we purchase it. When you start  
11 talking about getting an external recruiter, now then  
12 that's where -- if I don't have the ability to go ahead  
13 and start doing that and starting negotiations and  
14 actually seeing what the process is going to be for  
15 interagency, the alternative is to wait further and start  
16 developing and RFP -- excuse me -- but if I don't receive  
17 some kind of direction right now, I have to wait until  
18 your next meeting to get the direction.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right. And --

20 MR. VILLANUEVA: So there's at least a two-week  
21 delay there before --

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right. Of the ones that I'd  
23 suggested, I think governmentjobs.com may be the only one  
24 that charges. The others I think would be free of charge  
25 and, you know, I've offered those as a possible way of

1 avoiding having to spend money on this and still getting  
2 the word out widely among an interested target audience.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Sadhwani?

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Let me just ask and  
5 this is partially a conversation for later, but also for  
6 now. Once this posting is live, can we as Commissioners  
7 be sending it out? Right? Like can we tweet about it?  
8 Could we -- you know, could we have a press release about  
9 it? Could we be advertising it ourselves in any way or  
10 capacity? And it sounds like, Commissioner Kennedy, that  
11 you know of these places and perhaps -- I don't know --  
12 but perhaps you have some relationships with them. Is  
13 that something as Commissioners that we can go and do?  
14 Because it's a public notice. Or is that in any  
15 violation of Bagley-Keene?

16 MS. JOHNSTON: You can distribute it as much as you  
17 wish.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Great. Thank you.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Le Mons?

21 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I feel like we are maybe  
22 bundling to two things. I think Raul's initial point  
23 earlier today was that there could be a shorter path  
24 to -- having a search firm that's already part of the  
25 state system -- do that function that we were looking to

1 potentially secure a private firm for. And that would be  
2 something that, if we were going with a private firm,  
3 would require an RFP and a much longer, up to six-week  
4 process. So I think his recommendation was to at least  
5 explore the state process first. And if we were able to get  
6 what we needed from that, great, we have it done. And if  
7 we weren't, either for whatever reason he found, that  
8 there wasn't something available or if that became a  
9 roadblock, then the second approach might be -- would be  
10 our next step. So I think that we need to give him some  
11 direction to move forward with that. And that's sort of  
12 separate and apart from the --

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Web-based.

14 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Pardon me?

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh. I was agreeing. Thank  
16 you.

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Oh. Okay. Yeah. And I  
18 think that's separate and apart from what Commissioner  
19 Andersen opened with, which is regard to the subcommittee  
20 wanting to continue to be involved with working with Raul  
21 in these other wider distribution -- giving him some  
22 direction on some of the things that Commissioner  
23 Kennedy -- and maybe other avenues and channels for  
24 getting this out as well. So it seems like that we can  
25 do both of those. That we need to be giving the

1 direction very specifically for pursuing the state path.

2 CHAIR TURNER: The interagency.

3 Raul?

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes. The interagency.

5 MR. VILLANUEVA: The company that I'm thinking of is  
6 Cooperative Personnel Services. They're a joint powers  
7 act agency. They're not, per say, part of the state, but  
8 because they are a public entity and a joint powers act  
9 agency, we're able to do an interagency agreement with  
10 them. They do a lot of different services to public  
11 sector organizations. They've been around since I think  
12 the early '80s.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

14 MR. VILLANUEVA: So that would be one of my first  
15 avenues, is to go and inquire with them how much for  
16 what. Also too, just for every subcommittee, just so you  
17 know, my intent, Marian's intent, because we're both  
18 working together is to work directly with the  
19 subcommittee --

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

21 MR. VILLANUEVA: -- in terms of the different -- the  
22 different things that the subcommittee's trying to  
23 accomplish in whatever capacity. So I don't mean to  
24 imply that we won't, but I just need the direction. If  
25 you want to do an external entity, that work needs to be

1 started soon, please.

2           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I think -- can I -- the  
3 subcommittee would like us to allow Raul to go ahead, to  
4 have our permission to look into this and proceed with  
5 this. That our -- the subcommittee's working with him  
6 because there -- in terms of -- there may be something  
7 that we can do as far as this where, you know, it's a  
8 little bit like what we need, there are two portions.  
9 The how we disseminate and also a recruiter, but if the  
10 one doesn't work, we need the recruiter. So we just  
11 haven't had a chance to talk directly to Raul about this.  
12 That's why it sounds a little disjointed. But it's the  
13 same -- same idea.

14           COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And I do think it's -- it's  
15 two things, right? So the first thing is giving Raul --  
16 so we -- the recommendation would be to give Raul the  
17 authority to go out and try to inquire and get the  
18 appropriate conversation and any documentation in this  
19 area to enter into an agreement for recruitment services.  
20 And separately from that, it would be to move forward  
21 with -- and I believe we had this authority with the last  
22 motion that was passed -- to update the job description  
23 and to begin disseminating it widely. And the two things  
24 are separate but connected because they're both connected  
25 to recruitment. So we'd be doing our own, right? We'd

1 be disseminating the job description and also inquiring  
2 on getting additional support to help us do a targeted  
3 recruitment as well to ensure that we have the most  
4 widespread dissemination. And also a large enough pool  
5 to make a good decision.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. And qualified too. So  
7 we're -- we have multiple avenues to get good, qualified  
8 candidates.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And given the competition,  
10 right? We're not the only ones doing redistricting.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: There are many entities doing  
13 redistricting across many local municipalities, state,  
14 national. So we want to be able to secure the best that  
15 we can and that's going to require a large dissemination  
16 plan.

17 CHAIR TURNER: And I do --

18 MR. VILLANUEVA: So I do have a question.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

20 MR. VILLANUEVA: Excuse me. Please.

21 CHAIR TURNER: That's okay.

22 MR. VILLANUEVA: Sorry.

23 CHAIR TURNER: No problem.

24 MR. VILLANUEVA: So is the preference for somebody  
25 who understands California, is in California? Or



1 somebody from other parts of the country who may not be  
2 familiar with California? I phrase it that way  
3 because --

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So I think some of the  
5 preference would be someone who has federal VRA, federal  
6 election, electoral, constitutional expertise. The  
7 California piece, I think it's important to understand  
8 because there are so many constitutional issues that are  
9 California-specific. And some of that can be brought in  
10 separately, but it'd be --

11 MR. VILLANUEVA: Well, also --

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- important for them to at  
13 least understand California rule --

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

15 MR. VILLANUEVA: Right.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- would be able to pick them  
17 up very quickly and --

18 MR. VILLANUEVA: This is also your chief counsel.

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

21 MR. VILLANUEVA: Right? And so having someone who  
22 isn't familiar with California --

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh. No.

24 MR. VILLANUEVA: -- even though the VRA is -- as  
25 your chief counsel, I think that --

1           COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think the preference is  
2 rightly having both. If we can get both of the  
3 California and the federal VRA and the federal electoral  
4 expertise, that would be the preference. And that's in  
5 the job description right now. It's actually a  
6 requirement in the job description for both.

7           CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners -- I saw Akutagawa and  
8 Sadhwani?

9           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: First off, can I just say  
10 just as a kind of a point of process, Commissioner  
11 Andersen, I am having still a hard time -- you go in and  
12 out still. So I just want to -- I don't know about the  
13 others, but I'm still having a hard time hearing. On  
14 this last point, one of the thoughts that I had -- and  
15 I'm glad that this is coming up because this is going to  
16 help clarify things. One of the thoughts that I had is  
17 in distributing or sharing the chief counsel job  
18 description, I was going to go out to some National Bar  
19 Association contacts that I have. With the caveat to  
20 folks saying that there must be experience in California,  
21 I know that there are, at times, people who are from  
22 California, who have spent significant time in  
23 California, but may be working, for example, somewhere  
24 else and may be interested in coming back to California  
25 because this is perhaps something of interest. Or they

1 may be at a point in their career where they feel like  
2 this is something that -- it's an opportunity for them to  
3 also give back. And so I wanted to just propose that as  
4 maybe a potential way to broaden our pool. I do agree  
5 that I think you'd need to have somebody who understands  
6 California -- the California VRA, but also the federal  
7 VRA, but -- and also frankly, I think we also need  
8 somebody who had spent some significant time in  
9 California because I think there are sometimes nuances  
10 that people from outside of California don't always  
11 understand. And I guess maybe everybody from every state  
12 may say the same thing, but I feel that very strongly  
13 about California. I think sometimes people don't really  
14 understand it well.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I think if you could --

16 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners --

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm sorry. I might just  
18 jump in. That was always the intent, is not only  
19 California Voting Rights Act, Federal Voting Rights Act  
20 information, but also familiarity with California  
21 legislature. And what is going on in our state now  
22 because again, this is our chief counsel for all matters  
23 that we're going to be going through. So while an  
24 outside expert might be really good in particular fields,  
25 we need the general California experience, which, I mean,

1 it's not to say someone who's from California and has  
2 been in California, but happens to be out of state right  
3 now, might not qualify. But in terms of national pools,  
4 I would certainly go California first.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

6 Commissioner Sadhwani?

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, just my two cents. We  
8 are a Commission of the State of California. We  
9 obviously need someone that has California experience.  
10 And personally, I think that they would also need to be  
11 bar certified in California.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

13 MR. VILLANUEVA: Well, if they're going to practice  
14 here.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That is a requirement of  
16 the -- sorry.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Raul?

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- to be able to help with the  
19 litigation through, it is a requirement.

20 MR. VILLANUEVA: I would also add, as your chief  
21 counsel, it's really critical not to just know  
22 California, but to know California government --

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

24 MR. VILLANUEVA: -- and the entities here in  
25 Sacramento because they will be your forward-facing

1 counsel for all the entities that you would be  
2 interfacing with here as a Commission as part of  
3 Sacramento state government.

4 If I may, I would put that as number one, general  
5 California law, number two, and the VRA, three because  
6 it's easier to get that as an expertise -- a state  
7 person -- anyway. My point was made.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

9 Commissioner Yee?

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: You know, so far Marian's been  
11 functioning also as our -- somewhat as our  
12 parliamentarian. And I'm wondering if the chief counsel  
13 would actually, in fact, take that role as well in all  
14 our meetings. You know, a little bit separate function.  
15 But of course I wish Marian would just apply for the job,  
16 but --

17 MS. JOHNSTON: I'm retired.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Is that the case? Oh. Okay.

19 MR. VILLANUEVA: We tried. We tried.

20 MS. JOHNSTON: Well, I did -- at least last time I  
21 tried to attend all the meetings. I have represented a  
22 number of state Commissions, Commission and statute of  
23 Fair Employment Practice Commission, Native American  
24 Heritage Commission, so -- as well as the Citizens  
25 Compensation Commission. So I know Robert's Rules, and

1 Bagley-Keene, and Brown Act, and all that good stuff.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: So I'm just wondering if, you  
3 know, that's necessarily going to be the case for the  
4 chief counsel going forward, or do we have other options  
5 when that time comes.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Andersen?

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It's my understanding that a  
8 lot of the (indiscernible), but the executive director  
9 would also facilitate as the parliamentarian  
10 (indiscernible) items (indiscernible). But is that not  
11 correct or (indiscernible) in terms of the standard  
12 format for (indiscernible) last year and what is  
13 anticipated for (indiscernible) executive director  
14 (indiscernible).

15 MS. JOHNSTON: I would assume that's something that  
16 the executive director would work out with staff and  
17 assign responsibilities as people are best qualified.

18 CHAIR TURNER: So where we are in the point now,  
19 subcommittee and Raul, there was last meeting, I think, a  
20 motion had passed to go one direction, and we're actually  
21 adding to that, fleshing it out a little bit more by --  
22 is there any different motion that needs to be made or  
23 this is just a point of clarification? What is our  
24 action item coming out of this after this motion --

25 MR. VILLANUEVA: Could it be just as simple as a

1 request, or --

2 MS. JOHNSTON: Do you want -- well, you want to sign  
3 the contract, though.

4 MR. VILLANUEVA: No.

5 MS. JOHNSTON: To go to -- for the interagency  
6 contract, you want authority to do that.

7 MR. VILLANUEVA: So what Marian is bringing up is --  
8 is an important point in that, should -- so here's how  
9 I'm envisioning it. If you say yes, go ahead, pursue the  
10 interagency, I'm working with the subcommittee and with  
11 the Chair. It gets to a point to where the subcommittee  
12 is going, well, we're going to make a recommendation to  
13 the Chair to go with this interagency, go ahead and start  
14 putting it together.

15 And so with the Chair, would -- as far as I  
16 understood your motion -- your Chair would be empowered  
17 then to authorize and sign it if it was ready. But I  
18 think wouldn't they be required to have a vote?

19 MS. JOHNSTON: They could vote now on -- wait, the  
20 terms of an interagency contract are pretty standard.  
21 There's no leeway, really.

22 MR. VILLANUEVA: No, there isn't.

23 MS. JOHNSTON: So I think if you would vote --  
24 assuming if we put in place before your next meeting to  
25 authorize the Chair to approve it, would be what I would

1 suggest.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So there still needs to be a  
3 motion, then, for that?

4 MS. JOHNSTON: Right.

5 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yeah.

6 MS. JOHNSTON: Because the contract. A easy  
7 contract, but a contract.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam Chair.

10 Raul, do we have a cost estimate on what the  
11 interagency agreement half might cost?

12 MR. VILLANUEVA: As you know, Commissioner Kennedy,  
13 those types of external services come with a menu. And  
14 so that's where I would be working with the subcommittee  
15 and the Chair in terms of here's the menu, here's the  
16 cost differences. And depending on what they would pick,  
17 that would determine the cost because it could run 5,000  
18 to 25,000, would be my guess, easy, just depending on  
19 what you want.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Le Mons?

22 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So maybe we should come to  
23 some conclusion about how much money we want to spend to  
24 recruit general counsel and then move forward with making  
25 a motion to authorize Raul to move in the interagency



1 agreement down that path with Chair having authority to  
2 sign off on it. I think if we could get a cap. I don't  
3 know. Do we want to spend 25, 50,000 dollars on  
4 recruitment? So maybe that's the discussion. And then  
5 we can have sort of a range that we authorize in terms of  
6 cost so we can move it forward. So we're not waiting two  
7 weeks to just be able to say, okay, put out the general  
8 counsel recruitment.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

10 MR. VILLANUEVA: Right.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

12 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Or however many weeks it'll  
13 take.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. (Indiscernible) go  
15 over this with Raul, but basically recruiters can cost up  
16 to 25 percent of the first year's salary. And if there's  
17 another possible way of doing around this because it  
18 might be as much as ten percent. But so general  
19 counsel's annual salary -- it's only a two-year position,  
20 but it's an incredibly important two-year position. And  
21 what was the annual salary on that, Raul?

22 MR. VILLANUEVA: I think --

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Range?

24 MR. VILLANUEVA: Hold on one moment, and I'll bring  
25 that up.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: The range didn't go -- I  
3 believe it wasn't until -- it was less than 200,000  
4 dollars, if I'm --

5 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yeah. I think it topped at 16K --

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Per month?

7 MR. VILLANUEVA: -- approximately, per month.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, it's  
9 (indiscernible) --

10 MR. VILLANUEVA: It's after lunch, so I'll have to  
11 get my calculator to do the 12 times 16.

12 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: It's 192.

13 MR. VILLANUEVA: 192?

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So basically, you know, if  
15 it's 25 percent, well, that could be up to almost 50,000  
16 dollars. If it's 10 percent, it would be more like 20,  
17 25 (indiscernible) --

18 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yeah. But that --

19 MS. JOHNSTON: But that's using a private agency.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: But it's usually about 15,  
21 20.

22 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yeah.

23 MS. JOHNSTON: But that's using a private agency.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Raul, is it?

25 MR. VILLANUEVA: And a lot of the cost is how you're

1 going to advertise extensively and where.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And that could probably  
3 cost, you know, about say, okay, 4,000 dollars, 5,000  
4 dollars, just depending on costing.

5 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yeah. Another big cost is the  
6 extent to which they have to develop the solicitation and  
7 advertisement. So if we come in with something and they  
8 just tweak, it will cost less than saying, do it for us  
9 from scratch.

10 So there's some negotiation points in terms of the  
11 menu.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

13 MR. VILLANUEVA: And that's why the discussion is  
14 important. But I can -- I was going to say --

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: It seems to me that about 10  
16 percent would be reasonable for the -- up to 10 percent  
17 of the salary, which is about -- it's a little bit --  
18 about 20,000 dollars, about 20,000 dollars. It's a  
19 little less than that. But maybe 20,000 dollars as being  
20 the cap, given that there has already been a lot of work  
21 done on the advertisement. We would tweak it, we would  
22 figure out where to place it, and help with speaking with  
23 candidates, and trying to get interest and illicit more  
24 interest.

25 And certainly we'll try our best to keep it as low

1 as possible and to negotiate the best rate as possible  
2 because it is taxpayers' dollars. But we place the  
3 threshold at about 10 percent of salary, which is not --  
4 which is a lot less than it would cost in the private  
5 sector for a position of this caliber.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I would say probably do like  
7 in total, as there is the advertising costs as well as,  
8 say, recruiting costs, so in terms of outlay, it might be  
9 up to 25, but would be -- around 20 would be recruiting,  
10 for the actual quote, recruiting portion. That quotes  
11 into ballpark numbers.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Le Mons?

13 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Can we split the difference  
14 and say 15 percent of the salary will give you range to  
15 be able to move? That gives you about 30K, and --

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's good.

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: -- you know, use your  
18 discretion, of course, just so that your hands aren't  
19 tied, and you can move. How does other people feel  
20 about -- other Commissioners feel about 15 percent as the  
21 higher end?

22 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We need to pay the amount, even  
24 if other recruitment efforts -- if other recruitment  
25 efforts come to fruition, we only pay certain costs, not

1 the full cost, because they didn't find us the person,  
2 right?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct. That's where the  
4 miscount comes from, instead of 25. Because you say,  
5 yeah, right, you know, you found it through us, so -- and  
6 they usually negotiate.

7 CHAIR TURNER: And I -- to answer your question,  
8 Commissioner Le Mons, what you stated makes sense to me  
9 so that they're not having to come back close, but not  
10 quite enough money. And I do believe the subcommittee  
11 and Raul will use their best discretion and try to save  
12 those dollars.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And it would still be -- and  
14 it would still go through the Chair, so the Chair would  
15 have final say on this.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: Right.

17 MR. VILLANUEVA: Right.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So --

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: And with that, I'd like to  
20 make a motion that we move forward with the  
21 recommendation of the general counsel subcommittee to  
22 empower Raul to move forward with pursuing the  
23 interagency agreement with a budget of 15 percent of  
24 general counsel salary on the high end to support the  
25 recruitment and outreach efforts. And giving the

1 authority to the Chair to sign off on any contracts  
2 supporting those terms.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: I second that. Commissioner Yee.

4 CHAIR TURNER: We'll go to public comment now,  
5 please, Ryan, on this particular topic in motion.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

7 Ladies and gentlemen, if you do wish to make a  
8 comment, please press 1, then 0 at this time, 1-0.

9 CHAIR TURNER: And Ryan, do we --

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And currently we have no  
11 one in queue.

12 CHAIR TURNER: We'll wait a couple of minutes to see  
13 if someone wants to dial in.

14 While we're waiting, was that all of the  
15 subcommittees that were assigned? Does anyone else have  
16 a report still of the subcommittees?

17 MS. JOHNSTON: I don't think so.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I wanted -- it didn't come --  
20 it didn't come up, but Commissioner Kennedy had brought  
21 up the election and being able to -- the legal framework  
22 about making all election items accessible, language  
23 accessible, and I thought about that. I think that we  
24 all want to be as accessible as possible.

25 But my question was -- and this kind of goes to a

1 lot of the different topics that we've had -- is would we  
2 want to restrict ourselves or set a precedent? So if we  
3 say we're going to follow the voter -- the laws for --  
4 election laws, could that put us down a path that later  
5 might restrict us on something else?

6 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Let me have you hold that  
7 point.

8 So was there any other subcommittees that was  
9 waiting to report out, someone that had an assignment for  
10 a subcommittee? Okay.

11 Ryan, did we have any public comments holding yet?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do not have anyone in  
13 queue at this time.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you.

15 Would you call the vote, Marian, on the motion?

16 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Ahmad?

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Andersen?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fornaciari?

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Kennedy?

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Le Mons?

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sadhwani?

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

7 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Taylor?

10 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Toledo?

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

13 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Turner?

14 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Vazquez?

16 CHAIR TURNER: She had to step away. She'll be

17 back.

18 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Yee?

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSTON: Motion passes.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

22 Commissioner Sinay, I'm going to come back to your  
23 point in just a moment, please.

24 So we also, just to let the full Commission know,  
25 that the communications subcommittee did submit the



1 letter where we will use this particular letter to  
2 contact those that have applied before and let them know  
3 that they can, if they choose, reapply or they don't need  
4 to if they're still interested.

5 Commissioner Taylor, did you want to say anything on  
6 that letter because it was approved?

7 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No, that's -- we made the  
8 changes to suggestions, and we sent that to Raul, and we  
9 would like to just contact and encourage those to either  
10 amend, reapply, but they're still in the applicant pool.

11 MR. VILLANUEVA: Right.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Perfect. Okay. So that's just an  
13 FYI.

14 And then staff, Raul, if you would just help me. I  
15 think I'm at the point now where we're able to go to our  
16 future meeting dates and agenda. But if you can go  
17 through all of the notes to see, or if -- for you --  
18 those of you that have, outside of Commissioner Sinay's  
19 comment that she's going to make, did we cover everything  
20 else?

21 MR. VILLANUEVA: Let me check on that, Chair.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

23 Is that your hand, Commissioner Le Mons, or you're  
24 fixing the camera? Okay.

25 Commissioner Kennedy, let me say this. What's

1 interesting about watching for hands, I'll say, as my  
2 time gets close to a close, is that for every time you  
3 either fix your hair, adjust your glasses, the  
4 interpreter's hands that's going up, it's like a constant  
5 watching the screen, so your notes -- you're not keeping  
6 good notes. Or looking -- if you look down to look at a  
7 note, you look up and then you've missed whose hand came  
8 up first, and so I just wanted to say that that's part  
9 of --

10 MS. JOHNSTON: It's not an easy job.

11 MR. VILLANUEVA: Keep your hands in your lap.

12 CHAIR TURNER: -- Commissioner, it keeps you  
13 engaged. For sure, you'll stay engaged in checking it  
14 out.

15 Commissioner Kennedy?

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just before I make my point,  
17 on that one, you know, if you have a pad or if you have  
18 your Robert's Rules of Order, it's easier to see  
19 something big and yellow in your --

20 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- in the small screen than  
22 this, which sometimes gets hidden behind your name and so  
23 forth.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Yes. Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Anyway, do we have clarity on

1 where we are with asking the auditor's office for  
2 communications support in the meantime?

3 MR. VILLANUEVA: Not yet.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: The only alternative to that  
5 that I see, as far as short-term -- I mean, Commissioner  
6 Sadhwani very correctly was saying, you know, there are  
7 already beginning to be things that we might want to  
8 issue statements on, is to set up a communications  
9 subcommittee and have that communication subcommittee  
10 taking on that role in the absence of the support that we  
11 should be receiving from the auditor's office.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Le Mons?

13 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'm curious as to how that  
14 would really work, because if we're talking about  
15 empowering two people to respond as a subcommittee to all  
16 of our communication needs, that makes me very nervous.  
17 And with the breaks and when we meet, just operationally,  
18 I'm not sure how that would work.

19 So if you have some clarity, Commissioner Kennedy,  
20 on how you would imagine the subcommittee functioning,  
21 please shine some light on that.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I would just say, taking  
23 direction from the Commission, we need a statement on.  
24 And then the subcommittee does what these subcommittees  
25 have gone for this meeting, which is just come back with

1 drafts for consideration of the full Commission.

2 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I think the problem with  
3 that, though, is these things we did within the context  
4 of a meeting. This will be outside of the meeting. If  
5 something cropped up, we wouldn't be able to -- because  
6 we couldn't give you any direction or input because once  
7 you move past the two people, there's that  
8 (indiscernible). So that's really what I'm concerned  
9 about. There would be no way to get our input into  
10 moving forward on sending responses and things of this  
11 nature outside of official meetings that have been  
12 agendized (phonetic throughout).

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. I mean, I'm not saying  
14 that this is ideal in any way, shape, or form. But, you  
15 know, I've been frustrated from the very beginning that  
16 we have no communication support. There were people  
17 taking potshots at the Commission before we had selected  
18 the final six, and our hands were tied. We could say  
19 nothing and do nothing. And we will be in a situation  
20 where we --

21 MS. JOHNSTON: Well, you can only speak as  
22 individuals. As long as you make it clear that you're  
23 identifying yourself as a commissioner for information  
24 purposes only.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Well, is it --

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sorry. I'm not -- I'm --

2 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner --

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: My initial frustration was  
4 with the attacks that were coming at us, and we had no  
5 way of responding, and we still have no way of  
6 responding.

7 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Welcome to my world.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee and Andersen.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, I think that -- don't we  
10 have some legal obligation to make publicly available  
11 records of our meetings? I think the language is, as  
12 quickly as practicable. But is that -- what does that  
13 constitute? Maybe counsel can --

14 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes. You have to make your  
15 meetings -- in fact, the videotape goes up the next day;  
16 isn't it, Christian?

17 MR. CHRISTIAN: As soon as possible, yeah. One or  
18 two days (indiscernible) --

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: So --

20 MR. VILLANUEVA: So yeah, all your videos for this  
21 meeting are up. The transcripts, there is a delay  
22 because they actually have to do the transcription. I  
23 get a copy, proof it, then it goes up.

24 MS. JOHNSTON: But any action you've taken -- for  
25 instance, the letter that the census subcommittee is

1 sending out, you could send that to newspapers or  
2 contacts you have in the press or any way you want to  
3 distribute it. It's a public document.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: But there's no communication  
5 needs currently that we're legally obligated to fulfill  
6 that we don't have covered yet?

7 MS. JOHNSTON: Posting. Just posting. And  
8 notifying people on the mailing list of upcoming  
9 meetings.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: But Raul does that currently, and  
11 so that's covered?

12 MS. JOHNSTON: Through the auditor's office.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Yeah.

14 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yeah. Yeah. Through the auditor's  
15 office.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: More power to you, Raul.

17 MR. VILLANUEVA: No, that's a really good question.  
18 It's important to ask that as far as those requirements,  
19 those are being met.

20 That's one of the reasons, even though some of the  
21 community agencies were very upset that the auditor had  
22 put out those solicitations, those recruitments, but it  
23 had to be done so that you would at least have some  
24 applicants to look at.

25 Now, your subcommittee decided that only two of them

1 met the requirements. And so you're going out for more.  
2 But that's, if I may, and I say this respectfully, those  
3 are decisions the Commission made. The effort to get you  
4 those applicants was done on your behalf, and that's the  
5 reason for it.

6 Same thing with the chief counsel. There's a desire  
7 to say, no, that's not what we want. Well, that doesn't  
8 mean that those efforts weren't done in good faith or to  
9 provide the best means possible for you with an  
10 understanding of your needs right now. But the  
11 Commission has decided to take a different path, which is  
12 your right.

13 CHAIR TURNER: And Raul, if I respond directly as a  
14 Commissioner, speaking as an individual to something that  
15 I hear or read in regards to Commission work and respond  
16 publicly, should I be sending you a copy CC of that  
17 information, Marian CC of that information, or would you  
18 like to see it before I respond?

19 MS. JOHNSTON: It would be good to send us a copy.  
20 That would be something that the communications director  
21 would undoubtedly request is copies of all public  
22 statements that you all make, anything in writing,  
23 anything you say to the press.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

25 MS. JOHNSTON: So it's a good practice to start

1 right away.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

3 Commissioner Andersen?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Two items on that one.

5 Basically, you know, this did come up when we were the  
6 group of eight. And I think what basically we were  
7 essentially told, and I think it was what (indiscernible)  
8 is, don't just directly respond, run it through counsel  
9 first. Because it might be like, woah, it didn't catch  
10 it before -- you know, basically it's easy to catch it  
11 before you can say something directly than try to rebut  
12 it afterwards. Also, I think it would be just in general  
13 practice of, when you respond in public, make sure you --  
14 whatever you want to say publicly or send it off, make  
15 sure you run it through counsel first. That might help.

16 CHAIR TURNER: And I think -- I think whereas that  
17 is a viable option, and I hear the current counsel says  
18 CC, but for those of us that have roles that are quite  
19 public, where we are out in the Commission -- I've been  
20 out of commission for the last couple of months, but my  
21 typical role out in the community could at any moment  
22 happen in the middle of a press conference with someone  
23 commenting or saying something, what have you. And if  
24 I -- and so what I'm comfortable with is making a direct  
25 response cautiously. If I think it walks the line as



1 controversial, or if I feel, you know, if there's time,  
2 I'll do that. But there for sure will be times that I  
3 won't be able to stop the environment that I'm in and  
4 then reach out to counsel or communication and then get  
5 back the moments lost.

6 MS. JOHNSTON: I agreed with that. And as long as  
7 you're talking about an action the Commission's taken,  
8 you can describe that all you wish. And as long as  
9 you're talking about your personal opinion on something  
10 you want the Commission to do, that's fine. The only  
11 resistance would be in making statements about what the  
12 Commission is going to do when you're just an individual.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Absolutely.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani?

16 Commissioner --

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Can I just get additional  
18 clarity on that? My understanding was that we could not  
19 discuss our personal opinion about what the Commission  
20 should do outside of a public meeting.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Who's speaking? Oh. Sadh -- MS.

22 JOHNSTON: That's not my opinion. I think there would be  
23 big First Amendment problems with putting that kind of  
24 restriction on you.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That was very helpful. And

1 while we're on this conversation, can I also just put out  
2 there, and I can also speak to you individually, I had  
3 spoken about this with the previous counsel. One of the  
4 challenges for me is that I actually study elections in  
5 California. I write about them. I write articles about  
6 them. And I have, at the advice of counsel, have held  
7 back in doing that so that it does not appear in any kind  
8 of conflict of interest or that I'm writing about any  
9 candidate or any -- or that I would have -- I don't write  
10 from the perspective of having a preference of a  
11 candidate. I conduct ecological inference, right, which  
12 is the method of the VRA. But, you know, I do want to  
13 put that out there because I think for myself, from kind  
14 of a professional standpoint, that is a constriction that  
15 I'm putting on myself, and I put it out there for you  
16 all.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay. And then  
18 Fornaciari and Le Mons.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Pardon me. Could you just  
20 come back to me because I was -- actually had a point  
21 about the -- the auditor and the communications, please?

22 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think Commissioner Sadhwani,  
24 on what you were saying, being on the Commission  
25 shouldn't be a -- a detriment to your career or -- not a

1 detriment but a cautionary -- a caution sign or a  
2 slowdown, especially as women. We have enough things  
3 that kind of derail us at times. And -- and that also I  
4 would -- because I'm kind of in the same boat as you are  
5 in -- in a different field. I mean the philanthropic  
6 field is very into the civic engagement. And I've done  
7 civic engagement my whole career.

8         So I would say that we need to be -- we need to be  
9 careful, but you were selected because you have that  
10 experience. And we need to con -- always remember we  
11 were all selected because of our -- our full experience.  
12 And yes, we need to be more careful, but, you know, I  
13 mean, you posted an -- you wrote an article that I didn't  
14 even realize it was you. And I had reposted it before I  
15 was on the Commission. And then later I was like, oh,  
16 that's who Sara Sadhwani is. You know? You know, and it  
17 was like -- it was like, oh, do I de -- do I un-post it  
18 because I'm still an applicant? Or do I -- you know, and  
19 I -- and then I had, like, followed you on LinkedIn. And  
20 I was like, wait, I've got to unfollow her because now  
21 she thinks I -- you know?

22         It all gets so darn complicated. But we are running  
23 in circles that are -- are very -- it was fun to go on  
24 each of your LinkedIn profiles and note who we do know,  
25 and who we don't know, and how we are connected, and not

1 connected. So I would say we need to move forward on our  
2 careers because that's why we were elected -- we were  
3 selected. But also be careful that we -- we don't  
4 disparage our -- as -- as a group.

5 And this is where my question came in is when I sat  
6 on -- when you sit on a school board, and you make a  
7 decision, it's very similar as being on a non-profit  
8 board. You -- you all make the decision. And even if  
9 you were a no, you support the decision that was made as  
10 a group. While when you sit on a city council or Board  
11 of Governors or whatever, if you make the decision and  
12 you are a descending vote, you can disparage the vote as  
13 much as you want. And I'm not sure which one of the two  
14 we're here.

15 I know that so far Commissioner Yee hasn't been able  
16 to throw us off -- off kilter. But there -- but I think  
17 that there will be times when we don't all vote the same  
18 way. And so I have this as part of the agenda items, but  
19 just something to think about is do -- that's another  
20 piece of speaking our own mind.

21 MS. JOHNSTON: Well, and the -- the way the statute  
22 is written, it's extremely broad. And I would keep that  
23 in mind as -- as a perspective. But it has to be  
24 interpreted reasonably and in line with constitutional  
25 requirements. To say you can't say anything about

1 redistricting, you certainly can't talk about what you  
2 plan to do as a Commissioner, how you're going to vote a  
3 certain way outside of a public meeting. But to talk  
4 about the process or past decisions the Commission's  
5 made, it's got to be a reasonable interpretation, in my  
6 opinion.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. We'll -- we'll go -- okay.  
8 We'll go to Akutagawa and Toledo and then Raul. I really  
9 would like to hear if we have everything so that we can  
10 move to -- oh. I'm sorry. We -- well, we weren't  
11 finished. Fornaciari, Le Mons, Andersen, Akutagawa,  
12 Toledo.

13 Go ahead, Commissioner Fornaciari.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I just -- I  
15 would -- I would say that I think the advice we were  
16 given as the first eight was kind of hyper paranoid;  
17 don't say anything because your only job is to pick the  
18 next six.

19 I think at this point, you know, in some ways we  
20 would be doing the Commission a disservice by not  
21 engaging, right? And in just -- you know, to follow one  
22 of Marian's points, you know, we have -- we can't talk  
23 about the details of what we're going to do or what our  
24 plans are before we talked about it in a public meeting.  
25 But not connecting with your network and sharing, hey,

1 I'm on this Commission; this is what the Commission does;  
2 oh, by the way, if you want to provide input, don't call  
3 me, come to a public meeting, you know, kind of thing.  
4 And I think it's incumbent upon us to -- to use the  
5 social network tools that we use to -- to get the word  
6 out there and engage our own personal networks to get  
7 more engagement in the process.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

9 Commissioner Le Mons?

10 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I would just say that I think  
11 we should be mindful. Perception is very important. I  
12 think also how what you say gets used is also important.  
13 So unless you have media training, being more thoughtful.  
14 And maybe we should invest in some media training so that  
15 you know how to navigate the press because it isn't just  
16 as simple as do I say something or don't say something  
17 when you're dealing with the press in particular. Which  
18 is why I was particularly concerned about that being  
19 turned over to a subcommittee of two people because it --  
20 it's a little bit more complicated than that.

21 And I'm not talking about Commissioner Sadhwani's  
22 talking about in that context, but in a more official  
23 capacity, where you are a Commissioner, and you are  
24 representing the Commission and you're being scrutinized.  
25 So I just say keep that in mind.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Good advice.

2 Commissioner Andersen?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, on these points I  
4 totally agree. I actually was going back to the  
5 communications with the State auditor. I thought we  
6 actually had requested Raul to please look into that.  
7 And I thought that was the status of -- not just we will  
8 drop that, but can we please ask the State Commissioner,  
9 you know, are -- or you know, can you get us a temporary?

10 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I thought that's the way  
12 that --

13 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- was --

15 CHAIR TURNER: He -- he -- it was. And hasn't -- he  
16 doesn't have a response yet.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh. I'm sorry. I  
18 misunderstood. Thank you.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa?

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. And thank you,  
21 everyone, for having this conversation. This was one of  
22 the first things that I was really most concerned about  
23 when -- when the appointment was confirmed.

24 As Commissioner Sadhwani had also said, too, I  
25 think -- and I think Commissioner Sinay had also said --

1 I think a lot of have these community ties in which these  
2 kind of conversations are going to be par for the course.  
3 And I was concerned about whether or not I can even be in  
4 a room where a conversation would be going on where I may  
5 have to say, I cannot hear this; you need to speak -- you  
6 need to come to a public meeting and make a public  
7 comment so that the rest of the Commission can also hear.

8       And I did have a conversation with Marian before  
9 every -- before our first meeting. And my understanding  
10 walking away from that meeting was that I can hear, but I  
11 need to say as -- as -- I think it was Commissioner Le  
12 Mons that said, you know, please make a public comment  
13 about it so that it is clear to everybody that, while I  
14 can be in the presence because I -- I mean, I don't want  
15 to not hear out what others may be talking about, I do  
16 want to also be conscious about being careful about  
17 transparency, being able to ensure that anything I say is  
18 not going to break rules, specifically legal rules, but  
19 also not put the light of our work in any kind of  
20 question because I think that's something that is  
21 important in terms of how our -- our work is going to be  
22 accepted. And given how hyper partisan of an environment  
23 we're in, I'm -- I guess I'm really hyper paranoid about  
24 that as well too.

25       COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.



1           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I do want to also say  
2 something about the media training. I think that that  
3 would be a very good training for us to also consider.  
4 Having given lots of media interviews, I am -- even  
5 though I've done so, I am very nervous sometimes about  
6 what I say, how I say it, how it's going to be construed.  
7 You don't know how a reporter is going to hear something,  
8 how they're going to position something. And also, they  
9 may try to -- I won't -- I don't want to say that they're  
10 going to trick us per se, but I think we need to be  
11 focused on ensuring that if we're going to give a media  
12 interview, what is our talking points that we want to  
13 make sure that we always refer to so that we don't get  
14 off track and then get misquoted. So I do want to  
15 strongly encourage that we do think about that for all of  
16 us.

17           CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.  
18           Commissioner Toledo?

19           COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I just wanted to agree with  
20 Commissioner -- a couple of the Commissioners that have  
21 gone before us -- before me.

22           In terms of the need for public relations training,  
23 I think it's beyond media. I think media is important  
24 but also how we communicate on social media and other  
25 platforms, any type of communication that -- that could

1 be used to -- or misinterpreted. And just so that we're,  
2 you know, conscious about what we can and cannot do,  
3 how -- or how we can frame our communications so that  
4 they -- so that they will maintain the integrity of the  
5 Commission and not -- and not hurt the Commission because  
6 ultimately we all want what's best for the citizens of  
7 California.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you.

9 And at this point we're moving into our agenda, item  
10 23. So I'm going to start.

11 Commissioner Sinay, I think you -- let's see. This  
12 is where we're going to talk about the discussion of  
13 meeting dates and future agenda items. And you,  
14 Commissioner Sinay, actually I want you to go back to  
15 your point that we held off.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Actually, when I was looking at  
17 my point, I had written it for item number 16.  
18 Commissioner Kennedy had brought it up I think either the  
19 first or second day about the voting California -- one of  
20 the California laws. And I was just thinking, as we -- I  
21 had completely agreed with everything he was saying. And  
22 then I was thinking, wait, do we want -- do we want to  
23 set precedence. So I don't think that it goes here. And  
24 we can discuss it if it comes up again in the future.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Perfect. Thank you.

1           So Commissioners, future agenda items is where we  
2 are and then discussion of meeting dates. And I know  
3 there's been lots of lists that's been kept. I see  
4 Commissioners Sinay, Kennedy, and Ahmad.

5           COMMISSIONER SINAY: I have been, as you know,  
6 keeping a running tally whenever people have -- had said  
7 things or things come up. I've tried to organize it in a  
8 certain way. And what I can do is, as you all speak, if  
9 you want, continue -- continue to, you know, put things  
10 in places, and then at the end, report out what I've  
11 heard throughout the seven days now that I've kind of  
12 gotten them in categories. But I don't want to share the  
13 categories yet in case I'm totally off and we come up  
14 into a new area.

15          CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Well, I certainly appreciate  
16 that. Commissioner --

17          COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's the facilitator in me.

18          CHAIR TURNER: All right. Commissioners Kennedy,  
19 Ahmad, and Fornaciari?

20          COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Madame Chair. To  
21 me, and you know, I recognize that this comes very much  
22 out of my background, I feel the need to develop a  
23 comprehensive timeline, breaking out all of the different  
24 work streams, and at least coming up with general ideas  
25 of what all we need to get done by when. I mean, the

1 point yesterday that, you know, maybe we can -- maybe we  
2 have the time to take more time in some of these  
3 improvements. Yes, but how much? I mean -- and as  
4 Commissioner Akutagawa pointed it out a while back, you  
5 know, some of us are -- are -- some of us process  
6 visually. And to me, seeing a Gantt chart is really  
7 going to help me have a good overall picture of  
8 everything that needs to get done, how we slotted it in  
9 to make sure that we get everything done.

10       And, you know, one of the other lessons from my  
11 career has been, you know, yes, hope for the best, but  
12 plan for the worst. And we really need to be looking at  
13 worst-case scenarios. I mentioned the other day that,  
14 you know, we may have a breakthrough and be able to hold  
15 public input sessions face-to-face and then two weeks  
16 later be faced with another outbreak and have to go back  
17 to the -- you know, this way of doing things. So I think  
18 we really need to sit down -- this is -- this can tie in  
19 with some of the visioning work that we were talking  
20 about. But if we can spend some time -- I've already  
21 started for my own purposes, working on a work plan -- a  
22 Gantt chart that will give us a clear picture of what has  
23 to be done and when. Thank you.

24       CHAIR TURNER: That's good. Okay.

25       Commissioner Ahmad and then Fornaciari?

1           COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Madame Chair. My  
2 comments actually very closely mirror Commissioner  
3 Kennedy's comments. I think it would be a good place to  
4 start with just visioning, you know, a couple months down  
5 the line perhaps. We don't know what's going to happen  
6 after that. And then before jumping into specific items  
7 to include, Commissioner Sinay has the broad bucket. So  
8 I -- I rest my case.

9           CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

10           Commissioner Fornaciari and then Commissioner Le  
11 Mons?

12           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I'm a hundred  
13 percent in support of getting the other Gantt chart. And  
14 you know, it's going to be kind of notional at this  
15 point, but we got to at least capture the big items --  
16 these are all the things we need to get done -- so we can  
17 have a visual of what it looks like and, you know, ensure  
18 that -- anyway. We all know why we need a Gantt chart.

19           So I want to kind of let you know, last week --  
20 towards the end of the last meeting, it became apparent  
21 to me that we need to really take some time to design --  
22 deliberately design an agenda. Not just for this next  
23 meeting, but for several meetings out, to -- you know,  
24 all the things that we talked about. And I won't go  
25 through the -- all the things. You know, team building,

1 and, you know, some baseline of understanding of where  
2 we're all at, and what the goals, and all that good  
3 stuff, all things teams need to do.

4 And so you know, my brainstorm was, hey, we have  
5 this person who's a facilitator on our team. I'm going  
6 to -- I'm going to nominate her to be in charge of a team  
7 to do that. And then I thought well, before I throw her  
8 under the bus in a public meeting, I'll check with Marian  
9 and see if it's okay if I call her. And Marian said yes,  
10 it was okay. So I called her. And then we didn't talk  
11 to anyone else about it. We just talked to each other.  
12 We both did that. So I wanted to let everyone know I  
13 called Commissioner Sinay and talked with her about it.

14 And so I think this notion of kind of a  
15 subcommittee, you know, to work on an agenda has kind of  
16 gone away because the -- the Vice Chair is going to work  
17 the agenda. You know, I just offer that, you know,  
18 Commissioner Sinay is doing a lot of that work too. So  
19 the vice Commissioner can engage her in -- or Vice  
20 Chair -- I'm sorry -- can engage her. So -- but I wanted  
21 to let you all know that we had that conversation, after  
22 I checked in with Marian to make sure it was okay.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

24 Commissioner Le Mons?

25 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I was going to suggest

1 that our next meeting -- whatever number of days that  
2 ends up being, it sounds like there's some general themes  
3 around what those meetings need to look like. Some of it  
4 is, of course, presentations and information through  
5 workshop fashion or whatever structure that is going to  
6 be used to impart that information to us. Some of it's  
7 specific to inform personnel. Some of it is other areas  
8 that we want to understand as well. So I think that that  
9 would be a sub chunk (phonetic). Also team building and  
10 planning.

11 So those are, like, sort of the three areas that I'm  
12 thinking we are saying, okay, we've gotten the -- and  
13 then staff would have to weigh in on this as well. It  
14 sounds like we've gotten the, sort of, emergent business  
15 done. You know, this is the first meeting of all 14.  
16 We're all here. We've gotten to get each other's vibe a  
17 little bit. We've got the emergent business that we  
18 really needed to take care of so that our office can limp  
19 along until it can start to run. And now, we're getting  
20 the foundation that we as the 14 need. So I see this  
21 next meeting, series of days, equally a meeting, being  
22 about providing us with as much of that that's reasonable  
23 within whatever period of time we're choosing to do it.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani, yes?

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's a very tentative hand

1 there. I completely agree with everything everyone has  
2 said. I'm so glad the Commissioners Fornaciari and Sinay  
3 have discussed. I love the idea of Commissioner Sinay  
4 serving as -- in a facilitator role. I do think, when it  
5 comes -- especially -- whether it's the trainings or --  
6 but especially that timeline and work plan that  
7 Commissioner Kennedy and Ahmad were talking about, which  
8 I completely support, someone has to facilitate that  
9 process. And certainly, if we have a skilled facilitator  
10 amongst us, that makes sense.

11 I would only just -- just to throw this out there, I  
12 hear you, Commissioner Le Mons. There's like three  
13 buckets. And I agree with you on that. I know that we  
14 need that 14 days. Rather than lumping all three of  
15 those buckets together, I also just wonder if we want to  
16 agendize them as separate meetings just so that we don't  
17 have to -- this becomes very exhausting. I don't know if  
18 you all are feeling that way. But this is, I think, our  
19 eighth day of meetings. It does require a lot of time  
20 and energy. And just sitting here on Zoom all day is  
21 draining.

22 So maybe if we take one bucket one week for two to  
23 three days. But then we're all -- we've already, you  
24 know, after this meeting we already agendized something  
25 else at that next one, right, so that it's already on the



1 plan. We have two meetings already set. So that we  
2 don't have to be here quite so long. So that our agendas  
3 don't have to be, you know, 23 items that keep us here --

4 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- on end.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

7 Commissioner Fornaciari and Akutagawa.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I like that -- I  
9 like that idea. Although, maybe there'd be a mixture of  
10 some of each of the buckets. But let's manage the size  
11 of the meetings in reasonable size chunks. I like that  
12 idea.

13 But I -- and I do want to offer, from my  
14 perspective, just my perspective alone, I -- you know,  
15 Commissioner Sinay is a member of this Commission. And  
16 being a facilitator is about as tough or tougher than  
17 being the Commissioner -- or the Chair. So if there are  
18 specific agenda items that we feel we need a facilitator,  
19 you know, I think -- you know, at least I would like to  
20 offer my support for bringing in a facilitator to  
21 facilitate the -- those parts where we need someone to  
22 really be actively facilitating so that Commissioner  
23 Sinay can participate.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I agree with everything

1 that Commissioner Sadhwani said about how draining these  
2 things are. I'm used to being on these Zoom calls, like,  
3 from 7 in the morning to 6 at night. And that's what  
4 I've been having to do to work around this. But it is  
5 exhausting. And so many days in a row.

6 I know that we have to give the 14-day advance  
7 notice. I am just wondering, and this is perhaps  
8 directed to both Raul and Marian, if we were to say, for  
9 example, we want to -- like you did for the September  
10 meetings, if we were to say two weeks from now we want to  
11 hold a day of meetings one day -- one week, and then for  
12 the next subsequent three weeks, you know, a day -- even  
13 if it's two days, is that something that we can do?  
14 Because I -- honestly, I don't think I could do another  
15 week again multiple times. It's just -- it's -- it is  
16 exhausting. And I don't know -- it's been good for this  
17 first part, but I -- I mean, just -- every time I think  
18 that it's -- I think I feel like, you know, there's only  
19 so much we're going to be processing. So that's one.

20 Secondly, I do have a question in terms of this  
21 process around the facilitator. Because we do have to  
22 follow the Robert's Rules of Order, that's not  
23 necessarily conducive to facilitation in the traditional  
24 way that I think about what facilitation might be and our  
25 participation. So I do wonder about that also.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.  
2 And in the terms of facilitation, I think I was thinking  
3 of and appreciative of Commissioner Sinay's role that she  
4 kind of naturally fell into based on who she is. She is  
5 a facilitator. I don't think I was necessarily thinking  
6 of her as a facilitator for the Commission. She's doing  
7 what she naturally does which is extremely helpful,  
8 particularly to -- I'll say to me, as the role that I've  
9 served as Chair. And I'm certain there are probably  
10 others that can be a chair and do something, you know,  
11 far better as far as keeping up with everything.

12 But for me, each time she says that she -- and when  
13 I saw her notes and she was capturing it, it was almost  
14 like a -- okay. Good. Because you're so nervous. Like,  
15 oh my God. And then way later, in the middle of the  
16 night, you're like, oh, crap. You know? This person  
17 said X, Y, Z. And I don't think we came back to that.  
18 And now where is it in my notes? And we don't have  
19 notes. You know?

20 So the fact that she had that for me was a -- is a  
21 resting place. It gave me some peace in knowing that she  
22 had it. So whether that is a facilitator or just  
23 someone -- and I know Raul does the same thing as staff.  
24 You know, I can always message him and say, you know,  
25 what did I skip, what are we missing, kind of thing. Or

1 at the end of the day, he or Marian will say remember to  
2 go back to such and such. So for me, it was just kind of  
3 a safety measure to have someone. And then just to kind  
4 of formally naming her as such or it can still be  
5 informally. But that's how I was thinking about her role  
6 and appreciating it.

7 Commissioner Toledo?

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So I have two things. One, I  
9 think having the work plan or having some kind of Gantt  
10 chart with -- with the work would definitely help with  
11 all of the transitions because we -- we've talked about  
12 the having, you know, so many chair and Vice Chair  
13 transitions. And so if they had this type of Gantt chart  
14 they would know -- it would certainly help them guide in  
15 the agenda-setting processing, ensuring that things stick  
16 to the -- the priorities of the Commission, the whole  
17 Commission.

18 And then second, just in terms of Committee work.  
19 It would be helpful if we had a Zoom account for the  
20 Commission or some kind of telecommunications line  
21 because it's been challenging to communicate with the  
22 Commission phones. And so if there was a way to get a --  
23 you know, a Zoom account or some kind of  
24 telecommunications -- a videoconferencing account so we  
25 could see each other, that'd be great for the Committees

1 and outside of the Commission work.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

3 Commissioner Le Mons?

4 Raul, I see you. Commissioner Le Mons and then  
5 Raul.

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Commissioner Toledo brought  
7 up a very good point. And are we empowered now to get  
8 some real phones? If so --sorry.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Raul is like --

10 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: 2020 phones -- or 2019.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Raul is like pick me, pick me.

12 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Oh. Pick -- please pick  
13 Raul.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, Raul? Because we want to throw  
15 these away.

16 MR. VILLANUEVA: With all due respect to the makers  
17 of those telephones, no -- so should I work with the  
18 finance committee on that? Because the next step will be  
19 to start -- to start getting the available phones and  
20 start looking at cost and then be able to present that to  
21 the Commissioners on what they want within that range.  
22 And so I --

23 CHAIR TURNER: As soon as possible.

24 MR. VILLANUEVA: I just need to know which  
25 subcommittee do you want me to work with?

1 CHAIR TURNER:COMMISSIONER SINAY: Finance, right?

2 MR. VILLANUEVA: Oh.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. We'll do it.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Perfect.

5 MR. VILLANUEVA: Okay. So I'll --

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And can we get computers too?

7 MR. VILLANUEVA: So I got your back on that issue.

8 Commissioner Va -- okay. So there was some issues with  
9 some of the laptops. I'm just going to go ahead and  
10 replace Commissioner Sinay's. If anyone else is having  
11 issues with those laptops -- okay. So --

12 CHAIR TURNER: Are we -- Raul, let me ask you this  
13 to be able to answer that question. Again, the equipment  
14 seems to be -- well, personally, you already know what my  
15 struggle is. I'm a one hundred percent Mac user. So I  
16 hate the computer, period. Everything is an issue. But  
17 do they not have computers with cameras in them that  
18 they're not using this add-on stuff? I don't understand.  
19 It seems like they're very antiquated. And maybe -- I  
20 don't -- so I don't know what part of it is that I'm just  
21 still trying to resist the fact that it's not a Mac and  
22 what part of it is that it is an old computer.

23 MR. VILLANUEVA: Well, let's take the easy one  
24 first. No, they don't have cameras. That's the way they  
25 ordered them. These are -- they're better than nothing.

1 If you wanted to go ahead and get other ones, we're  
2 looking at about five -- four to six weeks because  
3 getting IT through the State is an interminable process  
4 with so many layers. And that's the nicest thing I can  
5 say. And I'm being kind. But I can pursue that. But  
6 it's going to take that long. In the meantime, if you're  
7 having issues, please let me know. And like Commissioner  
8 Sinay's, I'm not even -- we're just going to replace  
9 hers. I have some other ones here. And I'm just going  
10 to replace that. And then once we have IT staff, they  
11 can play physician for it.

12 I just got a message. I have to take a call. It's  
13 on your behalf. It's a good one. What I would like to  
14 add real quick is, as you look at your agenda, I did want  
15 to suggest three topics to consider only because of  
16 ongoing work. Something -- you should agendize something  
17 to keep the contracts going. So when they come in, they  
18 can be authorized. The selection, remember that you're  
19 going to have those. One of the things that I'll be  
20 working with the subcommittee on, is scheduling those  
21 interviews. And so that needs to be on the agenda,  
22 please.

23 MS. JOHNSTON: For the executive director.

24 MR. VILLANUEVA: For the executive director. Thank  
25 you. Something that -- that's your decision. But I

1 would highly suggest for you to consider something that  
2 helps you move forward in terms of how you are going to  
3 be defining this community engagement thing. And also  
4 something that hap -- that will help you move forward in  
5 working with a line drawer.

6       So there was a little workshop that was discussed,  
7 interactive line drawing, the tech -- the technical side  
8 of line -- all of those -- there's little bullet points.  
9 And so anyway, I can work with somebody, give it to them,  
10 and we -- so that I can have a speaker for you or a  
11 presentation, or an interactive thing for you. Something  
12 that will help you start coalescing those ideas.

13       CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

14       MR. VILLANUEVA: That's my suggestion.

15       CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Raul.

16       MR. VILLANUEVA: Thank you.

17       CHAIR TURNER: We'll see you when you get back. I  
18 have Commissioners Sadhwani, Ahmad, Sinay, and Fernandez.

19       COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It looks like Fernandez  
20 needed to go right away. Yeah.

21       CHAIR TURNER: Oh. Okay. Yes.

22       COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I actually wanted to ask  
23 Raul a question because we already -- we already said  
24 that we're moving forward with the executive director  
25 interviews. But then he made it sound like in the



1 meeting we would schedule the interviews? My assumption  
2 was in the next meeting that we're going to be  
3 interviewing the candidates, correct?

4 MS. JOHNSTON: That's my assumption.

5 CHAIR TURNER: I believe he said --

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: He's saying interview.

7 CHAIR TURNER: and that he has to move forward on the  
8 interviews. So --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Good. I just wanted  
10 to clarify that our next step would be to actually  
11 interview. Great.

12 MS. JOHNSTON: And you need to let us know who your  
13 five people are.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. Right. So we'll --  
15 the subcommittee -- Commissioner Kennedy and I, we can  
16 meet with Raul on those. We'll let him know after the  
17 meeting. Thank you.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just back on that point of  
20 computers. And I know -- I think this is one of the  
21 topics that we need to discuss when it comes to that tech  
22 and the line-drawing workshop. And Raul kind of alluded  
23 to that, some sort of interactive line-drawing piece.

24 I know we have kind of thrown out there that we  
25 don't want any of the Commissioners doing any of the line

1 drawing. I -- I would just invite us to have a  
2 conversation about that. I would actually be very  
3 interested to be able to actually work with a line drawer  
4 on that. And that would also inform the kinds of  
5 computers that we would need also. So for example,  
6 ArcGIS only runs on Microsoft, right? For the most part.

7 So I think before we go, you know, down a five-week  
8 process of getting new laptops, which, trust me, I am  
9 there with you on that, I think having a broader  
10 conversation around that tech of line drawing, especially  
11 if the State is purchasing specific mapping and line-  
12 drawing software, that it might behoove some of us on  
13 this Commission to also learn it. Even though we're  
14 going to hire a line drawer, right?

15 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Ahmad? Okay.  
16 Commissioner Sinay?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Why don't we let Commissioner  
18 Taylor speak before me?

19 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.  
20 Commissioner Taylor?

21 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. That was very  
22 gracious.

23 I think I would mimic Commissioner Sadhwani's  
24 statements. While I might -- we might not be doing the  
25 actual line drawing, I, at the very least, would want to

1 have the software on my computer so on those times when  
2 we get information I could see, at least for a segment,  
3 how this would affect the population. So I personally,  
4 myself, would want to have a computer resource that's  
5 able to carry that function.

6 MS. JOHNSTON: I don't know how that works. I don't  
7 know the logistics of that. How do you -- you'd have to  
8 have the state-wide data on your computer also? Or have  
9 access to it?

10 CHAIR TURNER: It's the program, I think, that  
11 has -- that can only work with that PC.

12 MS. JOHNSTON: You'd have the program, but you also  
13 have to have the data, don't you?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Statewide Database is  
15 publicly available. And I use it on a regular basis.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: Okay.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners -- let's see --  
18 Fernan --

19 MS. JOHNSTON: And as I mentioned before, the  
20 legislature is doing line-drawing software to be  
21 available to the public. And they're willing to give the  
22 Commission training on that.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh. Thank you.

24 Commissioners Kennedy and Andersen?

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam Chair.

1 Yeah. I was just going to say that I recall during the  
2 2010 process, when the publicly accessible interface was  
3 available, I was online, you know, playing around with  
4 lines, seeing what would work, seeing, you know, what  
5 happens if you do this, if you do that. So you know, I  
6 don't feel a need to have it on my computer as long as I  
7 have access to whatever public -- publicly-facing  
8 interface Statewide Database sets up.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

10 Commissioner Andersen?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. We actually do need a  
12 certain amount on all of our computers because we'll be  
13 needing to -- when we interact with the public, they'll  
14 want us to look at the -- at the documents that they're  
15 going to show. So it is an absolute minimum. Whether or  
16 not we all want to be equipped in terms of how we work  
17 with it, that's one thing. But we all need to have -- to  
18 be able to look at the documents. It's like, you know,  
19 you pulled up some documents and you can't open it  
20 because you don't have the right software. That's  
21 exactly what we have to have on our -- the computers.  
22 And it is important that whatever computers we end up  
23 getting have to be that capable, which is usually why you  
24 go -- why you don't go Mac because there are many more  
25 softwares -- and particularly as they get to that size,

1 they're all PC.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee?

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: I appreciate the Mac users for  
4 being non-partisan on the matter.

5 So in public-submitted maps, I mean, there's no  
6 legal requirement for them to submit it in any particular  
7 format. So there's no guarantee whatsoever that --

8 MS. JOHNSTON: They could be hand-drawn.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- we'll happen to have -- yeah.  
10 It could be in anything. So there's no guarantee that  
11 we'll be able to read it on our machine. And then some  
12 of this is going to be web-based actually, it sounds  
13 like. And probably the one that the State supplies will  
14 almost certainly be web-based. So you know, that should  
15 be pretty easily accessible from pretty much anything, I  
16 would think.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So we're going to have to take  
18 a break in a moment. And we still don't have any set  
19 agenda items or dates. And so --

20 Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I have everything just written  
22 in -- well, what I can do when we get back from our break  
23 is share kind of what I've been hearing and, kind of,  
24 make a suggestion, I guess, on what we can do and then,  
25 kind of, what meetings could look like. I haven't put on

1 dates and stuff so that, you know -- I'm not -- but I did  
2 hear, you know, three days at the most, maybe a week in  
3 between. I'm self-employed. So I completely understand,  
4 you know, all -- what everybody's saying. It's not going  
5 to be perfect, obviously. But it's just the different --  
6 and some of it is just ideas that I've had based on the  
7 conversations in the processes. Anyway, I can share  
8 that.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And then we can add and  
11 subtract.

12 I guess my question was, do you want me to try to  
13 spend our break typing it up so it's a shared screen?

14 CHAIR TURNER: No.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Or is it okay if we just do it  
16 verbally right now?

17 CHAIR TURNER: No. You can just do it regularly.  
18 And I'm never going to recommend you do it on your break.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I know. I really appreciate  
20 that of you. And think about that every time I'm  
21 offering. But I want to facilitate the process. Not,  
22 you know, not in the technical word, but I want to make  
23 it easier for all of you.

24 CHAIR TURNER: You just read it and that'll be  
25 great. Staff will capture some of it for us if they're

1 back, and we'll agree on it. And you'll be able to move.  
2 Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Well, I do have it  
4 written down, so --

5 CHAIR TURNER: Perfect. Okay. So we'll be back at  
6 break at 3:29.

7 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

8 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you so much. And we are at --  
9 returning from our break. And we're now establishing  
10 what our agenda items will be and our future dates.

11 And Commissioner Sinay, you had a -- is going to  
12 read out some of possible agenda items for us, please.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. And I also worked through  
14 some -- or I have a proposed times for meetings because I  
15 think it will be helpful if we can figure out what our  
16 calendar might look like so we can work on our personal  
17 and professional calendars too.

18 Anyway, so action items for the next agenda, just  
19 the one that's coming up -- some of the items for the  
20 next agenda. I don't want to say action items. So we  
21 heard we need to talk about the contracts, we need to  
22 create the interview questions in a closed session, we  
23 need to do the interviews in a closed session, and then  
24 one -- the -- just I guess we need to discuss equipment.  
25 And legislative wanted to come and talk to us about

1 updates -- or about the software; is that correct?

2 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Mapping software. And we had  
4 asked for a standing agenda item on census 2020 just so  
5 that it's on our agenda until we don't need it on our  
6 agenda. So every agenda would have census 2020 on there.

7 MS. JOHNSTON: An update on the timing?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Anything -- we just want to put  
9 census 2020.

10 MS. JOHNSTON: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And whatever might have to fall  
12 into there, we can fill it.

13 MS. JOHNSTON: Well, we need to --

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: But that way we don't forget.

15 MS. JOHNSTON: Well, in doing an agenda item, you  
16 need to be specific enough to give the public a good idea  
17 about what's going to be discussed.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

19 MS. JOHNSTON: So let's -- I'm going to put census  
20 2020 update?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I think -- I think --  
22 yeah. Because that's basically what it would -- what it  
23 would be. So that was -- that was just, in general, what  
24 I heard we needed to do, you know, for the -- here. Let  
25 me go to the big thing.



1           The main idea is to remember that we're trying to  
2 reimagine what the CRC 2020 is going to look like. But  
3 we don't want to forget the lessons from 2010. So one of  
4 the thoughts is having -- discussing 2010 and having --  
5 I -- having kind of the Commissioners, you know, figuring  
6 out a way to bring in the Commissioners to share some of  
7 their best practices, what they've learned, questions --  
8 and answer questions we may have.

9           Also, I think it's important to invite the Irvine  
10 Foundation to come and speak to us because they did  
11 invest so much money in 2010. And from everything I  
12 understand, their priorities are different. One of the  
13 Commissioners -- former Commissioners was from the Irvine  
14 Foundation. I don't know if she was with the Irvine  
15 Foundation at the time they were making the grants. But  
16 there are several -- I know one of my former coll -- I  
17 was a San Francisco Foundation fellow. And another one  
18 of the alumni from that program, he was also with the  
19 Irvine Foundation and did that. So that would be easy to  
20 bring someone in just to kind of -- what they thought.

21           And then they funded -- I think Karen would be  
22 important to bring back from 2010 to understand, kind  
23 of -- you know, she -- I feel like she -- a lot of people  
24 gave us their feedback already on what worked and didn't  
25 work. But we had asked specifically if she could, you

1 know, talk to us a little bit and give us some wisdom on  
2 the line drawing.

3         The League of Women Voters -- and there's a reason  
4 why I'm choosing these two for the 2010. League of Women  
5 Voters and Common Cause as grantees from the Irvine  
6 Foundation and ones that kind of managed the whole  
7 collaborative in 2010, just to kind of get their feel.  
8 So that was the bucket of 2010.

9         Then, I think it would be -- power -- kind of  
10 understanding power and how it relates to Community of  
11 Interest and VRA community, you know, just those two  
12 communities, the direct link. Here's my all-star panel,  
13 if we could have something like this. I know that  
14 Commissioner Sadhwani knows most of these people as well.  
15 But I would say Peter Lou (ph.), Manuel Pastor, and  
16 Angela Glover Blackwell, and the -- well, Peter Lou  
17 hasn't necessarily worked with Manuel Pastor and Angela  
18 Glover Blackwell. But they could all -- there's a new  
19 National Equity outlet. And so that would get us another  
20 data set in another way to look at data. Everything  
21 we've gotten has been very data, kind of, driven. But  
22 there's ways that we can better understand the -- just  
23 that piece.

24         So the other piece -- bigger picture is this whole  
25 idea of belonging or inclusion. How do we try to think

1 through our best -- in light of our barriers that we have  
2 because we have to do certain things because we're a  
3 State Commission. How can we think about the language we  
4 use, the way we dress, all, you know, all those things.  
5 I know it sounds silly. But it is really important on  
6 this whole idea of belonging and inclusion. And thinking  
7 about our -- how we create policies, how -- a good person  
8 that can talk on that, again, is Dr. Powell, J. Powell.  
9 He's written a lot on that and has created the Belonging  
10 Institute.

11 Outreach, best innovative practices, especially --  
12 we don't want to talk to people who have done outreach in  
13 the past. We want to know who's figured out new  
14 innovative ways with the virus. You know, how have  
15 people come out with the pandemic. And so I think a lot  
16 of the community-serving organizations -- I would rather  
17 we call them community-serving organizations or civil  
18 society organizations, verses advocacy groups because  
19 they're advocacy -- advocates has a negative connotation  
20 a lot of times in a political connotation. But these are  
21 really civil society organizations that are trying to  
22 create a better democracy and engage folks. But those  
23 are a lot of the ones that were part -- that have been  
24 calling in and were part -- are part of the redistricting  
25 collaborative that's been created.

1           Also, census. Who's doing -- you know, we can look  
2 at who's got good census information. You know, who --  
3 which regions have been successful and how. We need to  
4 understand the rural. So what -- who's doing outreach in  
5 the rural area and how we can learn the rural. LGBTQ. I  
6 would say youth, 16 to 24, is another one we want to  
7 understand how to engage. And there might be -- some of  
8 these are best -- you know, looking at best practices.  
9 People who are doing voter registration right now. You  
10 know, we're in the middle -- they may not have time to  
11 talk to us.

12           Don't worry, Commissioner Le Mons. I'm not saying  
13 all of this for next agenda.

14           I could already see -- I knew when I was writing  
15 these down, I was like, think. This is over some time.  
16 And I will assure you it will be engaging and  
17 interesting. And I will also assure you that if we could  
18 get some of these folks, that we would have a lot of the  
19 public watching and listening in because --

20           There is a thing that someone said. And I don't  
21 think it was here. But it comes back to here. And it's  
22 who and what is credible. When we're out there and we're  
23 listening to the community speak -- and I've heard us  
24 think about the -- you know, it's this whole who and what  
25 is credible. And I've been thinking about that a lot.

1 We keep saying there's people that are out there to get  
2 us. Or there's people that want us to fail. Why don't  
3 we invite those people in, and hear from them, and see  
4 what is it that they're thinking, and why do they want us  
5 to fail.

6 But also, I was really thinking of someone like Paul  
7 Mitchell who supposedly, you know, was -- created this  
8 whole strategy -- and I know you're listening, Paul --  
9 created this whole strategy last time in 2010. Why not  
10 invite him in and kind of hear from him? You know, how  
11 do we learn that political savvy that Commissioner  
12 Andersen was talking about?

13 And then on the other side is how do we learn to  
14 listen to Community of Interest? And I think some of  
15 that would come out with the conversations we would have  
16 with Manuel Pastor, and Angela Glover Blackwell, and  
17 Peter Lou. How do we listen to Community of Interest?  
18 How do we ask questions and that -- and how do we engage  
19 with translators? That one is -- if you've never been in  
20 a community meeting, you do need some training ahead of  
21 time on how to engage with an individual verses a  
22 translator and all those differences. And how do you  
23 know when a translator is not translating very well.

24 There's administrative things we've brought up. We  
25 need to figure out, how do we create a budget. So I

1 think there's -- we need a -- you know, I'm afraid that  
2 we could keep spending money, but we don't know what our  
3 line items are. And so what is it that we need to  
4 understand about creating a budget, maybe. We need to  
5 get the update from the CSA regarding how much money  
6 they've spent and how much -- and they're still spending  
7 money. So I don't think we're going to get a short  
8 answer on that. How to ask for more money in the future.  
9 That came up in our first meeting. We wanted to create a  
10 social media policy. The timeline. So those are kind of  
11 the administrative pieces.

12 Gantt, does everybody know what Gantt is because  
13 people kept saying Gantt. But I wanted to make sure we  
14 stop in case someone didn't know what Gantt was.

15 MS. JOHNSTON: I don't know.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I looked it up because, you  
17 know, I'm like, you know, yeah, I do time charts, that  
18 kind of stuff. I've never heard of Gantt. I can tell  
19 it's --

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Gantt is a specific way of  
21 creating a timeline --

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- with people's names on it  
24 and all the stuff. And I've been trained on it but never  
25 figured it out.

1           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, you know, I've never  
2 heard of it until today.

3           MS. JOHNSTON: What does it stand for?

4           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It's a guy's name.

5           CHAIR TURNER: A person's name.

6           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: The guy's name.

7           MS. JOHNSTON: Oh.

8           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Some of the tools that we  
9 wanted to explore, learn, play with, understand was kind  
10 of line drawing. Creative, innovative, government  
11 meeting engagement; how other places are doing meeting  
12 engagement. Well, just government. Sorry. How people  
13 are doing this, the Zoom. Is there anything else besides  
14 Zoom? What else -- you know, all that. The public input  
15 piece. Ideas on how to do public engagement. Oh. At  
16 some point -- this is when we had staff, but we need a  
17 better website that's interactive, that's engaging.

18           And then also we need to figure out the dockets, our  
19 material, and how they're connected -- you know, the  
20 agenda's connected to the material so that they're -- it  
21 all works a little easier.

22           I did outreach. I did agenda actions. And then we  
23 wanted to go more in depth on VRA. And I think what we  
24 wanted from that -- I was really trying to think  
25 through -- was how to look at the data and how to look at

1 the public input. How do we do VRA? So we understand  
2 the laws. And we understand the numbers. But just kind  
3 of play with the data and look on that is, I think, what  
4 people kind of meant. But you all will correct me.

5 Line drawing. Better understanding the line  
6 drawing. And again, doing kind of a workshop in  
7 understanding it. And understanding if you move this, by  
8 actually doing it -- because we're all different types of  
9 learners.

10 Security. Just understanding what we need to --  
11 what we don't know about security and what we need to  
12 be -- keep in mind. And I would say security is also our  
13 own personal security. I have been told by people who  
14 have been on Commissions locally that it can get ugly  
15 sometimes for us personally. I would hope not. But I  
16 think we just need to keep that in mind.

17 Public relations and media training. Once we have  
18 staff on board, we need clarity on how the executive  
19 director and the Commission will work with each other.  
20 We want to know how staff meets -- how they want to be --  
21 what support they need. And there's going to be a whole  
22 list there.

23 Around team building and planning, there was the  
24 specifics like, how do we make decisions, how do we --  
25 we're starting to know. Like, we all teased, you know,



1 Commissioner Le Mons, but we all kind of know -- we're  
2 starting to get to know each other's strengths.

3       And then how do we -- how do we -- and someone  
4 brought it up and I had already written it down -- but  
5 how do we learn best. Because this is really about  
6 learning as well as governments as well. And so if  
7 someone says I'm a -- I'm -- you know, some people are  
8 okay with me throwing out all this information verbally.  
9 Others are, like, going, why could she not have written  
10 it down and I can look at it? You know, we're all very  
11 different people.

12       I think that was all the -- the ones I had from --  
13 so I'm sure I've missed a bunch.

14       CHAIR TURNER: Well, I'm totally overwhelmed with  
15 what you've already said.

16       COMMISSIONER SINAY: I know. It is overwhelming.  
17 But it does -- there is -- it does make sense. There is  
18 a way to put it together so it makes sense. And it would  
19 help us all in the future.

20       Having said all that -- because I was overwhelmed as  
21 I was writing all of this and I had it all on Post-its,  
22 as you know. And then I put it on paper. And then --  
23 but I would maybe make a recommendation that we do think  
24 about meeting every two weeks for three days. Maybe  
25 Wednesdays through Fridays -- but someone else may have

1 other thoughts -- with the first one -- our next meeting  
2 being the 20 -- September 23rd through the 25th.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. While we begin to absorb that,  
4 Commissioner Fernandez?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you,  
6 Commissioner -- Chair and Commissioner Sinay. I had my  
7 list too, but it's not as intense -- as intensive as  
8 yours is.

9 The only other thing that I would ask that we have  
10 as an ongoing agenda item might be, like, a  
11 Commissioner's updates so that we can roundtable to see,  
12 you know, what's going on, what did we do since the last  
13 meeting, and if we have nothing to report, we have  
14 nothing to report. But at least it gives us the  
15 opportunity. If we did have some sort of engagement or  
16 we talked somewhere, it would give us the opportunity to  
17 bring that forward. I know being on the school board  
18 that was always very helpful just so that everyone's  
19 aware of our activities.

20 Yeah. The only -- I agree. The one thing I did  
21 that you had, and I had too, was that when we post the  
22 agenda items, if we can -- if we can have the handouts  
23 directly under the agenda item instead of having to go  
24 through the whole list to see which of the -- which  
25 handout or presentation belongs to each agenda item. Or

1 maybe just number them, something like that. But  
2 there's -- there's like other stuff that our -- I would  
3 say I'm nit-picky. So I'm not going to go through that.  
4 But for the most part, thank you Commissioner Sinay for  
5 putting that together.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Absolutely. It was very impressive.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: I think we want staff reports too  
8 as well as Commissioner reports each time, yeah?

9 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. Commissioner Fornaciari?

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. And I -- and I --  
11 so I was kind of envisioning the finance committee  
12 getting with Raul, you know, in the interim and looking  
13 at the budget and have a -- you know, he was talking  
14 about a spend rate and a -- you know, and understanding  
15 the breakdown of costs and understanding spend rate for  
16 meetings. And kind of, you know, trying to, in some way,  
17 project that out so we could all have at least some kind  
18 of rough understanding, at least in the beginning. And  
19 that we can -- that we can sharpen up over time as to,  
20 you know, how fast we're burning our cash.

21 MS. JOHNSTON: Could we have an update from all the  
22 subcommittees? What's happened on census; what's  
23 happened on the communications solicitation; all of the  
24 subcommittees?

25 CHAIR TURNER: On the agenda, Marian, you're saying?

1 MS. JOHNSTON: Yeah. Just a suggestion.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

3 Commissioner Fornaciari?

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. And I -- and we  
5 talked about a Gantt chart -- putting a Gantt chart  
6 together. And I'm just kind of -- that's something we  
7 can put to -- you know, that one or two of us can put  
8 together, you know, draft in the -- before the next  
9 meeting that we can talk to then. I just would offer  
10 that up to the Chair, if she wants to appoint somebody to  
11 do that?

12 CHAIR TURNER: Certainly because I think it would be  
13 beneficial. Are there any volunteers?

14 Commissioner Kennedy?

15 Anyone want to work with Commissioner Kennedy on the  
16 Gantt chart?

17 Commissioner Taylor.

18 Beautiful. So appointed as our Gantt chart  
19 creators.

20 Okay. I'm stuck. I don't know how to move from  
21 here with all of those things.

22 Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Akutagawa?

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. You know, I so  
24 appreciate Commissioner Sinay pulling all of these pieces  
25 together. And I think that there's value to all of these

1 kinds of conversations. My only concern -- and I think  
2 that this is where maybe we need to have a little  
3 discussion of, like -- I'm not completely certain of a  
4 Gantt chart. I'm very familiar with a -- with just, you  
5 know, work plans and timelines, in general, and I very  
6 much support them. I -- my own -- I think that  
7 those -- we need to discuss how those two inter -- that  
8 these two kind of intersect. Because I -- I hear a lot  
9 of trainings and conversations, which I do think need to  
10 happen. But at the same time, I think we also need to be  
11 very mindful of our time. I think all of the  
12 conversations that were mentioned here could potentially  
13 take us an entire year in and of itself. And so how do  
14 we -- how do we allocate our time in such a way that we  
15 can foster some of these conversations, while at the same  
16 time being mindful of what our benchmarks are, how we're  
17 moving forward? Right? Like, what's our -- what's our  
18 timeline to get this -- like a plan together to actually  
19 hire a line drawer?

20 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right? Like, I'm not saying  
22 that we need to do it today. I was -- I advocated  
23 against that. But, like, roughly though, October 15th?  
24 November 1st? December? Right?

25 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

1           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Like I -- I think we need to  
2 have some sense of some of those benchmarks, because we  
3 need to be prepped and ready. At what point do we want  
4 to -- I hear that -- and I think it's important the  
5 conversation about best practices of community  
6 engagement. By what day do we want to start going out to  
7 communities? Right? Like, if soon, as most people have  
8 suggested we ought to do soon, how soon do we need to  
9 have that training? Right?

10           And I think it is super important to get those best  
11 practices, especially during COVID. I agree. I think  
12 folks that are out there doing census work right now,  
13 probably both government agencies and community serving  
14 organizations, I think both would be really helpful,  
15 because we are operating under such difficult  
16 circumstances. So things like, you know, are we actually  
17 going to be live anywhere? Right.

18           You know, the technological pieces, all of those  
19 things. Do we want to use other platforms, Facebook  
20 Live, right? Like, I see a lot of city council members  
21 and stuff doing Facebook Live. Is that something we  
22 want? I don't know. Right. Like, so -- but I think  
23 that we need to, you know, kind of teeter between yes, we  
24 want these trainings. What's -- what's the time frame?  
25 What's the rough time frame, at least now, so that we can

1 better think about this work plan and how both the  
2 trainings and conversations work in conjunction with  
3 those dates that we might set for ourselves.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. I think the beauty of a Gannt  
5 chart is providing the frame that will be able to  
6 allow -- that -- it's been years since I've ever had to  
7 look at one or use one, but with the framing of that,  
8 that actually sets the timing for the required elements  
9 that we need to complete. I think it'll show you spaces  
10 where you have almost the luxury of having some of these  
11 trainings and be able to then kind of sequence them in  
12 within the timeline that will allow us not to miss the  
13 deadlines, not keep putting things too far off.

14 And so I think the way it's written out and then the  
15 I think that's it. And I think that's precisely the  
16 point of why we would use and need a Gannt chart.

17 Commissioner Akutagawa?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Right. I think on this  
19 issue of chart, I -- to me I think it's just another way  
20 of calling it a timeline or a workplan is what I'm  
21 hearing.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I would suggest that we let  
24 the subcommittee put some dates and some bigger pieces  
25 together. I feel like, just in our interactions over the

1 last several days, we seem to get a better-quality  
2 conversation when we have something to look at and to  
3 react to versus trying to just kind of piecemeal  
4 something now. And I -- and I feel like that's not the  
5 best use of our time. So we can have  
6 Commissioners Kennedy and Taylor -- and thank you very  
7 much for volunteering to do that -- it might give us a  
8 more substantive conversation.

9       And along those lines, I'm feeling like that about  
10 what Commissioner Sinay just said. It was really  
11 interesting, but after a while I just kind of lost track,  
12 and I -- it was just too much. And I feel like I'm not  
13 able to give a substantive kind of response to all the  
14 different kinds of things that she did say.

15       I will say that for me, I would propose instead of  
16 three days every two weeks, I would propose maybe two  
17 days every week, only for the first, maybe month to month  
18 and a half, because I think there's a lot more things  
19 that we're going to need to be getting up to speed on. I  
20 also want to ask, is meeting on a Saturday something that  
21 is an option? Only because I'm also thinking about for  
22 those of us who still have a full-time job trying to  
23 balance everything out too, that it's just another, you  
24 know, kind of balancing act. And I know that, for those  
25 of you, you know, who have other kinds of family



1 commitments, you know, taking away a weekend isn't great.  
2 I'm just trying to figure out just some kind of middle  
3 ground for everybody.

4 MS. JOHNSTON: I have no idea if the state building  
5 is available on Saturdays. We can check that out.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Good. Commissioner Toledo and then  
7 Fernandez, and then Yee. Okay.

8 You're on mute now, Commissioner Taylor.

9 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Oh, thank you. I, too, was a  
10 little overwhelmed by the list that Commissioners Sinay  
11 was able to capture. And I think there needs to be some  
12 prioritization as well on that list. So if we  
13 can -- certainly there's the things that we have to do.  
14 Those elements that will go into our work plan or a Gantt  
15 chart, that -- those are the things we have to do and  
16 what and -- but then there's the training elements. And  
17 even within those, there's the must haves and the  
18 nice-to-dos. And so we -- it's almost a process of going  
19 through that list and prioritizing what do we have to  
20 have and then what else would we like to do that might  
21 augment. But maybe the like-to-dos can happen once  
22 there's an executive director or additional staff that  
23 can help us, you know, help us allocate our time and  
24 ensure that we're meeting our requirements and the things  
25 that we have to get done and our deliverables in a timely

1 manner. Thank you.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

3 Commissioners Fernandez, Vazquez, and Sinay?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I agree with  
5 Commissioner Toledo with the must haves versus  
6 nice-to-have or like-to-do. And we also have to think  
7 about right now, our staffing is very limited to Raul and  
8 Marian. So we really almost have to wait for some of  
9 these until we have staff, so that they can coordinate it  
10 and get it all together. But I -- that really wasn't why  
11 I raised my hand.

12 Why I raised my hand is just so that we're aware,  
13 the next time that we meet in two weeks, when we do,  
14 hopefully, and we hold the interviews for executive  
15 director, I anticipate that potentially taking two days.  
16 Because one day would be writing questions and maybe, at  
17 that point, we'll want to write the questions for all  
18 three positions, thinking ahead.

19 And then the second day would be actually doing the  
20 interviews. So right there in itself, I mean, I think we  
21 might have two days' worth of activities, just based on  
22 the last -- was it seven days of activities that we've  
23 had -- and how quickly or how long we've discussed every  
24 agenda item. I just think that it'll be challenging if  
25 we get to the -- we'll only have potentially one day

1 more, which is fine.

2 I'm with Commissioner Akutagawa, where I'm still  
3 working full-time, and I'm still trying to catch up,  
4 because I didn't realize we had a meeting. So it's  
5 impacting that piece of it. But I'll be able to catch  
6 up. But every two weeks, three days, I'll make it work,  
7 but it could be a little bit stressful for some of us,  
8 just so that you're aware. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm sympathetic, certainly, to  
10 those -- for those -- for whom it will be stressful.  
11 Also, I agree with Commissioner Akutagawa that,  
12 especially the beginning, I think we need to meet a  
13 little more rather than a little less. There's so much  
14 to do. And we don't really even know -- I don't feel  
15 like I know what is a must-have versus a want, you know,  
16 nice-to-have quite yet. Some things might turn out to be  
17 must-haves that, you know, that I don't even realize.

18 I did, just for a comparison, of course the 2010  
19 Commission was different and under a more compressed  
20 timeline. But I just did the math, and the eight months  
21 that they met mostly from January to September in 2011.  
22 So eight months they met 84 total days in 27 separate  
23 meetings. So that's about 10 days a month they met,  
24 about three meetings a month they met, just for  
25 comparison. They were under a more tight deadline, of

1 course. And it averaged about three days per meeting.

2 With the interviews, by the way, if we do five  
3 interviews. That's already more than one day just for  
4 interviewing, even, yeah, assuming we can get them  
5 scheduled tightly like that, so --

6 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh. Thank you.

7 Commissioners Vazquez, Sinay, and Ahmad.

8 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sorry. Still working with  
9 tech issues. I was going to say, I think some of the  
10 bigger conversation, whether or not we deem them  
11 nice-to-haves versus, you know, these are critical  
12 grounding questions that we need to answer, I think could  
13 be -- could be paired and parallel with particular  
14 processes.

15 So, like, in some ways, we're -- well, in many ways,  
16 maybe even most, we're going to be continuing to build  
17 the plane as we're flying it. And so I imagine that  
18 there may be meetings where, you know, maybe we just  
19 kickstart the community engagement piece of it. And  
20 we're probably going to have to figure it out as we go  
21 and need to build in some of that flexibility to say, in  
22 the beginning, it may just be more important for us to  
23 just get out there and start building up relationship  
24 with communities and the -- and at the same time have  
25 sort of a continuous learning process happening, so that

1 we get better as -- I feel like it may benefit us to view  
2 this as an iterative process.

3       So we're -- you know, our first community meeting is  
4 not going to be the most productive. We are going to get  
5 better as we do it. And so also building in some of that  
6 learning, some of these bigger questions about power and,  
7 you know, best practices, I think, can happen along the  
8 way. And we'll get better. And we'll be better at, I  
9 think, engaging with that information when we have some  
10 lived experience doing it.

11       CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

12       Commissioners Sinay and Ahmad?

13       COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just as a reminder, since a lot  
14 of you said this was overwhelming, I just wanted to  
15 remind everybody that this came from seven days of  
16 everybody saying what they wanted. And I didn't -- I  
17 took liberties in thinking through how to organize your  
18 thoughts and who could actually answer some of those  
19 things. But I'm trying not to take it -- you know, I'm  
20 like, wait, I know it's overwhelming. I asked if you  
21 wanted me to write it down because I knew it was  
22 overwhelming.

23       I do want to say that I think some lessons that  
24 we -- that -- let's be aware and careful not to learn our  
25 lessons in the community if there's things we can learn

1 before we go into the community. Not all of us have the  
2 same experiences, and that would be the same as I need  
3 more lessons around using the data in lines. You know,  
4 we each have different -- different pieces, and just like  
5 we don't want to talk to the press without having media  
6 training, there is some of that that we need to be aware  
7 of when we're going into the communities.

8 But again, I was just trying to take everything you  
9 all had thrown out at different times with my little  
10 Post-Its and put it in a way that wasn't as overwhelming  
11 as just reading my Post-Its. But I apologize that it  
12 wasn't more organized.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay, you did -- you  
14 did an amazing job at capturing it. The fact that it's  
15 overwhelming, it absolutely is, not as a result of what  
16 you captured, but as a result of what our needs are after  
17 so many days of meeting. And we -- and I think what was  
18 important about your being able to capture it all and  
19 share at this moment is that we continue to say yes,  
20 let's follow up on that. Yes, we were kicking some  
21 things down the can, you know, kicking the can down the  
22 lane. And then when you see all of what you have  
23 gathered, what has been accumulated, you get the sense  
24 of, oh, my, that's a lot that we need to do. So  
25 certainly not directed at you. Don't take it personal,

1 but, yeah, it's a lot we need to assess.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, it was a lot. I mean, I  
3 didn't mean to say it -- I was taking it personally, but  
4 I just wanted to remind everybody that I wasn't just  
5 create --

6 CHAIR TURNER: It's -- that's off hands.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- that I wasn't just creating  
8 it out of the blue. The other thing I meant to add is I  
9 think the public probably has some public comments on  
10 this.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh. I'm certain. I hope.  
12 Commissioner Ahmad?

13 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Madam Chair. I am  
14 confused. When are we meeting next and the specific  
15 date, and what's going on? I have a rough agenda  
16 that -- and I think I -- I have a bias going into this,  
17 because I'm scheduled to be chairing the next meeting.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: So I'm kind of, like, ah, what  
20 am I going to be talking about? But based off of what  
21 everyone has shared, it seems like there are a lot of  
22 things we need to do, but a lot of things that we can't  
23 do yet, because of just limitations in staffing,  
24 limitations with Bagley-Keene 14-day meeting  
25 requirements. We don't have contacts with some of the

1 guest speakers that we want. We don't have their  
2 schedules. We don't have the schedules of our  
3 interviewee or potential candidates.

4       So I think for me, it would be helpful if we can  
5 move to discussing what dates we can all meet as a  
6 Commission and then what general items we would like to  
7 cover in just that meeting. I think Commissioner Vazquez  
8 kind of alluded to that, that we are literally building  
9 the plane as we fly, and I can't even see past the next  
10 Commission meeting because who knows?

11       CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh. Commissioner Ahmad, you said  
12 you have something written as an agenda?

13       COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah. So I have the -- the top  
14 and the bottom, which is -- was really easy, you know,  
15 call to order, establishing a quorum, Commissioner  
16 updates, staff updates, approval of minutes, subcommittee  
17 updates, and then another item for census updates. And  
18 then at the very bottom, standing items of the discussion  
19 of meeting dates and future agenda items, similar to what  
20 we had on this agenda, and then the very last one is  
21 public comments on any item that's not on the agenda.

22       In the middle, I have -- I don't know if this is  
23 something that's possible, maybe counsel can guide us on  
24 this, if we can go over, like, the general items that we  
25 wanted to discuss, in terms of updates and then jump into



1 a closed session halfway through the meeting to go over  
2 interview questions for our executive director position  
3 and then continue executive director interviews. Time  
4 permitting, jump back into an open public meeting to talk  
5 about which large bucket areas of training we would want  
6 and which guest speakers that we see we could potentially  
7 invite for the next meeting.

8 MS. JOHNSTON: May I ask you a minute -- a question  
9 about minutes?

10 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah.

11 MS. JOHNSTON: The practice of the last Commission  
12 was not to bra -- not to do formal minutes, except for  
13 closed sessions where they're statutorily required.

14 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay.

15 MS. JOHNSTON: By posting the agenda -- by posting  
16 the video, that is, in effect, a record of the meeting  
17 and nothing more is required. And given the lack of  
18 staff at the present time, so I don't think you need  
19 minutes, unless you want them.

20 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Oh, thank you for that  
21 clarification. I just thought that was a standard  
22 practice. And that would apply for this meeting as well,  
23 right?

24 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay. So that's one less

1 agenda item.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Well, I'll go Commissioner Fernandez  
3 and then Yee, and then I'll wait for my turn and then  
4 after Yee I'll go.

5 Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. I  
7 would -- I would suggest that we not only pick the next  
8 meeting day, but maybe like the next three or four, just  
9 so some of us can plan around it. And then also so we  
10 can, if we're going to have presentations or speakers, we  
11 can start asking for their availability and start filling  
12 in the blanks. Instead of waiting for the next meeting  
13 to set up the next meeting, we can try to be a little bit  
14 more proactive about it. That's just a recommendation, I  
15 guess, on my selfish side of it. So thank you.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: The soonest the notice could go out  
17 would be next Tuesday, which would be the 8th. So the  
18 earliest you could possibly have a meeting would be the  
19 22nd of September.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Yee, and then Le  
21 Mons?

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. And counsel, could you  
23 continue with that? Just tell us more. What actually  
24 has to go out? Do we have to have all the agenda items  
25 decided on then before that? Do we do that together --

1 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- or does the Chair?

3 MS. JOHNSTON: If there's an emergency, you can add  
4 an item to the agenda. But generally you need to have  
5 the agenda with enough description that people know  
6 what's going on.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: And that can be said by just the  
8 Chair or -- I mean --

9 MS. JOHNSTON: It can be set by the Chair --

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Finalized --

11 MS. JOHNSTON: -- with --

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay.

13 MS. JOHNSTON: -- finalized by the Chair with input  
14 from the Commission.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner -- where's my --

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Le Mons.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Le Mons. Thank you. If you  
19 see -- if you see my -- my names, that -- I don't know if  
20 you can see it with my screenshot on, but I keep a whole  
21 page just for lists, and then I got lost. There's too  
22 many names. Le Mons.

23 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No worries. No worries.  
24 Process, I guess. I can't imagine 14 people building an  
25 agenda, so I'm like, this is not a good plan in -- in my

1 head. That's way too many people trying to build an  
2 agenda. I'm wondering, counsel, if there is -- I think,  
3 first of all, thank you, Commissioner Ahmad. I think you  
4 have the framework. And I think, to  
5 Commissioner Fernandez's point, there's only so many  
6 things we're going to be able to cover, based upon, you  
7 know, what it is that we have to accomplish in that next  
8 meeting.

9       And I'm wondering if -- and I don't know if this is  
10 a subcommittee situation. And this is where, I guess,  
11 counsel comes in. We have this whole laundry list of  
12 stuff. I think staff, meaning Raul, specifically, with  
13 the support of Marian, probably can help prioritize.  
14 Like, the one thing we've observed, or I've observed with  
15 Raul is, I think he has a good understanding of us, and  
16 listens to us and knows where what we want to do  
17 intersects with process and what's doable based on state  
18 requirements and everything that's required.

19       So I think that if maybe we created a laundry list,  
20 not as extensive as all of the things we've talked about  
21 today, but that we want to cover in the next couple of  
22 meetings, if you will. And then the subcommittee working  
23 with Raul could structure the agendas for those things.  
24 Because I don't know that we're going to be able to do  
25 that here in this meeting today. I'm just not thinking,

1 looking at the time, that we're -- and today's the last  
2 day, I think, of this meeting.

3 MS. JOHNSTON: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So I'm trying to be realistic  
5 and go, okay, it's 4:13 on Friday, day seven or eight of  
6 Zoom meetings, and we're trying to structure agendas for  
7 multiple meetings into the future. Hmm. I don't know.

8 MS. JOHNSTON: I think -- I think your first  
9 priority is executive director. And if you think that's  
10 going to take two days, then unless you have a three-day  
11 meeting, all you're going to do is executive director.

12 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Like that kind of guidance.  
13 Yeah, I think that's, like, real helpful. And then if we  
14 know -- if you're saying we could post on Tuesday and  
15 then we could also conceivably post multiple meetings  
16 though, right? Like for Wednesday or Thursday of next  
17 week, we could post another set of meetings.

18 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: And so the subcommittee could  
20 inform that with the support of the Chair or staff.

21 MS. JOHNSTON: If -- if you -- the subcommittee can  
22 make recommendations to the Chair and then have the Chair  
23 decide. If it's a decision making, it either has to be  
24 one person or the notice committee.

25 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So, yeah. I mean, I think it

1 would be a matter of -- I'm sorry to, you know, turn this  
2 into a whole dialogue -- a matter of empowering the  
3 Chair, not to -- so not trying to overburden the Chair,  
4 of course. But I think we're in this point where we've  
5 got to empower someone to be able to say, okay, got it.  
6 Here's what needs to happen over the next series of  
7 meetings. I have a good sense of what we need working  
8 with staff. I'll sign off on these. And what we agree  
9 to in the next time that the time that we're here to  
10 gather is how many meetings that we want to do that for  
11 through what period of time? So that's my  
12 recommendation.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh. Thank you.

14 Commissioner Vazquez and then Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I agree with Commissioner Le  
16 Mons. I think probably the best use of our time now is  
17 to figure out our collective capacity to meet over a  
18 series of meetings over the next really, I would say, two  
19 to three months even, so that we can block that off and  
20 adjust our personal and professional work calendars.  
21 Because, I think, also part of, for me, why this meeting  
22 was particularly overwhelming, was it was scheduled  
23 fairly last minute and then has extended far beyond what  
24 I think it had originally, you know, had potentially  
25 been. Right? First, it was framed as five days, and now

1 it's seven or eight, at least.

2       So I think we would be wise to block off the  
3 capacity, and then, to Commissioner Le Mons' point,  
4 empower the Chair/Chairs over those meetings to try to  
5 get in what we have already identified as existing  
6 business. And knowing that as these meetings progress,  
7 we're going to need to adjust, in somewhat real time, the  
8 agendas moving out. But at least we've got the time  
9 blocked off for those meetings, even if we don't have  
10 enough of an agenda to notice those.

11       CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh. Okay.

12       And so, Commissioner Akutagawa and Commissioner  
13 Toledo, Commissioner Andersen?

14       COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: On that point, and I agree  
15 with everything that was just said. I -- on that point,  
16 I'm thinking about how this -- these series of meetings  
17 were structured and the agenda for these series. We  
18 started last week Wednesday. We went three days last  
19 week, four days this week with one agenda. And it  
20 continued on every day based on what we were able to get  
21 through. I'm thinking that perhaps using that as kind of  
22 our model, can we -- can we schedule out, with the  
23 adequate 14 days' notice, weekly meetings up to a certain  
24 point using the same very large agenda that gives us the  
25 kind of flexibility that we would need to determine

1 whether or not we're going to continue to meet or whether  
2 we're going to -- we're at a place where we -- we may  
3 say, okay, it doesn't make sense to meet today. We'll  
4 just con -- we'll just reconvene the following week  
5 during the times that are scheduled, but we're going to  
6 use the same agenda items. Because I'm thinking about  
7 the -- even just using all the things that we said were  
8 important to us, if we were to agendize all of those  
9 items, that would give us the flexibility to then build  
10 an agenda real time without -- without perhaps running  
11 too far along, just far enough that we can then determine  
12 what's going to be the agenda for the following, let's  
13 say, beyond a three-week or four-week span of time.  
14 That's -- so just a thought there.

15 MS. JOHNSTON: You've got to work a little bit  
16 backwards, in that by the time you're in your third week  
17 of the meeting, you already have to have your plans for  
18 the following meeting in place, so you can give your two  
19 weeks' notice.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I was even thinking  
21 that within the first two weeks we could start to figure  
22 out what the agenda for the following further out weeks  
23 would be. But we would still be -- we would still have  
24 enough meetings scheduled that then we're not going to  
25 lose time, like a two-week period of time like we are



1 going to be this time if we -- if we plan it out. And  
2 then at that point, it gives us the time to really think  
3 about what those agenda items are going to be. Because  
4 we already know, to a degree, there are some certain  
5 things that we have to do, like the executive director  
6 hiring and the interviews and all that.

7       And then there are other things that, I think,  
8 Commissioner Sinay, based on all the things -- and I do  
9 want to say, yes, those are all the things that we all  
10 talked about -- we can agendize those things. And I felt  
11 like in this agenda, we moved around based on what was  
12 relevant at the time, who we had scheduled. So I feel  
13 like there's some flexibility because we build a really  
14 large agenda. We just get through all the things that we  
15 need to get through in like, let's say, a three-week time  
16 frame.

17       MS. JOHNSTON: There was some public comment that  
18 that was hard for the public to follow. That would be my  
19 only suggestion is you try to, as far as you can, set up  
20 times.

21       CHAIR TURNER: Specific agenda items. Uh-huh.  
22 Commissioner Toledo and then Andersen?

23       COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I was --

24       CHAIR TURNER: And then Sadhwani.

25       COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I was thinking in the same

1 vein as Commissioner Akutagawa, in terms of scheduling  
2 our -- because of the notice requirements, scheduling, a  
3 long meeting, where we could adjourn and -- adjourn and  
4 be able to come back to items and thus, be able to, if we  
5 wanted to meet more regularly, and maybe we don't, but if  
6 we wanted to, wanted that flexibility, could potentially  
7 tackle some three days one week and three days the next,  
8 or such. But it would still be one meeting that would  
9 have an agenda, and we wouldn't have to have, you know,  
10 the items -- the Committee would have to develop the  
11 agenda and the items. But there are certain items that  
12 we know absolutely will have to come back to the  
13 Commission in the next couple of weeks around the  
14 recruitments and the postings and some monthly  
15 expenditures. So we certainly could fill that and -- and  
16 more probably.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner -- I think --  
18 Commissioner Andersen?

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I thank you both,  
20 Commissioner Akutagawa and Commissioner Toledo. I think  
21 those -- if that's allowable, I think that would be a  
22 very good idea. The only thing I would like to put out  
23 right now is priorities, because we do only have two  
24 staff. And I think the most important thing, in terms  
25 of, when can we actually schedule these things, and who

1 are the five candidates for the executive director, and  
2 when could we actually interview them?

3       And two would be our technical experts, i.e., the  
4 line drawing, our videographer, our language people who  
5 we're trying to hire. When can we get the training we  
6 would need to proceed on that? And if we're actually  
7 bringing in our experts for those issues because, again,  
8 in these areas, we're not the only game in town, in terms  
9 of redistricting. And we do need to get our contracts  
10 out with those people soon.

11       Now, it doesn't mean like tomorrow, but the sooner,  
12 the better. And if we keep on doing 14-day, 14-day, you  
13 know, we're in trouble. So I think if we could say, you  
14 know, Raul and Marian, thank you so much for everything,  
15 all you're doing, but could you prioritize finding out  
16 when these five candidates can come in and, you know, we  
17 can actually come back to you with, you know, this  
18 expert, that expert. Could you find out when they can be  
19 here? Because without that, we can't actually put things  
20 really on the agenda, like, we had to float them this  
21 last time, and that caused different conflicts.

22       MS. JOHNSTON: If we could get an idea from you  
23 about what days, starting two weeks from now, you all are  
24 available, then we could work with the candidates.

25       MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes. Well I'll get the -- I'll get

1 the candidates scheduled. I need the dates. And -- and  
2 I -- and if I know --

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

4 MR. VILLANUEVA: -- what kind of folks you want for  
5 me to try and bring in, I'll do that. The main reason --

6 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

7 MR. VILLANUEVA: -- you're -- it wasn't your  
8 presenters were floating, is your -- because they were  
9 asked to come in and provide an extended Q&A, where was  
10 the best time for them with their schedule, and that's  
11 what made the scheduling.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Right. And we can answer the  
13 question, I mean, on -- go ahead, Commissioner.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: There will be a flexibility  
15 issue that I'm sure you'll be happy to address. It's  
16 just we're saying and do this and do this and do this. I  
17 don't want to lose assigning too many tasks, that I'd  
18 like to make sure we keep those at the highest priority  
19 because that -- everything else flows from that.

20 MR. VILLANUEVA: Correct.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Before we throw out some dates,  
22 Commissioner Sadhwani?

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh. Well, I wanted to throw  
24 out dates.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, good. In a moment.

1 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yeah.

2 CHAIR TURNER: I just wanted to make sure you get  
3 your turn --

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. Thank you.

5 CHAIR TURNER: -- before we shift.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I want to keep us moving.  
7 It's 4:24.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Please. Please.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So I very much appreciate  
10 the comment from Commissioner Akutagawa, Commissioner  
11 Toledo around having a large agenda. I also think that  
12 as we move forward, one of our -- one of our public  
13 comments earlier today was thinking about the committee  
14 structure of the previous Commission. I'm not suggesting  
15 we have to keep the same one, but I think we've already  
16 said in our agenda we would want to have an opportunity  
17 for a report back from all of those subcommittees.

18 If it's a report back and potentially some report  
19 back and potential action on that subcommittee, that  
20 gives us a lot of flexibility from time to time --  
21 from -- in each meeting. And I think it's also on us  
22 from time to time to say, no report at this time. Right?  
23 To say, hey, we can be on the agenda. We don't always  
24 have to talk. Okay. Step back sometimes to know that  
25 maybe we have a specific priority for this meeting. And

1 so to that end, I don't know if people like that idea or  
2 not, but that's kind of sounded like where we were going.

3 I just want to throw out, so in September, it sounds  
4 like we have very specific things we need to do. We need  
5 to interview the executive director candidates. We need  
6 to develop those questions. Those are -- just some going  
7 to be closed. Is that correct? Some -- there are some  
8 closed session that goes along with that, correct?

9 I would just suggest following Commissioner Sinay's  
10 lead here, three days, September 23rd through the 25th,  
11 as well as September 30th through October 2nd. So we  
12 have three days in each of those two weeks. We would  
13 agendize very -- to somewhat general on those two.  
14 However -- however, the first three days is committed to  
15 the executive director. If -- if, when we contact folks,  
16 those first three days don't work, then we can keep it  
17 then for the September 30th to October 2nd.

18 If we prioritize the executive director,  
19 the -- those first three days, September 23rd through  
20 25th, then the second week, September 30th through  
21 October 2nd, perhaps we focus on getting that report back  
22 on the Gantt work plan and beginning our conversation for  
23 outreach, identifying further what it is that exactly we  
24 need. If there are additional speakers, we get them put  
25 on the future agenda so that we know what we can do.

1           We can start planning. Right? It sounds like  
2 there's this back and forth, like, hmm, we got to -- we  
3 got to build the plane while we're flying, and yet we  
4 still need a little bit more discussion or training. So  
5 let's figure that out at that meeting. And then from  
6 there on, if we agree with those six days, then we move  
7 to two days, Thursday, Friday of every week of October  
8 for the 8th and 9th, the 15th and 16th, the 22nd, 23rd,  
9 29th, the 30th.

10           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Except Thanksgiving weekend.

11           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, just at least through  
12 October, maybe by November, we want to be, you know,  
13 doing, you know --

14           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. October, November --

15           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- community outreach.

16           COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- you know, it's all the same.

17           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Right?

18           MS. JOHNSTON: On the 23rd to the 25th, could you  
19 also do contracts that need to be approved?

20           MR. VILLANUEVA: I don't --

21           MS. JOHNSTON: Do you think you'd have time for  
22 that?

23           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I didn't hear that. I'm  
24 sorry. It was --

25           CHAIR TURNER: She's asking -- and Raul had left --

1 MS. JOHNSTON: On -- on the 23rd --

2 CHAIR TURNER: Raul -- Raul had suggested that we do  
3 contract continuation. And she's asking, on that first  
4 date, will we have time? She wants us to interject that  
5 with the executive director.

6 Commissioner Sinay?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The one thought that keeps  
8 coming up for me, with the executive director being our  
9 priority for the next meeting, if we have time to -- and  
10 I don't know which Commissioners we'd want to invite --  
11 but hearing from past Commissioners on what we should be  
12 looking for on the selection of that executive director  
13 might be helpful. That was just one of the things that  
14 kind of came up, because it's such a critical role. I  
15 know we're in different times, but that was just one --  
16 I'm trying to do 2010, actually do work, and learn. I'm  
17 just trying to balance all of that.

18 MS. JOHNSTON: And you'd want to have that before  
19 you do your interviews.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. And, well, for me, I -- I  
21 don't want to have that for executive director.

22 MS. JOHNSTON: Okay.

23 CHAIR TURNER: I think we can make the decision  
24 without 2010. I do see there would be a lot of value in  
25 having 2010 testimony for a lot of other areas. But I



1 don't want to slow the process.

2 Commissioner Toledo, Commissioner Kennedy,  
3 Commissioner Taylor?

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I just wanted to get some  
5 guidance from counsel on, in terms of transparency  
6 and -- and items, any time we have an action item, there  
7 needs to be some communication to the public. And -- and  
8 how specific do we have to be with our agenda items in  
9 order to be able to take action on the items.

10 MS. JOHNSTON: Enough to know what it is that you're  
11 considering taking action on. For example, for the  
12 census, we put -- I think the way we phrased it was  
13 census timetable and possible action so that there would  
14 be a range of actions you might take having to do with  
15 the census timeline. You decided letters, not litigation  
16 at this time, but at least people knew that you wanted to  
17 talk about the problems with the timing of the census.  
18 So enough that people will understand what you're going  
19 to be talking about.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

21 Next Commissioner?

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam Chair. I  
24 actually would be fine with getting some input from 2010  
25 Commissioners about the executive director position, but

1 I would say we need to get that before we go into the  
2 closed session to develop the questions.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I --

4 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners Yee and Sadhwani?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: On that point, I'm wondering,  
6 Commissioner Turner, if you could say more about  
7 your -- why you would rather not have that input?

8 CHAIR TURNER: Well, I -- I am -- I think it -- I  
9 think it slows the process. And I think there's enough  
10 of expertise here and have worked with the executive  
11 directors. And we have the -- the guidelines of what it  
12 is we're looking for. I think we've been through that,  
13 and we're in agreement that it's what we need. And I  
14 don't -- I can't imagine -- I can't imagine how much more  
15 helpful and -- and where I would make great changes about  
16 what we're looking for based on testimony of what was  
17 done in 2010. And we're in a whole different world for  
18 2020.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: I see. Thank you.

20 CHAIR TURNER: It's just a personal preference to  
21 move more than anything else.

22 Commissioners Sadhwani and -- I may have forgotten  
23 someone -- and Commissioner Le Mons.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just as a compromise here,  
25 I'm wondering if in order to continue the process moving

1 forward, if we can formally request of any 2010  
2 Commissioner who would like, that we -- we seek their  
3 input and if they could please provide any best  
4 practices, lessons learned, either written or as a -- as  
5 a short video that they could submit to. So it's not  
6 like, you know, an arduous task, you know, they can just  
7 like, do the -- do a quick video themselves and tell us,  
8 like, here are the five things that we wish that we had  
9 that we didn't have or something like that, you know,  
10 just to make it easy for them, so that we can still get  
11 some of that feedback, but that we can continue the  
12 process moving.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Le Mons?

14 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I was going to suggest  
15 something similar. I too don't want a presentation from  
16 2010 on selecting an executive director. I think that we  
17 can do that. I think we have enough expertise in the  
18 room to do that. If they want to chime in at public  
19 comment and give us some caution for two minutes here and  
20 there, great. But to schedule that as a presentation, I  
21 personally don't -- don't see the need for that. There  
22 was something else, but I -- I can't remember now.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee and Fernandez?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I think there's a question  
25 hanging on whether we could also consider the contract

1 renewals at the first meeting in September. And I think  
2 it sounds like something we'd have to make time for, you  
3 know, whether or not we think it's comfortable, it's --  
4 it's a matter of urgency. So I would say hopefully, yes.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

6 Commissioner Fernandez and Andersen and Le Mons.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I also agree, in  
8 terms of, I feel we can move forward with the recruitment  
9 and interviewing process for the executive director  
10 without necessarily having feedback or receiving feedback  
11 from the 2010 Commission. If they want to provide  
12 feedback, that's fine. But I do feel that all of us have  
13 enough experience, in terms of what we believe that  
14 executive director position needs to encompass and what  
15 the duties and functions and hopefully what their  
16 experience would bring or what experience they should  
17 have. So that's just my opinion.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

19 Commissioner Andersen?

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I also agree with the -- I  
21 would like to invite them to bring information for us,  
22 the 2010, but I don't think we need to hold on it. I  
23 actually want to talk about the -- as what Commissioner  
24 Yee just brought up. I feel that we really do have to  
25 deal with the contracts that are out there. And I think

1 we have a few items which are holding us up on that, in  
2 that we are asking for additional information.

3         And so I'm very concerned that I -- if we do the  
4 executive director on those first three days, then we  
5 should put -- you know, what -- I think we can ad -- try  
6 to address those items, those contracts. And I don't  
7 think we're going to get anywhere, because we  
8 don't -- we'll still say I don't have enough information.  
9 So I'd like to get the experts or information on the  
10 agenda for line drawers, the videographer, and the  
11 language scheduled. And if you're not doing it in the  
12 first -- the -- the 25th or the 23rd and 24th -- 23rd,  
13 24th, 25th, then that should be on the 30th, 1, and 2.

14         CHAIR TURNER: But I'm going to ask Le  
15 Mons -- Commissioner Le Mons, let me ask Raul, I don't  
16 know, but is that the same agenda -- is that the same  
17 contract continuation that you're thinking of?

18         MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes, and -- yes, and that -- there  
19 was an earlier discussion that the Commission felt that  
20 it would be helpful to have a workshop type of -- of  
21 experience, in terms of understanding the role and -- and  
22 activities of working with the line drawer bidder.

23         CHAIR TURNER: You -- before you go there, Raul,  
24 what I'm -- you listed that out as a complete and  
25 separate item. Right before you left, and you were

1 rushing to do something --

2 MR. VILLANUEVA: Right.

3 CHAIR TURNER: -- you said we'd want to make sure  
4 that we do con -- continuation of contracts, interviews  
5 for executive director, a community engagement plan, and  
6 then workshops for line drawer and technic -- technical  
7 drafts --

8 MR. VILLANUEVA: Right.

9 CHAIR TURNER: -- drafts, something like that you  
10 said. So I'm talking about the first bullet you started  
11 out with.

12 MR. VILLANUEVA: Right.

13 MS. JOHNSTON: One was the contract for -- for  
14 recruiting employees, recruiting applicants.

15 MR. VILLANUEVA: So that would be the interagency  
16 agreement. And if that goes through before, it'll  
17 already have been either approved or disapproved by the  
18 Chair and the subcommittee.

19 MS. JOHNSTON: Right.

20 MR. VILLANUEVA: What I could --

21 CHAIR TURNER: But I'm also referring back to what  
22 you said.

23 MR. VILLANUEVA: Right. Right. And -- and --

24 MS. JOHNSTON: And couldn't it --

25 MR. VILLANUEVA: And may -- and maybe because I left

1 so fast, but what I was alluding to was that the group,  
2 the Commission had felt it couldn't move forward with a  
3 line drawing contract, I mean, a line drawing RFP,  
4 because there was a sense among members or Commissioners  
5 of -- of needing a better sense of what the line drawer  
6 does, as well as what the -- as -- as the engagement  
7 piece. And that's why I was saying, well, okay, make  
8 sure you're taking time to flesh out that engagement  
9 piece, and make sure you're taking time then to  
10 understand this line drawer thing, because that seems to  
11 be the prerequisites to moving forward with putting  
12 together a statement of work.

13 CHAIR TURNER: We understand that.

14 MR. VILLANUEVA: That's what I meant.

15 CHAIR TURNER: I -- I thought you had mentioned  
16 something totally separate.

17 Commissioner Le Mons?

18 MR. VILLANUEVA: I was just leaving too fast.

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I want to reiterate my  
20 recommendation earlier of establishing a subcommittee to  
21 work with staff to prioritize and come up with an agenda.  
22 We all agree to live with it, knowing that they will do  
23 their very best with the dates that we give and to come  
24 up with something that makes sense from a priority  
25 standpoint. Because, I think, quite frankly, Raul and

1 Marian have the best understanding as to what intersects  
2 what and what we need to do in kind of a sequence beyond  
3 our more altruistic stuff. So we'll get to that, too.  
4 But for these next six days that we identify.

5 Also, I want to nominate Commissioner Fornaciari, if  
6 he's open to it, because I think he wanted to be a part  
7 of the Gannt subcommittee, and I think he has that  
8 structural kind of thinking, and he has a good grasp of  
9 what it is that we want to do and someone else working  
10 with him. I know he's on some other ones, but someone  
11 else working with him and Raul could whip out some  
12 agendas that we can live with.

13 MS. JOHNSTON: You already had two people on the  
14 Gannt, Kennedy and --

15 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: And I know. I know. No, I'm  
16 not suggesting him to get on that. I know. I'm talking  
17 about the agenda subcommittee.

18 MS. JOHNSTON: Okay.

19 MR. VILLANUEVA: Oh. I -- I missed that. I guess  
20 that was part of the discussion. I apologize for having  
21 to take time away.

22 MS. JOHNSTON: I've taken good notes.

23 MR. VILLANUEVA: As -- as I understood it, Marian  
24 and I were to work with the outgoing Chair and the  
25 incoming Chair --



1 CHAIR TURNER: That's right.

2 MR. VILLANUEVA: -- on developing the agenda, not --

3 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Ah.

4 MR. VILLANUEVA: -- not a subcommittee.

5 CHAIR TURNER: That's right.

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I apologize. Okay. There we  
7 go. So do -- maybe that's it then, Chair. Can --  
8 is -- are you and the incoming --

9 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: -- Chair comfortable moving  
11 forward and saying we get -- we got this guys, and then  
12 if not, then let's zero in on what you need --

13 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: -- to be able to do that.

15 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I've drafted while you all were  
16 talking.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: So I'll send something over to  
19 Raul soon.

20 MR. VILLANUEVA: Oh.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful. Beautiful.

22 Commissioners Andersen, Yee, and Sinay?

23 And Vazqu -- I'm sorry. Andersen, Vazquez, Vazquez  
24 and Sinay. Oh. Vazquez -- Vazquez.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I was going to bring up that

1 very point, that I think it's already the Chair and Vice  
2 Chair that are those committee.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Sinay?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Let me know if you need any of  
5 my notes. I can get it to you. I'd also want to make  
6 sure that on the next agenda we do have -- an agenda item  
7 for the next meeting is to hear back about how we do  
8 contracts or grants to nonprofits, how do we work with  
9 nonprofits, so that we have, you know, just have the  
10 clarity of on how we would do that piece. And I would  
11 recommend -- I know it's not going to work, but that we  
12 think about the line drawing workshop with the executive  
13 director. I mean, we're going to need to, just like the  
14 six and eight needed to kind of bond through training, I  
15 feel like, yeah, the executive director may need to  
16 connect, but that might not be as important, but since  
17 that's going to be a key -- key player. And the  
18 executive director will be helping us facilitating that  
19 process of hiring them. But I do want the nonprofit  
20 piece. I think the sooner we know that information that  
21 will be one of the pieces that can help us.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I totally support the  
24 plan where the Chair and Vice Chair are coming up with  
25 our agenda. We have the Gannt subcommittee. I might --

1 I might suggest that we, today, identify at least an  
2 interim, even, it doesn't have to last forever, but an  
3 outreach and engagement committee of some sort, so that  
4 the Chair and Vice Chair, as that's going to be moving,  
5 that there's a couple folks who can kind of think across  
6 meetings about what that plan will be.

7       What I'm hearing is that our -- that contract  
8 continuation when it comes to language service --  
9 language interpreters, line drawing in particular, that  
10 that -- that those are contingent on what we come up with  
11 regarding engagement and outreach, to some extent.

12 Right? That we want to have --

13       MR. VILLANUEVA: Right.

14       COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- some conversations there  
15 before we figure out that -- that contracting part. So  
16 while yes, it's something that needs to be on the agenda,  
17 it's going to have to be on the agenda long term. So at  
18 least from the planning standpoint of that, if there's a  
19 subcommittee kind of thinking about it, as we're moving  
20 from one meeting to the next, and the Chair and Vice  
21 Chair are changing, that subcommittee can kind of provide  
22 some broader oversight and continuation of that work so  
23 that we can continue to move it forward, if that makes  
24 sense.

25       MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes. Good idea.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Let me see if there are any  
2 volunteers.

3 Commissioner Sinay? On the community  
4 outreach -- community engagement subcommittee. Any  
5 others?

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think Vazquez is raising  
7 her hand.

8 CHAIR TURNER: And Vazquez. Yep. I see her. And  
9 that is what happens. Your hand is right behind your  
10 name. It's me. And I like that, lifting up the yellow  
11 book, too. It might be something we think about later.  
12 Uh oh. Unless it disappears.

13 Okay. Commissioner Vazquez and Commissioner Sinay?  
14 Thank you.

15 MS. JOHNSTON: On the other -- on the other  
16 subcommittee --

17 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy?

18 MS. JOHNSTON: Excuse me a minute.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Oh. Yes, go ahead.

20 MS. JOHNSTON: On the other committees, you've had  
21 different subgroups. I don't know if you want to  
22 continue that practice or not.

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: That was a bit why I was  
24 tentative in raising my hand. But just because both  
25 Commissioner Sinay and I are both Democrats, I don't know

1 if we wanted --

2 MS. JOHNSTON: It's not -- that's not required by  
3 law. It's just whether or not you want to have that as a  
4 policy.

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Or practice.

6 CHAIR TURNER: And perhaps their first meeting, they  
7 can come back with some suggestions for subcommittees,  
8 too, so we don't have to do it now.

9 Commissioner Kennedy?

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Madam Chair, it's 4:42.  
11 We've been telling the public since we started last week  
12 that there would be time for general comment on things  
13 not on the agenda. Plus, we need public comment on the  
14 discussion about the agenda. So I would suggest that we  
15 cut to public comment. And if there isn't one waiting in  
16 line, we can continue our discussion. But I really want  
17 them to have the opportunity before we adjourn.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And we do have -- we have to  
20 break in twenty minutes, even if we continue after that,  
21 we have to break in twenty minutes.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh. Thank you,  
23 Commissioner Kennedy. I appreciate that.

24 We have a pretty good framework of what we're going  
25 to do over the next three days. We have subcommittees

1 that's going to create the agenda -- well, the Chair,  
2 Vice Chair -- the agenda. And we have a subcommittee now  
3 that also is going to work on the beginning of community  
4 engagement, and hopefully they'll come back and suggest  
5 subcommittees if need be. And so we'll go to public  
6 comment. Commissioner Fernandez, really quickly?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, it'll be quick. I  
8 just want to make sure -- Commissioner Sadhwani had  
9 thrown out some dates, and we didn't really discuss it.  
10 So I mean, I'm fine with the dates. I just want to make  
11 sure everybody else was good with the dates as well,  
12 so --

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Can we review those again  
14 really quick? Sorry.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh. It's the 23rd, 24th, and  
16 25th. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, two weeks out.  
17 The following week, same thing, Wednesday, Thursday, and  
18 Friday. That's on September 30th, October 1st,  
19 October 2nd. And then from there, I believe the  
20 suggestion was moving to Thursday, Friday, the 8th and  
21 9th, of the following weeks. Okay. Good. Good. Good.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Was it all the Thursday and  
23 Fridays in October, I believe, right? So 8, 9, 15, 16,  
24 22, 23.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. Yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: 29, 30, yeah.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

3 Commissioner Akutagawa?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm sorry. I cannot do  
5 Thursdays, Fridays on a regular basis, and particularly  
6 the 8th and 9th. I'm completely out of pocket on those  
7 dates. I'm also out of pocket on the 30th and the 1st.  
8 I have standing engagements that I can't move. But the  
9 week of September 23rd through the 25th, I know I can do.  
10 If it were the week of -- I could do prior to the 8th and  
11 9th. So that October 5th, 6th, or 7th, I could do. But  
12 I cannot do the 8th and 9th.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. And what -- a couple of  
14 things. I know we've said before that we have a  
15 Commission of 14, as long as we have a quorum, we still  
16 can move forward. So there may be some meetings that  
17 we'll miss. The importance of at least saying it, is  
18 because we don't want to end up at a time when everyone  
19 is thinking someone else is going to be there. And I'm  
20 only bringing that up because to that end, the week of  
21 the 30th through -- 30th, 1st, and 2nd, there's a good  
22 possibility that I may not be there. It's like my 42nd  
23 anniversary, and I'm -- I don't know yet if I'm really  
24 leaving out of town or not. So that would be only two.  
25 We'd still have a quorum. But again, this is why

1 potentially you might want an idea, if people are not  
2 going to be there, so we don't schedule meetings and then  
3 we get down to our nine. Maybe it won't happen. But just  
4 if we now --

5 MS. JOHNSTON: And you need a special nine if you're  
6 going to be voting on an executive director.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Andersen?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I was just going to say  
9 you -- well, I know we're going the Thursday, Friday, is  
10 it more flexed -- is it better for people to try to go  
11 Wednesday, Thursday? Because that often opens up the  
12 Fridays for -- often I know people have standing  
13 arrangements already on Fridays. Does that help anyone  
14 if it's two days, Wednesday, Thursday?

15 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners Le Mons and Taylor?

16 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I just have another question.  
17 Would it be -- how do people feel about alternate  
18 meeting, like a Tuesday, Thursday or a Monday, Wednesday?  
19 Does it have to be two days in a row? I think that ends  
20 up being a little bit more challenging for myself,  
21 personally, is when I'm missing blocks of time. I mean,  
22 I'm making it work now, but for an ongoing basis, to be  
23 gone three, four days in a row, maybe, I don't know.

24 And then the other question is, are half days  
25 possible, just out of curiosity. Right? Like, because



1 if we take right the middle of the whole day, like 9:30  
2 to 4:30 is a full day. But if -- I don't know about that  
3 part. And I know this is probably the worst time to be  
4 raising these questions.

5 CHAIR TURNER: I guess --

6 MR. VILLANUEVA: One real quick thing about half  
7 days versus full days. It takes the same amount of  
8 contractor work to get started and going for a half day  
9 as it does for a full day. So once you got them engaged,  
10 keep them there for the eight hours.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Right. Thank you.

12 Commissioner Taylor?

13 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. I think I was going to  
14 mimic Commissioner Le Mons. I see the cost efficiency  
15 that's required for a half day, so that might have to  
16 be -- be tabled. But do we have to get into a set  
17 pattern of can we alternate? For those of us that make  
18 room in the front, can we move the next meeting to the  
19 end of the week possibly? So that way you -- you can  
20 just -- maybe we can capture more people if they have  
21 to -- if they are amending schedules.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So you said move it to the end  
23 of the week. So we -- are we are talking about the  
24 ensuing and the continuous days? Are we okay on the  
25 23rd, 24th, 25th for -- for the two weeks out?

1 (No audible response.)

2 Okay. And then the following week, is that what we  
3 want to change, or do you want to do the second week of  
4 the same thing?

5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: If I -- I think -- and just a  
6 suggestion, if -- if we did the 23rd, the 24th, and the  
7 25th, and let's say that we still did the 30th, the 1st  
8 and the 2nd, I think we should consider, for those of us  
9 that are still working and run out of here to work, when  
10 we get off, maybe the 5th, 6th, and 7th of the following  
11 week to -- to where we can move. We can -- we can hide  
12 those hours somewhere else in the week.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Okay.

14 MR. VILLANUEVA: I like that, yes.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Would we meet 5th, 6th, and  
17 7th? Because then ultimately that's -- one, two,  
18 three -- that's six days in a row again.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No. It's just a -- suggesting  
21 a format more than it was --

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh.

23 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: -- suggesting of those --  
24 those days. Just the movement.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I see.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I -- I --

3 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah.

4 Commissioner Akutagawa?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Yeah. And I  
6 appreciate what Commissioner Taylor just said, too.  
7 Because I know for me, I -- I understand about, you know,  
8 knowing that there -- we're not always going to have  
9 full -- full participation. But I already know that  
10 Thursdays and Fridays -- on at least for -- until the end  
11 of the year are going to be out for me. So that's -- I  
12 know that having that flexibility is great. I would also  
13 ask do we need to do three days in a row too, because,  
14 I -- I definitely appreciate what Commissioner Taylor  
15 said about trying to find ways to hide the time, and  
16 three days is kind of hard to hide for, you know,  
17 multiple weeks.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Well, it's -- okay. So what we said  
19 was three days over the next two weeks, and then we'll go  
20 to the two days of Monday, Tuesday -- or how about  
21 Tuesday, Wednesday, so we'll have a day off?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

23 CHAIR TURNER: And then Tuesday, Wednesday, the 6th  
24 and 7th.

25 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Well, I'm thinking --

1 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners Sinay and Fernandez?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think one of the reasons that  
3 that -- that there's longer days that the, you know, you  
4 add -- you can always subtract a day, but you can never  
5 add a day. And so that's why our agenda was eight days.  
6 And even when they -- they were doing the selection  
7 process, they always had much longer agendas than  
8 the -- than they needed.

9 I also want to remind us all -- and I work -- and if  
10 I don't -- if I'm not working at my clients, I'm not  
11 getting paid. But we did make a commitment, and we were  
12 asked over and over again if we did have the time to do  
13 this Commission and if we could give the time. And so we  
14 do need to balance both, but we need to keep in mind that  
15 right now there is a lot going on. So we just need to  
16 figure out the -- as we said, we're not always going to  
17 have all 14, yeah.

18 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yeah. Let's go to public comment.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fernandez?

20 MS. JOHNSTON: We need to move to public comment or  
21 we're not going to have time.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, and -- and I  
23 completely understand that piece of it. But for me, I  
24 can work any day of the week, in terms of for the  
25 commission, but I would say the beginning part of the

1 week is easier for me, like the Monday, Tuesday,  
2 Wednesday versus the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. And  
3 again, I don't expect anyone to tailor a schedule, or a  
4 calendar based on that, because I can make it work. I'm  
5 just saying that maybe we need to see what the other  
6 Commissioners' abilities are, or if something's better or  
7 not. If something works better or not.

8 CHAIR TURNER: I want to caution us. We have to go  
9 public comment.

10 Commissioner Sadhwani?

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Can I give some dates?

12 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. Tell me what you all  
14 think, or don't tell me what you all think. I don't  
15 know. Here's what I'm thinking. We stick to three days,  
16 September 23rd, 24th, 25th. The focus there is the  
17 executive director. We continue the next three days,  
18 September 30th, October 1st, October 2nd, with a focus  
19 there on the outreach and engagement and also hearing  
20 that -- that Gannt plan. And then from there on --

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No. I'm not fine with that.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No? Oh.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

24 I didn't realize I was on, because -- well,

25 that -- that --

1 CHAIR TURNER: Go ahead. Go ahead, Commissioner  
2 Sadhwani, complete, please.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. And then I was just  
4 going to say, why don't we take that week of October 5th  
5 and not meet then. And then starting the week of the  
6 12th, just to kind of put variety in our schedules, why  
7 don't we start Monday, Tuesday, October 12th and 13th?  
8 The following week, we do the 20th and 21st, which is  
9 Tuesday, Wednesday. And that last week of October, we do  
10 the 28th and 29th, which is Wednesday, Thursday. So that  
11 we're hitting different days throughout the weeks, yet  
12 there's a pattern. Hopefully, we can accommodate as many  
13 people as possible. I'm not wedded to that. I'm just  
14 hearing everybody and trying to move us forward.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Does any -- is the -- Columbus Day a  
16 holiday for anybody on the 12th? No? Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sorry. I didn't notice  
18 that.

19 CHAIR TURNER: I just don't even know if it's even  
20 relevant anymore. Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Is that a state holiday?

22 CHAIR TURNER: Perfect. I don't know.

23 MS. JOHNSTON: Not anymore.

24 CHAIR TURNER: I was just asking. Okay. Beautiful.

25 MS. JOHNSTON: It's not a holiday.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Let's go to public comment.

2 Ryan, do we have -- I'm sorry. Do we have any  
3 public comment waiting?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do.

5 And ladies and gentlemen, as a reminder, if you'd  
6 like to enter the public comment, we invite you to press  
7 1, then 0 on your telephone keypad. Please spell your  
8 name prior to making your comment for the record. And  
9 first, we turn to the line of Rosalind Gold. Please go  
10 ahead. Your line is now open.

11 MS. GOLD: Thank you so much. It's Rosalind, R-O-S-  
12 A-L-I-N-D. The last name is Gold, G-O-L-D, Chief Public  
13 Policy Officer with the NALEO Educational Fund.  
14 Commissioners, just want to first quickly thank you for  
15 the incredible and tireless work you've done the last two  
16 weeks. Your commitment is extremely inspiring, and we  
17 appreciate your dedication.

18 We're also delighted to see that outreach and public  
19 engagement has been identified as a priority. We just  
20 would hope that any structured dialogue about public and  
21 community engagement that happens in the next set of  
22 meetings that you talked about, you know, September and  
23 early October, is just seen as the beginning of that  
24 dialogue. You know, many of you have noted that we are  
25 faced with a lot of uncertainties in the public health

1 environment.

2       You know, I know our own organization, who has been  
3 doing Census 2020 outreach basically, in the course of  
4 three days, had to switch a outreach plan that had a lot  
5 of face-to-face and public meetings into one that was  
6 virtual. And so that public health environment is  
7 changing. We're learning a lot of things, and we'll be  
8 learning a lot of things about the software that will be  
9 used. But we don't know -- know all about it right now.  
10 And so we are going to need to calibrate the outreach  
11 that we do as community groups with regard to these  
12 developments and the recommendations we make about  
13 decisions.

14       So we would like to, again, see this as an ongoing  
15 dialogue, even if it's one that's structured. And again,  
16 we recognize that there are points where you folks are  
17 going to have to make definitive decisions about certain  
18 things. And, you know, I've noted the discussion about  
19 what that -- you know, coming up with a timeline. But we  
20 just hope that, you know, if there is a structured  
21 dialogue about community engagement in the upcoming  
22 meetings, that -- that now we have more than one bite of  
23 the apple, for lack of a better word, in regard to that  
24 discussion.

25       Thank you so much, again, for your thoughtfulness in



1 your responsiveness to community input throughout the  
2 process so far, and we look forward to continuing the  
3 dialogue with you. Thank you so much.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Ms. Gold, before you get off --

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Ms. -- Ms. -- yeah.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Go ahead, Commissioner Sinay.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Ms. Gold, this is Patricia  
8 Sinay. I had a question on -- on the community groups,  
9 and -- and you were talking about recalibrating, do you  
10 all have funding? I mean, I know you're planning, but do  
11 you have funding for -- for doing some of that outreach?  
12 Is -- just kind of is that in -- in your guys' plans?  
13 Because I know there's so much going on with the census,  
14 elections, and -- and redistricting.

15 MS. GOLD: Yes. Yes. Some groups have funding for  
16 census. Some groups have funding for census and voter  
17 engagement. Some groups have funding for census, voter  
18 engagement, and redistricting. So it really differs from  
19 group to group. So that is just going to depend on the  
20 individual group, as well as different collaboratives.  
21 So yes, we -- you know, I can say for our organization, a  
22 collaborative of funders has provided us with funding,  
23 not only for our census work, but also for mobilizing the  
24 community for redistricting, as well as working on unity  
25 mapping. But again, that differs from group to group.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Thank you so much.

2 Commissioner Yee, did you have a question for the  
3 caller?

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: No, no.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

6 We're going to go to the next public comment,  
7 please.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

9 And next, we turn to the line of Kimberly Coles.  
10 Please go ahead.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

12 MS. COLES: Hi. My name is Kimberly Coles, C-O-L-E-  
13 S. And I just wanted to, like all the other callers,  
14 appreciate you. But I so enjoyed getting to know each of  
15 you through your personal nuance or professional styles,  
16 and I wish that we could all be in the audience so that  
17 you could also see us. I'm calling specifically on a few  
18 things. But to follow up on your excellent dialogue, and  
19 what I suspect will be a sustained dialogue, on how to  
20 maintain your professional selves in this sort of new  
21 role that you're taking on as public servants. And the  
22 issues of Bagley-Keene are going to remain with you and  
23 be something you have to navigate.

24 But I'd like to specifically bring up Dr. Sadhwani's  
25 specific concern, and her need as a professor and the

1 professional obligation and responsibility to publish. I  
2 wonder if it would be useful to learn more about  
3 Dr. Sadhwani's current and planned research projects and  
4 how they might intersect with the CRC, and specifically  
5 any protocols of human subjects research that she might  
6 need to follow. And that may not be relevant, or maybe  
7 it is.

8       Public officials are classified under what's called  
9 exempt, but it doesn't mean that there aren't other  
10 obligations. And she knows this, and I'm not trying  
11 to -- to school her at all, but rather sort of think  
12 about that broadly, because it is -- and there are  
13 specific ethical or -- or responsibilities. And I know  
14 all of you face this, but that -- that's something that  
15 maybe we should all learn more about.

16       And I also wanted to uplift the sort of ideas that  
17 Commissioner Sinay was talking about, in terms of  
18 inclusion and inviting people in, and including people  
19 who are perhaps the critics and the people who are, you  
20 know, out to get you. But I've been so pleased with  
21 your -- your dialogues and thinking about the RFQs  
22 instead of RFPs and being innovative with community  
23 outreach and NALEO when working with nonprofits. So  
24 thank you very much. And those are my comments for  
25 today.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Ms. Cole. We appreciate  
2 it.

3 And Commissioners Sadhwani, you can follow up later  
4 with the suggestions or just the kind of the comments.

5 Do we have another caller?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We have no further  
7 questions in queue at this time.

8 CHAIR TURNER: And Commissioner -- I'm sorry.  
9 Commissioner Akutagawa and then Commissioner Yee?

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think I just wanted to  
11 come back to what we left off at before the public  
12 comment. I know that Commissioner Sadhwani said, I  
13 think, the first week would be the executive director  
14 interviews, and then following that would be the  
15 community engagement and -- and other topics that we had  
16 in mind. On that one, I thought it was -- I -- I thought  
17 it was the opposite. I thought that where we left off  
18 the discussion is that we would talk about some of the  
19 things related to dealing with the contracts and then go  
20 to the executive director interviews the following week.

21 I do like the idea -- I will confess, I do like the  
22 idea of taking a break and -- and perhaps going two weeks  
23 and taking a break, maybe using that as a cadence. Maybe  
24 go, then take that break, go two weeks, then take another  
25 break the week of the 28th, and then start up again

1 afterwards. That -- that's just an idea that I would  
2 like to just put out for consideration, too, as an  
3 alternative.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you. And on the agenda,  
5 I think that the capturing between staff and myself and  
6 Commissioner Ahmad, we'll order that we would be the  
7 discussion held today.

8 Commissioner Yee, please.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. So -- so here we are  
10 doodling all the dates, wondering if we could just press  
11 towards a decision by looking at the dates Commissioner  
12 Sadhwani put out as -- we'll call that option A. Option  
13 B, I'm wondering instead of September 30 to October 2nd,  
14 whether some of the Commissioners would be better with  
15 October 5, 6, 7. Because I think later in the week was  
16 harder for some. So can we call that option B -- so and  
17 then somehow press to a decision here?

18 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners, we have options A and  
19 B on the table.

20 Commissioner Toledo?

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm just wondering if maybe  
22 between Raul and the committee whether this can be done  
23 offline?

24 CHAIR TURNER: Well, we have -- I think we have to  
25 say it -- don't we have to determine here to be able to

1 set it for public or no?

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I don't believe so. The last  
3 meeting wasn't done through public -- in a public  
4 setting. It was done -- but -- and maybe I'm wrong. So  
5 we're doing that (indiscernible) counsel.

6 MS. JOHNSTON: The staff just picked it arbitrarily  
7 because we -- you weren't meeting yet. We had to get you  
8 started, so we just picked it. But it's -- you should  
9 pick it.

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: We should pick it? Okay.

11 MS. JOHNSTON: Or you should delegate it to your  
12 Chair to pick it.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So the Chair has the ability  
14 to pick it then, and --

15 MS. JOHNSTON: If you decide that.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And -- and the Chair would be  
17 able to work with Raul to get data and such, right?

18 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We have two choices on the  
20 table. Can't we just quickly go and see if we can come  
21 up with --

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Sure. And that should be  
23 fine.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Sadhwani?

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, I'm fine with either

1 option A or B. I just feel like we're all here. And for  
2 me personally, I -- I'm not wedded to any of the dates.  
3 I'm fine with anything. I just wanted to give us  
4 something to react to. But for me personally, the -- the  
5 more we can, like, I can put it on my calendar, then I  
6 can commit the time. If we leave here, and we don't have  
7 a plan, I -- I -- things get really busy for me, and  
8 I -- I want to prioritize this. So it -- to the extent  
9 that we can calendar it, it would be better for me.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

11 So Commissioner Andersen?

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: In terms of plan A versus  
13 plan B, I'm -- they're not -- not exactly consistent, in  
14 that, I'm -- or maybe I'm misinterpreting. But for  
15 clarification, the first one is the three days, and the  
16 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Then the Wednesday,  
17 Thursday, Friday, and then it's staggering every two  
18 days, I think, after that, where B is the 23rd, 24th,  
19 25th, and then is it -- skip and then go 5, 6, 7? What  
20 then --

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's right.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: But then what?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Then -- then the rest of October  
24 as in planning. That was 12, 13, 20, 21, 28, 29.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Could -- could I

1 make a C?

2 CHAIR TURNER: Sure.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I guess, who'd want to go --  
4 again, I'm actually quite pressed with time. So -- but  
5 if we do the 23rd, 24th, 25th, I -- I -- we need to go,  
6 you know, say during the 20 -- the Monday, Tuesday,  
7 Wed -- the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and the 30th.  
8 Sorry. The first two weeks, the Wednesday, Thursday,  
9 Friday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Then rather than  
10 doing a bunch of staggering, I'd say let's just schedule  
11 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and do two of those. Because  
12 I think that we have to schedule three days or not?

13 CHAIR TURNER: We -- we do not have to schedule  
14 three, no.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Then I can vote Tuesday,  
16 Wednesday from then -- from then on.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner -- thank you.

18 Commissioner Ahmad?

19 So that's the C choice.

20 Commissioner Ahmad?

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Madam Chair. I  
22 would like to propose option D. Just kidding. Just  
23 kidding. I think we all -- I think we all agree on 23rd  
24 to the 25th, yeah?

25 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.



1           COMMISSIONER AHMAD: We can? Okay. So what I had  
2 on the draft was September 30th to October 2nd, which  
3 seems to present some issues for some folks. And I  
4 understand. Like, we all have other things going. Life  
5 happens. If we can just agree on that next meeting, it  
6 would be really helpful, in terms of figuring out even  
7 the schedule moving forward. Because theoretically, we  
8 would have selected our executive director and that  
9 person could help us figure out scheduling moving forward  
10 as well. The only thing that I am thinking of, is if the  
11 candidates are not available to interview on the 23rd to  
12 the 25th. Do we want to push that out potentially  
13 another two weeks for interviews? So I'll leave it  
14 there.

15           CHAIR TURNER: What time is our required break,  
16 staff?

17           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Our -- our caption people say  
18 it's okay if you guys want to finish your scheduled  
19 discussion.

20           CHAIR TURNER: Oh, beautiful, caption people. Thank  
21 you.

22           Commissioner Fernandez and Sinay?

23           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I -- I just want to clarify  
24 that if we hold interviews the 23rd through the 25th, and  
25 we select someone, you still go through -- you want

1 to -- want to check references. You're going to be  
2 negotiating a salary. So it's not like they're going to  
3 be able to start right away. And then also, if we wait  
4 until that day to set the date for the next meeting, now  
5 we're another two weeks out again. So I'm -- I'm  
6 just -- so even if we select an executive director -- and  
7 Raul, you can correct me if I'm wrong -- but I would be  
8 surprised if they could start within two weeks. I'm  
9 thinking more of a month later we might actually get  
10 somebody that we can --

11 MR. VILLANUEVA: No.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- that we can appoint, I  
13 guess, at that point.

14 MR. VILLANUEVA: You can appoint them as -- as early  
15 as -- hire them on Monday, check references, negotiate  
16 Tuesday, Wednesday, and get them in place on the  
17 Thursday.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, that's -- that's, of  
19 course, if they don't have to give notice to their --

20 CHAIR TURNER: Right.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- their current employer. And  
22 for the most part --

23 MR. VILLANUEVA: True that.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- most people would give two  
25 weeks, I would hope. So --

1 MR. VILLANUEVA: True that.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That's why I'm saying it's  
3 probably going to be at least two weeks, I would think,  
4 from when you interview and select, at least two weeks to  
5 when they could start. So I mean, that kind of  
6 throws --

7 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yeah, I took it -- I took it in  
8 terms of the things that you control. Four days.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Let me -- let me say this. Can we  
10 make our comments really succinct at this point and not  
11 reiterate. So let's just speak what we want to say and  
12 drop it. Don't add anything extra to it, just for this  
13 part of the conversation, so we can narrow things down.

14 Commissioner Sinay?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I -- I heard what  
16 Commissioner Ahmad was saying, but I want to go back to  
17 what Commissioner Sadhwani was saying. And it -- it  
18 fits. I have clients who I've said -- I've put on hold  
19 right now on what we can do, because I don't know my  
20 schedule. So for me, ideally we would have -- I thought  
21 we could -- we would be having a calendar out through  
22 December. But -- and so if we could just stick to the A  
23 and B, that would be great for right now.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Great. A being 23rd, 24th,  
25 25th, 30th, 1st, and 2nd. And the A was then going from

1 the 5th, 6th, 6th, 7th, 7th, 8th, the whole -- the whole  
2 bit. The B was the 1st --

3 Commissioner Yee, you were B. Was it the first six  
4 days the same, or did you already change it to 11th?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: It was 23, 24, 25, then  
6 October 5, 6, 7.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. And then --

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: And then the staggered days.

9 CHAIR TURNER: And then staggered from there, but --  
10 Okay.

11 Commissioners, can -- we don't have to do it -- do  
12 we need a motion and all that, or can we just agree?

13 MS. JOHNSTON: You can just agree.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

15 Commissioner --

16 MS. JOHNSTON: You should get a sense of the  
17 Commission, and then you can set it.

18 CHAIR TURNER: So let's see. A -- those that think  
19 they're interested in A, can you just kind of hold your  
20 hand in front of the camera? All right. Let me see.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Who can do A. Who can do B.  
22 Because some of us can do either.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Both.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right, so.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Yes, thank you.

1 One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, A.

2 Okay. Who can do B? Nine. B, one, two, three, four,

3 five --

4 MR. VILLANUEVA: It looks like B.

5 CHAIR TURNER: -- six, seven, eight, nine, ten.

6 Okay. We're going to go B. Okay. So B. So -- so we'll

7 set our schedule as September 23rd, 24th, 25th, as

8 October 5th, 6th, and 7th. And then from there, we will

9 stagger Monday, Tuesday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,

10 Friday. Oh, but the only thing that we will have taken

11 into --

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Please clarify --

13 CHAIR TURNER: -- consideration was Commissioner --

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Please clarify -- oh,

15 sorry. Could we please clarify? It goes 5, 6, 7. And

16 then does it go --

17 CHAIR TURNER: It does not -- yes, 5, 6, 7, then it

18 goes 12, 13.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. It's starts on the --

20 it starts on the Monday then the following week?

21 CHAIR TURNER: Right. And the -- and the only

22 thing we did not --

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

24 CHAIR TURNER: -- clarify in that, Commissioner

25 Akutagawa, I think it was, was asking for a break in

1 between, after the six days. But the scheduling, that at  
2 pattern is, is exactly what we've agreed to. And  
3 so -- so that means that the week of the 11th, we will  
4 not meet, and then we'll start the scheduling. Okay?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: We said 12, 13, 20, 21, 28, 29.  
6 I don't think we said the Thursday, Friday after, which  
7 would be November 6, 7, I think, or 5, 6.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Well, what I was --

9 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Come on. Stop.

10 CHAIR TURNER: What I -- what I was addressing was  
11 Commissioner, I think, Akutagawa, had also requested that  
12 there be a week break at some point after. And we can do  
13 that, but we don't need to do that. But I did not want  
14 to not address it.

15 Commissioner Toledo.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I was just -- in -- in an  
17 effort to try to move this forward, B sounds fine.  
18 And -- to -- to me at least. I don't know about the  
19 other Commissioners. And perhaps if -- if there's a need  
20 to shift it a little bit, empowering you and -- and  
21 empowering you to make any necessary changes, if  
22 there's -- you know, if there's issues with scheduling of  
23 the executive director committees or -- or anything else  
24 that might come arise. You don't know. There might be a  
25 national disaster or something, right? So we'll empower

1 you to work with --

2 CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: We'll empower you to work with  
4 staff to do that. Right?

5 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. And the Chair will do that.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'd be comfortable with that.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Perfect.

8 Commissioner Vazquez?

9 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. So just to -- to  
10 clarify, we do have a week in between the 23rd, 24th,  
11 25th. There's a week, and then 5, 6, 7, correct?

12 CHAIR TURNER: That's right.

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Okay. So --

14 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah, I think, she -- yes. Yes,  
15 that's fine.

16 Commissioner Le Mons?

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Two things. I didn't know my  
18 mic was open. And so I apologize for that outburst. And  
19 then number two is -- number two is, just when you guys  
20 are looking at the agenda, hopefully, we don't have to  
21 use all three days to interview, that we could probably  
22 try to truncate it, hopefully. So that's -- that is one  
23 thing.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Should -- let's open one  
25 more time for public comment before we go. Because we

1 said at the end of the meeting, and this is the end of  
2 the meeting.

3 Ryan, do we have anyone waiting in queue?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We have no one waiting in  
5 queue at this time.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: I don't think we heard from Raul  
8 whether there's anything still open.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, he said there is nothing still  
10 open. I did hear from him. Thank you.

11 Okay, so at this moment, our very successful first  
12 meeting is adjourned.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I want to just recognize you,  
14 though, Commissioner Turner. It was so long, and you did  
15 a good job.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

17 MR. VILLANUEVA: Great job.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. Thank you all.

21 Commissioner Le Mons --

22 (Whereupon, the California Citizens  
23 Redistricting Commission meeting adjourned at  
24 4:30 p.m.)

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