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12:00 p.m.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Good morning, California. Good  
4 morning, everyone. Thank you for joining us on this fine  
5 Saturday morning -- increasingly warm Saturday morning in  
6 Southern California. Welcome, and thank you for tuning  
7 in to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
8 Communities of Interest Input Meeting, commonly referred  
9 to as COI meeting. I am Commissioner Derric Taylor, and  
10 I'll be co-chairing today's meeting with Commissioner  
11 Isra Ahmad.

12 Ravi, can you take roll, please?

13 MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair.

14 Commissioner Toledo?

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

16 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: (No response.)

18 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez?

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: (No response.)

20 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

22 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

23 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

24 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.



1 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: (No response.)

3 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

5 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

7 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

9 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

10 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

11 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: (No response.)

13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (No response.)

15 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Taylor?

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Ravi. Of course, I am  
17 present.

18 MR. SINGH: Uh-huh. You're welcome.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: I will start by sharing a little bit  
20 about the Commission. Every two years, after the federal  
21 government publishes updated census information,  
22 California must redraw the boundaries of its  
23 Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State  
24 Board of Equalization districts, so that the districts  
25 correctly reflect the state's population.

1           In 2008, California voters authorized the creation  
2 of the Commission when they passed the Voter's FIRST Act.  
3 It authorized the Commission to draw the new district  
4 lines for State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board  
5 of Equalization districts. In 2010, the correct --  
6 Congressional Voters FIRST Act added the responsibility  
7 of drawing Congressional districts to the Commission.

8           The 14-member Commission is made up of five  
9 Republicans, five Democrats, and four not affiliated with  
10 either of those two parties. The Commission must draw  
11 the district lines in conformity with strict,  
12 non-partisan rules designed to create districts of  
13 relatively equal population that will provide fair  
14 representation for all Californians.

15           When we receive census data, the Commission begins  
16 drawing maps using six line-drawing criteria, as outlined  
17 in the California Constitution. One of these is  
18 minimizing the division of counties, cities,  
19 neighborhoods, and Communities of Interest to the best  
20 extent possible. We can obtain -- the Commission -- the  
21 City and county information from both jurisdictions, but  
22 we need the neighborhood and Communities of Interest  
23 information from Californians directly.

24           That's why we have launched these Communities of  
25 Interest input sessions to get that valuable information



1 from you directly. We encourage all Californians to  
2 participate in this process. If you would rather submit  
3 COI input over the internet, you can do so from our  
4 website or by visiting DrawMyCACommunity.org. Once  
5 again, DrawMyCACommunity.org. Skip the line. Go online.

6 Now I will call on all Commissioners to introduce  
7 themselves and to say hello. To see the biographies for  
8 all 14 Commissioners or for additional information or to  
9 sign up for our emails, please visit our website at  
10 WeDrawTheLinesCA.org. Please also follow the California  
11 Citizen's Redistricting Commission on social media.

12 You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter,  
13 LinkedIn and YouTube at WeDrawTheLinesCA.org or  
14 WeDrawTheLinesCA. There you will find a lot of useful  
15 information about redistricting and updates from the  
16 California Commission.

17 We will begin with my co-chair, Commissioner  
18 Isra Ahmad.

19 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Good morning, everyone, and thank  
20 you so much for joining us today. My name is Isra Ahmad,  
21 and I'm excited to hear all about Los Angeles from  
22 communities across Los Angeles and then also anyone else  
23 who would like to call in from California as well.

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Isra.

25 And now we will go to Linda Akutagawa.





1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Hi. Good morning,  
2 California. It's a pleasure to be here.  
3 Linda Akutagawa. I grew up in L.A., I live in Orange  
4 County, and I'm looking forward to hearing what you have  
5 to say about the Los Angeles area.

6 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Linda.  
7 Jane Andersen.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Good morning, Los Angeles  
9 County. Look forward to seeing you -- hearing from you  
10 today. And welcome, welcome.

11 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Jane.

12 And now I'd like to introduce Alicia Fernandez.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Buenos días, California,  
14 especialmente los que viven en los ángeles, Soy Alicia  
15 Fernandez, el Condado de Yolo, aquí en el medio de un fil  
16 de tomates es mi comunidad. Cuéntame cuál es la tuya?  
17 Hello California, specifically Los Angeles, I'm  
18 Alicia Fernandez from Yolo County, coming to you from the  
19 middle of a tomato field, which is my community. So I'm  
20 excited to hear about your community.

21 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Alicia.

22 Next, we have Neal Fornaciari.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Good morning, Los Angeles  
24 and the rest of California. My name is Neal Fornaciari.  
25 I come from the Central Valley, a little town called



1 Tracy. I'm looking forward to hearing about your  
2 Communities of Interest today. Thanks for joining us.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Neal.

4 Next, we have Ray Kennedy.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I'm  
6 Ray Kennedy. I live in Morongo Valley, which is a rural  
7 Joshua Tree Gateway community in San Bernardino County.  
8 I moved here a little over a year ago after living in  
9 Palm Springs for 15 years, and I enjoy the time that I  
10 get to spend in Los Angeles when I -- when I come over  
11 the hills and enjoy a bit of the coast. So looking  
12 forward to hearing from everyone today.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Ray.

14 Next, we have Sara Sadhwani.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Good morning, Los Angeles.  
16 Super excited to be here today. Can't wait to hear more  
17 about folks' Communities of Interest. I've lived and  
18 worked throughout L.A. for the last -- in L.A. County for  
19 the last 15 years and excited to be here today. Thanks  
20 so much.

21 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Sara.

22 Patricia Sinay.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (No response.)

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: And Patricia might not be with us  
25 this morning, so we'll move on to Pedro Toledo.



1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Buenos Dias. My name is Pedro  
2 Toledo. I'm from Petaluma, California. I'm looking  
3 forward to learning all about the Communities --  
4 Communities of Interest in Los Angeles. Thank you.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Pedro.

6 And up next, we have Commissioner Trena Turner.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: (No response.)

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: And Trena may not be with us this  
9 morning.

10 So we'll move on to Commissioner Angela Vasquez.

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Good morning, L.A.

12 Angela Vasquez. I am an adopted Angelina. Thank you for  
13 adopting me over a decade ago. I have lived and worked  
14 across L.A. from the San Gabriel Valley to the Antelope  
15 Valley. And so very much looking forward to hearing from  
16 everyone throughout Los Angeles.

17 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Angela.

18 And up next is Russell Yee.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Good morning, Los Angeles County  
20 and all of California. Today, we set aside our baseball  
21 rivalries and anything else that would divide us and  
22 instead focus on what unites us, which is lifting up all  
23 different communities and the concerns of those  
24 communities, especially when it comes to voting districts  
25 and Communities of Interest. So looking forward to your



1 input today.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Russell.

3 And last but not least, is myself. My name is  
4 Derric Taylor. I am a married father of three, currently  
5 living in the City of Los Angeles. I grew up in the San  
6 Gabriel Valley. I'm very familiar with the L.A. County  
7 area. As I like to explain to people, I think I've had a  
8 meal in every ci -- in every city within this county. So  
9 I definitely enjoy this part of California. I welcome  
10 your public input. I welcome input from all  
11 Californians. And I am a lifelong Dodger fan, so I hope  
12 that inspires those up north to provide input today.

13 And with that, we'll move on to some housekeeping  
14 rules.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Excuse me, Chair. Shots fired.

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: Oh --

17 MR. FERNANDEZ: As a --

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Oh, oh, oh, oh. But -- ex -- excuse  
19 me. Excuse me. Without further adieu, let me please  
20 introduce Commissioner Antonio Le Mons.

21 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Good morning, California.  
22 Buenos días, Los Angeles County. I am  
23 Commissioner Antonio Le Mons, a 35-year resident of  
24 Southern California. Looking forward to hearing from all  
25 of you this morning.



1 Thank you, Chair.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Antonio. My apologies.  
3 Thank you. Thank you.

4 So now on to housekeeping rules. This meeting is  
5 primarily for Communities of Interest testimony focused  
6 on Los Angeles County and surrounding areas. However,  
7 anyone in California can call in to provide input.  
8 General public comment will take place at the end of the  
9 meeting.

10 Today, we are joined by our line drawing team  
11 HaystaqDNA and Q2 Data & Research, who will dis -- who  
12 will be displaying a map of the area that attendees will  
13 describe.

14 Please start with the area you would like to  
15 discuss, and be as specific as -- as possible about the  
16 boundaries of where your community is located. It is our  
17 goal to find the area you would like to discuss prior to  
18 your testimony beginning. If you are within a  
19 neighborhood of Los Angeles City, please be as specific  
20 as possible. For instance, if you are in the area of  
21 Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Van Nuys, please define those  
22 areas by the boundaries that you believe they consist of.  
23 Once we are able to locate your area, your three-minute  
24 testimony will begin. Attendees will not be able to  
25 share their screen.



1 We are also joined by Katy, our comment moderator,  
2 who will be introducing attendees when it is their turn  
3 to speak. When you join the meeting, please use the  
4 raise hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter  
5 the queue. If you have registered for a time slot, we  
6 encourage you to call in during your appointed time slot.

7 When it is your turn to speak, Katy, our comment  
8 moderator, will be identifying you by your assigned  
9 unique ID number. You'll be reconnected to this session  
10 with the ability to enable your own video and or audio.  
11 The comment moderator will assign you a speaker order  
12 number before you begin speaking, and please make a note  
13 of this for future reference. You will be able to use  
14 this number to identify your COI testimony on our website  
15 at a future date.

16 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time  
17 limit with a warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds  
18 remaining. At the beginning of your input, you will see  
19 a map on the screen. Please remind the mapper what area  
20 you would like to see on the screen, and be as specific  
21 as possible about the boundaries of where your community  
22 is located.

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



1 speak. The call-in information and access code is listed  
2 on the livestream.

3 While there are no clear rules on how to define a  
4 Community of Interest, we've identified ways for you to  
5 describe your community. Begin with your county or city.  
6 Mention the street names and significant locations in  
7 your neighborhood to help us identify the parameters of  
8 your community. What are your shared interests? What  
9 are things that brings (sic) you together? What is  
10 important to your community? Are there nearby areas you  
11 want to be in a district with? Are there nearby areas  
12 you do not want to be in a district with? And tell us  
13 why or why not. Has your community come together to  
14 advocate for important services, better schools, roads,  
15 or health centers in your neighborhood?

16 Also we invite you to use the Community of Interest  
17 tool to draw a map and describe your community by  
18 visiting [DrawMyCACommunity.org](http://DrawMyCACommunity.org). Skip the line. Go  
19 online. Submit your COI input today.

20 We will now begin the public input session, and I  
21 will pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator. We  
22 will start with people who are registered and then open  
23 the phone lines if there is time before the next session.  
24 Thank you.

25 Katy?



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good morning, Chair.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Good morning.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Welcome to the public  
4 input session. Please raise -- please use the raise hand  
5 button at the bottom of your screen to enter the queue.  
6 When it is your turn to speak, you will be identified by  
7 your assigned unique ID number. You'll be reconnected to  
8 the session with the ability to enable your own video  
9 and/or audio. You will then be assigned a speaker order  
10 number before you begin speaking. Please make note of  
11 your speaker order number for future reference.

12 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time  
13 limit with a warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds  
14 remaining. At the end of your public input or at the end  
15 of your time, you will be reconnected in a listen and  
16 view only mode. At the beginning of your input, please  
17 remind the mapper of what area you would like to see on  
18 the screen.

19 Right now, we will begin with 004, and up next in  
20 the queue will be 012. Again, that is right now is 004,  
21 and up next will be 012.

22 004, your speaker order number will be number one,  
23 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.  
24 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left  
25 of your screen. If you'll please remind the map of what





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

2 MR. MARTIN: Good morning, Chair Taylor. Good  
3 morning, members of the Commission. The area that I  
4 would like to talk about is in the Santa Clarita Valley.  
5 And you've got it right there, better known as the home  
6 of Magic Mountain. My name is Gary Martin. I am the  
7 board president of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency.  
8 I have been a resident of the Santa Clarita Valley since  
9 1978 and of the City of Santa Clarita since its formation  
10 in 1987.

11 I thank the Commission for the opportunity to speak  
12 to you today in support of maintaining unified  
13 legislative representation for the Santa Clarita Valley,  
14 SCV Water, and the customers that we serve. At present,  
15 we are represented in the United States Congress by  
16 Mike Garcia of the 25th Congressional District in  
17 Sacramento. We are primarily represented by  
18 State Senator Scott Wilk of Senate District 21, and by  
19 Assemblymember Suzette Martinez Valladares of Assembly  
20 District 38. We are also represented to a lesser extent  
21 geographically by Senator Henry Stern, State  
22 Senator Henry Stern of SD27 and by Assembly Member,  
23 Tom Lackey of AD36.

24 My purpose of speaking to you today is to  
25 respectfully request that you maintain CA25, SD21, and



1 AD38 whole, with regard to their respective districts  
2 area of representation within the Santa Clarita Valley  
3 and within the service area of the Santa Clarita Valley  
4 Water Agency.

5 The primary groundwater source for our community is  
6 the Santa Clara River East Subbasin, which is almost  
7 totally within these three legislative districts. We are  
8 currently in the process of completing the groundwater  
9 sustainability plan, as required by the California  
10 Groundwater Sustainability Act, and we believe that it is  
11 in the best interest of overall watershed management to  
12 maintain the current level of representation. Local  
13 water supply management is becoming more and more  
14 critical as climate conditions change, and the effective  
15 legislative support in the -- Sacramento and Washington,  
16 D.C. is vitally important.

17 Another area critic -- of critical importance too,  
18 is SCV Water's efforts to mitigate groundwater  
19 contamination by so-called PFAS chemicals. These  
20 chemicals occur in numerous household products and have  
21 found their way into our groundwater and in groundwater  
22 across the State and Nation. SCV Water has taken a very  
23 proactive approach to removal of PFAS from the local  
24 water --

25 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.



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2 MR. MARTIN: -- sup -- water supply, but remediation  
3 project costs are high, and funding is needed to reduce  
4 the financial burden on our rate payers. It is our hope  
5 that the funding can come from federal and/or state  
6 sources within the legislative assistance of our  
7 representatives.

8 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

9 MR. MARTIN: I ask the Commission to make every  
10 effort to allow Santa Clarita Valley and SCV Water to  
11 continue to have legislative -- unified legislative voice  
12 on all matters pertaining to water supply at both the  
13 state and federal levels. And I respectfully ask your  
14 strong consideration of our request.

15 MR. MANOFF: Time.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. ]

17 Right now, we have 012, and up next in the queue  
18 will be 003. Right now is 012, and up next will be 003.

19 012, your speaker order number will be number two.  
20 If you'll please make note of that for future reference.  
21 If you'll please let them ever know what area you would  
22 like brought up on the screen. It looks like you already  
23 have enabled your audio and video.

24 Is there a echo?

25 MS. MORISHIGE: Hello. My name is Valerie



1 Morishige, and I'd like to see a map of Hollywood.

2       So I'm a resident of Hollywood, more specifically  
3 the area adjacent Hollywood land by Bronson Canyon. My  
4 community is roughly a triangle with Griffith Observatory  
5 to the northeast, Hill Horse Mountain to the southeast,  
6 and Hollywood and Highland to the west. I prefer to take  
7 public transportation, so my community is aligned to the  
8 public transit routes.

9       The way district lines are drawn now barely takes  
10 into account my lived experience. I have more shared  
11 interests with people who live to the south of my  
12 neighborhood, the communities of East Hollywood and  
13 Hollywood Proper. Our combined concerns of traffic and  
14 congestion, smartly managing the impact of tourism, and  
15 then our desire to find permanent housing for our  
16 unhoused neighbors, are unique to our area. These are  
17 not issues that Glendale or Burbank or Pasadena have to  
18 deal with.

19       I believe that SD25, in particular, is unnecessarily  
20 sprawling, encompassing everything from the Valley to the  
21 Angeles National Forest, San Marino, all the way to  
22 Rancho Cucamonga. The way SD25 is currently drawn,  
23 captures a disproportionate amount of high-income  
24 households. I hope the new nesting rules will help to  
25 make this district more geographically compact, so that

1 constituents will be grouped together by their  
2 geographically relevant concerns, what's actually  
3 happening in their neighborhoods, rather than by similar  
4 socioeconomic factors.

5 I've met with my California Assembly member and  
6 State Senator, and I can clearly tell that the issues  
7 that impact the Greater Hollywood Area are not a high  
8 priority. Our neighborhood is just such a small portion  
9 of their district. You can tell that Pasadena and  
10 Glendale are their bigger concerns.

11 On the local level, I would prefer to be grouped  
12 with communities that I am in daily contact with, so that  
13 we can deal more effectively with the issues we see every  
14 day. Thank you very much, and thank you so much for  
15 having this on a Saturday.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 Right now, we will have 003, and up next in the  
18 queue will be 005. Right now will be 003. Up next will  
19 be 005.

20 003, your speaker order number will be number three,  
21 if you will please make note of that for future  
22 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in  
23 the lower left of your screen. If you will please let  
24 the map or know of what area you would like brought up on  
25 the map.



1 MS. O'CONNOR: Yes. Hi. If we could look at  
2 Sherman Oaks, particularly Northern Sherman Oaks.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Caller, would you be able to define  
4 Sherman Oaks by possibly a street or a highway boundary?

5 MS. O'CONNOR: Yes. Burbank Boulevard on the south,  
6 Oxnard on the north, the 405 on the West, and Hazeltine  
7 on the east. Yeah, I believe that's the entire map  
8 you're showing now.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

10 MS. O'CONNOR: Ours is Northern -- Northern Sherman  
11 Oaks. You'll tell me when to begin?

12 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

13 MS. O'CONNOR: Good morning, Commissioners. I'm  
14 Ann O'Connor. I'm a team leader representing a  
15 neighborhood in North Sherman Oaks, referred to as Part  
16 Of Sherman Oaks or POSO. POSO's population is  
17 approximately 7,000 residents. After our successful  
18 renaming in July 2009, POSO was redistricted and kept  
19 whole with Greater Sherman Oaks in Council District 4,  
20 shown on the map on the screen. However, because the  
21 maps were already drawn, we missed the California  
22 Redistricting process. And so after 10 years, we are  
23 requesting to be kept whole and maintain our voting  
24 strength with Greater Sherman Oaks in Congressional  
25 District 30, along with Senate District 18, Assembly

1 District 46, L.A. County Supervisorial District 3.

2 We have submitted this letter in Council File  
3 08-2758 via certified mail to the Commission in  
4 Sacramento on March 13th '21, as well as an email to  
5 VotersFirstAct@CRC.CA.gov. VICA also supports this  
6 request to keep us whole with Sherman Oaks. We share a  
7 Community of Interest with Greater Sherman Oaks in many  
8 ways. We share our southern border of Burbank Boulevard.  
9 Our children attend the same public schools as residents  
10 from south Burbank -- south of Burbank, and use the same  
11 Sherman Oaks Library and Sherman Oaks Hospital. Sherman  
12 Oaks Park is our beautiful park for exercise, swimming,  
13 and sports teams as well as movies in the park. Our  
14 senior center is also located in the park.

15 The Sherman Oaks Chamber said that POSO had positive  
16 economic impact on job creation in Sherman Oaks through  
17 its patronage of grocery stores, restaurants, banks,  
18 shopping malls, dry cleaners, florists, and theaters. We  
19 support the National Night Out by hosting our local  
20 police on a rotating basis between streets POSO and  
21 Greater Sherman Oaks. Metro's Sepulveda Transit Corridor  
22 Project and airplane noise are both  
23 communities -- community interests which unite us with  
24 Greater Sherman Oaks in our opposition to elevated tracks  
25 above Sepulveda Boulevard, which will devastate our



1 community.

2 Reducing airplane noise from both Van Nuys and  
3 Burbank Airports is also a shared interest. The Sherman  
4 Oaks Homeowner's Association, SOHA, is politically active  
5 in all issues, such as metro and airplane noise,  
6 redistricting, beautification, vision plans, real estate  
7 development and our annual toy drive and annual fair.

8 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

9 MS. O'CONNOR: They publish a monthly newsletter and  
10 held us together with monthly Zoom meetings during the  
11 pandemic with our elected officials as guest speakers.  
12 Thank you, Commissioners, and we urge you to keep POSO  
13 united with Greater Sherman Oaks in all districts.

14 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 Right now we have 005, and up next in the queue will  
17 be 009. Right now, we will have 005. Up next, 009.

18 005, Your speaker order number will be number four  
19 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.  
20 If you'll please remind the mapper of what area you would  
21 like to see, and the floor is yours.

22 MS. LAYBA: May I please have Thousand Oaks in Zone  
23 E? And please let me know when to begin.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

25 CHAIR TAYLOR: Caller --





1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Caller, are you able to describe  
3 Thousand Oaks by street, highway, or geographic boundary?

4 MS. LAYBA: I would say if we zoom in -- we can zoom  
5 into city hall, which is on ven -- on Thousand Oaks  
6 Boulevard between Westlake, and I think that's a great  
7 picture, Commissioner.

8 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

10 MS. LAYBA: Good morning, Commissioners. My name is  
11 Mina Layba. I am here to represent the City of Thousand  
12 Oaks not only as the legislative affairs manager, but  
13 please note, I'm a lifelong Angeleno. I've lived in Los  
14 Angeles County since our immigration in 1969. So I know  
15 the vast differences between Ventura County and Los  
16 Angeles County, and I live in the City of L.A.

17 With that in mind, fellow Angelinos, I wanted to  
18 explain to you the Community of Interest for Thousand  
19 Oaks. As I share a Community of Interest, I wanted to  
20 explain to you we have the same diversity, socioeconomic  
21 levels. We have the same shared services within Ventura  
22 County, specifically in areas of water resources, which  
23 are critical in our community and air quality.

24 We have a very unique business structure, where we  
25 have a strong emphasis in biotechnology. We are home to



1 Amgen, Takeda, Atara, Arcutis, and Capsida. And on the  
2 west end of our county, we have a vast level of  
3 agriculture. We also have a -- we also have Naval Base  
4 Ventura County, and we also have our Port of Hueneme. We  
5 are proud to be the in-season training facility for the  
6 Los Angeles Rams. We are part of SOAR, which is Save our  
7 Open Space Resources Initiative, where the cities in our  
8 community, all 10 cities in our county, require the vote  
9 of the people before agricultural land and open space  
10 areas can be rezoned for development.

11 Speaking of open space, Thousand Oaks is surrounded  
12 by 15,000 acres of protected open space. We coordinate  
13 with COSCA, which is our Conejo Open Space Conservancy  
14 Agency with our Conejo Recreation and Park Agency, which  
15 is their own elected body. And they manage 12,000 acres  
16 of open space and 150 miles of trails. Thousand Oaks is  
17 part -- is uniquely connected to the Santa Monica  
18 Mountains National Recreation Area, and we're big  
19 supporters of wildlife preservation.

20 One unique issue we have is very --

21 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

22 MS. LAYBA: -- we're in a very high wildfire  
23 severity zone that affects many of our cities. When you  
24 consider reviewing our maps and redrawing the lines, we  
25 ask that you keep CD26, SD27 --



1 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

2 MS. LAYBA: -- and Assembly District 44 in the same  
3 district, and keep our community whole. We thank you for  
4 all of your work and all you do, and we have been  
5 outreach coordinators for our community to let them know  
6 about the July 22nd hearing --

7 MR. MANOFF: Time.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 And right now we will have 009, and up next in the  
10 queue will be 002. Right now will be 009, and up next in  
11 the queue will be 002. One moment.

12 (Off the record)

13 (On the record)

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- to allow to talk. Oh,  
15 there it went. Did it come through?

16 009. Looks like there may be some connectivity  
17 issues.

18 Your speaker order number is number five. You can  
19 now enable your audio and video in the lower left of your  
20 screen.

21 Well, she's right here though.

22 You can enable your audio in the lower left of your  
23 screen or your --

24 009, you can unmute yourself at this time, if you  
25 follow the prompt you're receiving. I'd like to invite



1 you to please call back and reconnect by phone due to  
2 apparent connectivity issues, and we will be going on to  
3 the next person in the queue. Thank you.

4 So at this time, we will be moving on to 002. Right  
5 now will be 002, and then up next in the queue will be  
6 010. Right now will be 002.

7 002, your speaker order number will be number six,  
8 if you will please make note of that. You can now enable  
9 your audio and video in the lower left of your screen.  
10 Welcome. And please let the mapper know what area you  
11 would like to see.

12 MR. ANDERSON: Thank you. Sherman Oaks, California,  
13 which was mentioned earlier, although I do have some of  
14 my own maps if it's possible to share my own screen.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'm sorry, not at this  
16 time. You'll have to let the mapper know what area you  
17 would like brought up on the map.

18 MR. ANDERSON: Sherman Oaks, the entire district is  
19 shown. Just tell me when to start.

20 CHAIR TAYLOR: Go ahead.

21 MR. ANDERSON: Hello. My name is Bob Anderson with  
22 the Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association. We submitted  
23 our recommendations by email on June 2nd. Sherman Oaks  
24 is a 73,000-person Community of Interest in the southern  
25 San Fernando Valley. SOHA has been a community voice



1 since 1964 and represents 2400 Sherman Oaks families.  
2 Our monthly meetings draw up to 500 attendees for  
3 hotly-contested debates.

4 The official eastern, southern, and western  
5 boundaries of Sherman Oaks follow zip code boundaries, as  
6 you see on the map. The northern boundary does not and  
7 splits two zip codes. Two small areas of Sherman Oaks  
8 were not consistently included in 2011 redistricting.  
9 The first is POSO, that was mentioned earlier, part of  
10 Sherman Oaks, which was officially added to Sherman Oaks  
11 by City Council action in 2009. The second area is a  
12 sliver west of the 405, down at the bottom part  
13 between --

14 Yeah, where you're showing. Thank you.

15 It's often ignored because the freeway seems to act  
16 like a more natural boundary.

17 All right. We have one single recommendation, and  
18 that is to maintain our community, Sherman Oaks, whole,  
19 as we are today in a single Congressional District, a  
20 single California Senate District, and a single  
21 California Assembly District. 20 years ago, Sherman Oaks  
22 was split across districts. The 2011 Commission  
23 beneficially reconnected us into a single district.

24 Congressman Brad Sherman's, 30th Congressional  
25 District includes all of Sherman Oaks except POSO, up in



1 the upper left. POSO should be included in a single  
2 district, as mentioned by Ann O'Connor. Sherman Oaks and  
3 SOHA have longstanding relationships with the  
4 Congressman. We are working together for reduced  
5 aircraft noise for Van Nuys Airport. Senator  
6 Bob Hertzberg's 18th California Senate District includes  
7 all of Sherman Oaks except the sliver, which is to the  
8 west of the 405.

9 Both POSO and the sliver should be included in a  
10 single district. Sherman Oaks and SOHA have strong  
11 relationships with the Senator. We are working together  
12 on housing legislation. Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian's  
13 46th California Assembly District includes all of Sherman  
14 Oaks except the sliver again. Both POSO and the sliver  
15 should be included in a single district.

16 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

17 MR. ANDERSON: Sherman Oaks and SOHA have strong  
18 relationships with the Assemblymember. We are working  
19 together on solutions of affordable -- affordable  
20 housing. Sherman Oaks is also whole in L.A. County's 3rd  
21 Supervisorial District and in Los Angeles 4th City  
22 Council District.

23 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

24 MR. ANDERSON: So we want to be whole everywhere.  
25 Thank you very much for all your work on this. We



1 appreciate it very much.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 Right now will be 010.

4 I'd like to invite 008 to please use the raise your  
5 hand button at the bottom of your screen. Thank you so  
6 much.

7 So right now will be 010, and then up next will be  
8 008. So right now will be 010, and then up next will be  
9 008.

10 010, your speaker order number will be number seven,  
11 if you will please make note of that for future  
12 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in  
13 the lower left of your screen. 010, you can now enable  
14 your audio and video in the lower left of your screen.

15 MR. DADVAND: Can you hear me?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Thank you  
17 so much. Your speaker order number is number seven, if  
18 you'll please make note of that.

19 MR. DADVAND: Yes, ma'am.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And if you will let the  
21 mapper know what area you would like brought up.

22 MR. DADVAND: San Fernando Valley. May -- may I  
23 start?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, you're muted.

25 CHAIR TAYLOR: I'm sorry.



1           Caller, would you be able to define the San Fernando  
2 Valley?

3           MR. DADVAND: Yes. The community north of  
4 Mulholland Drive.

5           CHAIR TAYLOR: Are there any additional streets,  
6 highways or geographic boundaries to describe the San  
7 Fernando Valley that you --

8           MR. DADVAND: If -- if you put 101 in the middle of  
9 or 405 in the middle of the screen, everything on the  
10 right, left, north, south, it will be San Fernando  
11 Valley.

12          CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

13          MR. MANOFF: Go ahead and begin.

14          MR. DADVAND: Good morning, Commissioners. Thank  
15 you very much for the opportunity you gave me to express  
16 my opinion. My name is Babak Dadvand. I lived in  
17 San Fernando Valley for 37 years. I have two kids, born  
18 and raised in San Fernando. They went to even the  
19 college in San Fernando and live in Sacramento.

20           I would like to ask you to keep San Fernando Valley  
21 as a whole. San Fernando Valley is a very special  
22 communities with its own culture: Valley Traffic, Valley  
23 School, Valley Neighborhood, Valley businesses, Valley  
24 Airport, all the issues. And we know better. Once -- we  
25 have always been a -- a stepchild of Los Angeles. And if





1 we com -- you combine us with West Side, all the  
2 Congressional offices, all the -- all the government  
3 offices will move to West Side, not San Fernando. So I  
4 am asking you to consider to leave San Fernando Valley  
5 alone. We are very happy with the way it is.

6 Look at Los Angeles. We have 80 miles of Metro  
7 rail. In San Fernando Valley, we have only one mile, and  
8 we have a bus, orange line that comes, not even the  
9 metro. And we do not have any a stadium in San Fernando  
10 Valley, no cultural or music, except the one that we have  
11 at Cal State Northridge. Everything is on the other  
12 side. Please leave some Fernando Valley alone. Thank  
13 you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

15 Right now, we will have 008.

16 I would like to invite 013 to please use the raise  
17 your hand button at the bottom of your screen to get in  
18 the comment queue line. That is 013, if you'll please  
19 use the raise -- raise your hand button at the bottom of  
20 your screen.

21 Well, right now, we will have 008.

22 008, your speaker order number will be number eight.  
23 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left  
24 of your screen. If you will please let the mapper know  
25 what area you would like brought up on the map, the floor



1 is yours.

2 SPEAKER 8: Hi. Can you hear me?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

4 SPEAKER 8: Hi. Thank you, Commissioners. I would  
5 like to look at on the map, the San Fernando Valley,  
6 which is Studio City, Encino, Sherman Oaks, Woodland  
7 Hills, Calabasas, and pretty much everything north of  
8 Mulholland Boulevard, which cuts across the top of the  
9 Hollywood Hills. May I go?

10 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

11 SPEAKER 8: I'm a filmmaker, and the San Fernando  
12 Valley has served as a location for a film that I've  
13 recently made that's coming out this very month. But I  
14 confess that I'm not the first filmmaker to discover the  
15 San Fernando Valley for the unique community that it is.

16 You may recall in the movie The Karate Kid,  
17 Ralph Macchio uses the crane kick to Johnny's nose to win  
18 the tournament, that it is the All Valley Karate  
19 Tournament that he is winning. There is no sense that  
20 Ralph Macchio is going to have to fight whoever might win  
21 a hypothetical All Westside Karate Tournament with  
22 fighters from Hollywood or Beverly Hills.

23 That's because the creators of the Karate Kid  
24 recognized that San Fernando Valley would never have a  
25 karate tournament with the West Side. They understand



1 that when you're in the Valley, you tend to stay in the  
2 Valley.

3 This point is made well in the movie The Truman  
4 Show, too, when the creators had to imagine someone  
5 spending their whole life in one place without ever  
6 having the impulse to leave it or realizing that his  
7 whole world is really just a television studio, they  
8 locate that autonomous world as the San Fernando Valley.

9 Please know that deep community divide between the  
10 West Side and the Valley is equally felt by West Siders  
11 and was perhaps best investigated by the HBO TV show  
12 Entourage. And if ever there was a show dedicated to the  
13 West Side of L.A., that's Beverly Hills, Hollywood,  
14 Malibu, it was Entourage. In season three's, episode  
15 two, titled "One Day in the Valley," Johnny Drama  
16 succinctly captures the cultural, environmental and even  
17 culinary differences between the Valley and the West Side  
18 with the following words, "Vince, you know my policy. I  
19 only go to the Valley November through March, and even  
20 then, only to Sushi Row."

21 The valley is not the West Side and the West Side is  
22 not the valley. Should any of the Commissioners desire  
23 to review further materials regarding why the San  
24 Fernando Valley District should not be linked with West  
25 L.A., please consider taking in the films Encino Man,

1 Valley Girl, Boogie Nights, Fast Times at Ridgemont High,  
2 Magnolia, and a host of others. Thank you for your time.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 I would like to ask 013 to use your raise your hand  
5 option at the bottom of your screen, as you do have an  
6 appointment at this time.

7 And 016, you also can -- have an appointment on the  
8 next session. But regardless, please use the raise your  
9 hand option at the bottom of the screen.

10 I would also like to ask the callers that have been  
11 waiting in the queue to please -- press star nine to  
12 raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment. Please  
13 press star nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish  
14 to comment. Please press start nine to raise your hand,  
15 indicating you wish to comment.

16 And at this time, the only raised hands we have are  
17 from callers, so I will be moving to callers.

18 Caller 8771. That's Caller 8771 will be right now.  
19 And then up next in the queue will be Caller 2887.  
20 That's Caller 2887.

21 And again, I will remind those with appointments,  
22 that is 016, 013, please use the raise your hand option  
23 at the bottom of your screen.

24 Caller 8771, please follow the prompts that Zoom is  
25 giving you in your phone. Please follow the prompts to



1 unmute, Caller 8771. Please follow the Zoom pro --  
2 Caller 8771, you are now unmuted. I have a couple of  
3 instructions. Your speaker order number will be number  
4 nine, if you'll please make note of that for future  
5 reference. And if you would please let the mapper know  
6 what area you would like brought up on the map. And with  
7 that, the floor is yours.

8 SPEAKER 9: Thank you, Commissioners. I'm in the  
9 Antelope Valley, the 14 Freeway, Avenue M, N, O, any in  
10 those areas. This is a large valley. Many people have  
11 moved from down below the L.A. area up here, and they  
12 continue -- continue to commute down there. Many people  
13 do not -- who do live here, work for aerospace and other  
14 local communities. We have traditionally been part of  
15 Santa Clarita in District 25 and Simi Valley.

16 I would like to remain as part of that district. I  
17 would also like you to consider expanding to the Kern  
18 County side. We -- we are Northern Los Angeles County  
19 and are considered kind of the unwanted stepchild in a  
20 lot of policies, although there are many people that are  
21 from the -- that -- down below -- what we call down  
22 below, anything over the mountains. Santa Clarita is  
23 a -- the 14 Freeway makes Santa Clarita an easy access  
24 for people to get back and forth, and it's almost part of  
25 us.



1           But I'd like you to consider adding to the District  
2 25 would be Rosamond, on the north side of Kern County,  
3 Rosamond go up the 14 Freeway just north of Lancaster.  
4 There's Rosamond. That's currently considered part of  
5 Bakersfield. It is part of this Antelope Valley area by  
6 the way the mountains are formed, but it is part of  
7 Bakersfield. And it would be more con -- it's more based  
8 on our climate, our environment, where people work. It's  
9 part of this community. I would like to -- you to  
10 consider it to be part of District 25 and for us to  
11 remain in District 25.

12           Our representatives have been very active recently  
13 on doing some necessary department -- law enforcement  
14 work in the Eastern Antelope Valley.

15           If you -- right where your hand was just a moment  
16 back.

17           We have a very large area. People do not understand  
18 it. We have two deputies out to the east at Lake Los  
19 Angeles. That red line on the far right. It can take  
20 half an hour or more from the Palmdale, Lancaster area to  
21 get out to the east side of the valley. They are  
22 understaffed. There are two deputies. We are all  
23 considered part of District 25 for redistricting, also  
24 would be -- above Rosamond would be Mojave as well,  
25 because many of these people come into Lancaster and

1 Palmdale to do their shopping. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

3 Right now we will have Caller 2887, and up next in  
4 the queue will be Caller 7365.

5 I would like to ask 013 and 016 to please use the  
6 raise your hand option at the bottom of your screen.

7 And right now is Caller 2887. Please follow the  
8 Zoom prompts to unmute. That's Caller 2887, if you will  
9 please follow the prompts to unmute. That's Caller 2887,  
10 if you will please press star six to unmute your phone.  
11 And one more time, Caller with the last four of your  
12 phone, 2887, if you'll please press star six, it will  
13 unmute your phone. Oh, there we are.

14 MS. KERR: Good morning, Commissioners.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good morning.

16 MS. KERR: Sorry for -- about that.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's okay.

18 MS. KERR: I wanted to --

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I have a couple -- I have  
20 a couple of instructions. Just one second. Your caller  
21 -- your speaker order number will be number ten, if  
22 you'll make note of that for future reference. And with  
23 that, please let the --

24 MS. KERR: Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- mapper know what area



1 you would like brought up.

2 MS. KERR: Sure. If we could pull up Long Beach,  
3 please.

4 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

5 MS. KERR: Okay. Thank you. Good morning,  
6 Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to speak  
7 with you today. My name is Megan Kerr, M-E-G-A-N, K-E-R-  
8 R, for the record. I'm a lifelong resident of Long  
9 Beach, have lived in the Greater Bixby Knolls area just  
10 north of the 405. I've served for seven years, and I'm  
11 the current vice president of the Board of Education for  
12 the Long Beach Unified School District.

13 Long Beach Unified is the fourth largest school  
14 district in the State of California and the second  
15 largest school district serving L.A. County with nearly  
16 70,000 students and their families in the Long Beach,  
17 Lakewood, Signal Hill, and Avalon areas. I'm speaking  
18 with you today to urge you to keep Long Beach together as  
19 much as reasonably possible. Serving our students and  
20 families is made easier when our strong and diverse  
21 community stays intact as has been done for the past  
22 several redistricting cycles.

23 I'm also asking that for outreach zone H, that  
24 you'll hold a public meeting here in Long Beach when you  
25 are able to do so in person to bring this really





1 important redistricting process closer, not only to our  
2 residents, but to our students and families. It's a  
3 great opportunity for learning and civic engagement for  
4 them.

5 Thank you for your service to our state and  
6 communities and your strong consideration to keep Long  
7 Beach together. Have a good weekend.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
9 now, we will have caller 7365, and up next in the queue  
10 will be caller 3290. Right now, we will have caller  
11 7365, and up next in the queue will be caller 3290.

12 Caller 7365, please follow the prompts to unmute.  
13 Caller 7365, you are unmuted. I have a couple of  
14 instructions. Your speaker order number will be number  
15 11, if you'll please make note of that for future  
16 reference. And with that, will you please let the mapper  
17 know any area you would like brought up on the map, and  
18 the floor is yours.

19 MS. DUSEK: We would like to -- or I would like  
20 to -- my name is Charlene Dusek (ph.). I -- I am a  
21 resident of the Santa Clarita Valley. My concern is with  
22 our 25th District. Santa Clarita is a part of a district  
23 that covers the Simi Valley region as well as Santa  
24 Clarita and parts of Agua Dolce. We would like our --  
25 our team up here would like us to keep that intact.



1           Santa Clarita and -- and Simi Valley are definitely  
2 geographically segmented, and we feel that this would be  
3 a better service to not only our schools, our residents,  
4 and our transportation system, but we would like to see  
5 that remain intact to serve our population a little bit  
6 better. It would be a challenge if you did break up our  
7 district just because of you're looking at the population  
8 and density level. We want to ensure that our  
9 representation clearly understands and will continue to  
10 support it in the fashion that it is.

11           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
12 now, we will have caller 3290, and up next in the queue  
13 will be caller 0645. I'd like to ask those in the queue  
14 to please press star nine to raise your hand indicating  
15 you wish to comment. For those in the queue that have  
16 called in by telephone, please press star nine to raise  
17 your hand indicating you wish to comment. And again  
18 registrant 013, if you will use the raise your hand  
19 option at the bottom of your screen, you will enter the  
20 comment queue line. Right now will be caller 3290.

21           Caller 3290, you are unmuted. I have a couple of  
22 instructions. Your speaker order number will be number  
23 12. If you will please make note of that for future  
24 reference. If you have an area you would like brought up  
25 on the map, please let the mapper no. And with that, the



1 floor is yours.

2 MS. MEHLINGER: Yes. Please bring up the City of  
3 Long Beach. My name is Samantha Mehlinger and I'm the  
4 director of communications for the Long Beach Convention  
5 and Visitors Bureau, and I'm also the former editor of  
6 the Long Beach Business Journal. I've lived in Long  
7 Beach my -- well, nearly my whole life.

8 I would like to voice my support for keeping Long  
9 Beach together in its Congress and state districts.  
10 Doing so not only preserves the integrity of our city as  
11 one community, it also ensures that our major industries  
12 which employ so many residents are represented as one.  
13 Long Beach's hospitality and tourism industry is the  
14 second largest employer in the City and generates more  
15 than \$1 billion in economic impact for the City annually.

16 Ensuring that this industry and other major sectors  
17 are represented as one community is really key to their  
18 well-being. I would ask the Commission to keep Long  
19 Beach together when drawing the lines for the benefit of  
20 its residents, workers, and business community. Thank  
21 you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
23 again, I'd like to ask those in the queue that have  
24 called in to please press star nine to raise your hand  
25 indicating you wish to comment. Please press star nine



1 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. And  
2 again, appointment 013, if you will use the raise your  
3 hand option at the bottom of your screen. Right now we  
4 have caller 0645 is the only hand we have raised at this  
5 time. It is caller 0645.

6 Caller 0645, if you will please follow the prompts  
7 to unmute. Caller 0645, you are unmuted. Your speaker  
8 order number will be number 13, if you will please make  
9 note of that for future reference. If there's an area of  
10 the map you would like brought up, please let the mapper  
11 know. And with that, the floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. If you could bring up  
15 the Lancaster area. Can you hear me?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh. Okay. So yeah. The  
18 Antelope Valley is connected with Santa Cruz and Simi  
19 Valley, and that's a great highway to go into each other.  
20 But if you go to -- on the Lancaster west side, if you  
21 kind of zoom in, you will see --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller, if you will mute  
23 your livestream audio.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, I just did.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You will see a division where  
2 Lancaster West and Lancaster East are not in the same  
3 district. They've kind of -- where is it at? I'm trying  
4 to look on the map that you are showing. But I agree  
5 with keeping it -- keeping Lancaster together.

6 It's actually divided up in a certain area where my  
7 neighbor right across the street has -- is in a different  
8 district. So -- so you know, congressional districts  
9 need to represent a -- a demographic, you know, a  
10 homogenous demographic composed of several factors. So  
11 like, you know, geographic, economic, social,  
12 environment, crime, values, education.

13 The 25th District, at its core, has always, you  
14 know, represented people from Santa Clarita, Simi Valley,  
15 and Leona Valley, Palmdale, Lancaster, Little Rock, Lake  
16 Los Angeles. And -- and portions of Lancaster have been  
17 gerrymandered into the 23rd District, Bakersfield and  
18 Central Valley. So I don't understand that. That  
19 doesn't make any sense.

20 So we have dominated -- you know, we have aerospace  
21 and we're bedroom commuters, and we've got a prison  
22 system, and support for the underprivileged and foster  
23 population. With high desert and canyon air quality and  
24 fire dangers and high altitude agriculture, right? And  
25 hus -- agriculture and hus -- husbandry. Practical

1 educational needs and unusual law enforcement needs.

2       The 25th District should include probably, you know,  
3 Rosamond and Mohave as well in addition to the  
4 communities mentioned above so elected representatives  
5 would be able to address the unique needs of the --

6       MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

7       UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- unique needs of these high  
8 desert and canyon communities. So I thank you for  
9 looking into that, why it's divided up like that, and --

10       MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

11       UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- get us on the right track,  
12 okay? And I thank you for listening. I appreciate your  
13 time.

14       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
15 now, we will have color with the last four 4380, and then  
16 up next in the queue will be 016. Right now, we will  
17 have caller 4380, and up next in the queue we will have  
18 016.

19       And I'd like to invite the other callers and have  
20 called in to please press star nine to raise your hand  
21 indicating you wish to comment. Please press star nine  
22 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. And  
23 013, you can use the raise your hand bot -- option at the  
24 bottom of your screen. Right now is caller 4308.

25       Caller 4308, you are unmuted. I have a couple of



1 quick instructions. Your speaker order number is number  
2 14, if you'll please make note of that for future  
3 reference. If there is an area of the map you would like  
4 brought up, please let the mapper know. And with that,  
5 the floor is yours.

6 MR. CANALES: Yes. Good morning. Hi. My name is  
7 Miguel Canales (ph.). I'm a resident of the City of  
8 Artesia. The City of Artesia is located in southeast Los  
9 Angeles, so if I could have you please go ahead and pull  
10 up the map that has the City of Artesia.

11 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead, please.

12 MR. CANALES: Thank you. The City of Artesia is one  
13 of the gateway cities in the southeast Los Angeles area.  
14 We only have about 17,000 people. We had about a --  
15 nearly a 80 percent census turnout, and so we're hoping  
16 that now we have a little bit more than 17,000. But we  
17 have -- during this COVID crisis, we joined several  
18 southeast cities like Bell, Bell Gardens, Huntington  
19 Park -- let's see -- Bellflower, the City of Cerritos,  
20 and we've advocated for our region when it comes to  
21 vaccination.

22 As you are aware, the news has made it pretty  
23 apparent that there have been some discrepancies early on  
24 regarding the southeast community of Los Angeles and the  
25 amount of attention when it comes to resources for COVID.



1 So we were -- we worked with the County to make sure that  
2 we had those resources for communities during this  
3 pandemic.

4 We've also (indiscernible) when it comes to  
5 transportation. Transportation is an important issue:  
6 the 605, the 710, the 91, and pollution from those  
7 vehicles and making sure that traffic and pollution don't  
8 impact our communities. So we are happy to be part of  
9 the southeast part -- happy to be part of AD -- Assembly  
10 District 58, 7th Seat 32, and Congress -- congressional  
11 District 38.

12 We would really appreciate it, myself as a resident  
13 and our community, to be -- to stay together with that  
14 particular district and not separating us into Orange  
15 County. We have more commonalities and more issues to  
16 combat with our southeast area than we do with Orange  
17 County. Thank you very much for your time.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
19 now, will be 016. And I would like to -- if my mouse  
20 would work correctly. I'd like to invite 0060 -- oh, you  
21 found the raise your hand button. And so right now will  
22 be 016. Up next in the queue will be 006.

23 016, you can now enable your audio and video in the  
24 lower left of your screen. Your speaker order number  
25 will be number 15, if you will please make note of that





1 for future reference. If you'll let the mapper know what  
2 area you would like brought up on the screen, the floor  
3 is yours.

4 MR. BECKWITH: Sure. Great. Thank you very much.  
5 I'm representing the Palmdale, Lancaster area of the  
6 Antelope Valley, basically all the Antelope Valley. My  
7 name's Cliff Beckwith. I'm the president of the Greater  
8 Antelope Valley Association of Realtors. And I wanted to  
9 share some -- some reasons and information on the  
10 Antelope Valley and why it's unique and why the entire  
11 area should be kept together.

12 We are the northeastern part of L.A. County, and by  
13 being a part of L.A. County and being so far away from  
14 everything, it basically means underrepresentation in the  
15 Antelope Valley. So it's crucial that we are kept  
16 together for effective services and everything else.  
17 Antelope Valley extends all the way up to California  
18 City. We've had a couple people on I've heard before me.  
19 Really, our district should go beyond Rosemond up to  
20 California City, Mojave. If you've ever driven up the  
21 14, you know that we're geographically isolated from  
22 everywhere else.

23 Our valley has extensive aerospace and defense  
24 industry. It's the same social-economic profile  
25 throughout the transportation corridor for high speed is



1 projected to go through Palmdale and Tehachapi and down  
2 that area, so all that would be helpful to have.  
3 Historically, like I said, a home to aerospace and  
4 defense.

5       We have our own unique health care issues, and we  
6 also have community colleges that provide training for  
7 defense workers which are unique to our area. Kern  
8 County is below -- is in Ros -- below Rosamond there, but  
9 really we should be dividing, like, at Tehachapi or the  
10 mountain range because everything from Tehachapi west is  
11 considered usually Bakersfield items, and Ridgecrest and  
12 everything down through Rosamond would be Antelope  
13 Valley.

14       The Antelope Valley is made up of Plant 42, which is  
15 classified aircraft manufacturing. Been doing that for  
16 years. We have Boeing, Northrop Grumman, Lockheed, all  
17 the different manufacturers. We have the Mojave Air and  
18 Space Port. It should be part of the same general area,  
19 which is just to the north of Lancaster, Palmdale.  
20 Edwards Air Force Base, which is renowned for what they  
21 do for our country as well as other Southern California  
22 air logistics. And if we want to go to the east, it  
23 could even be Victorville. The Naval Weapons Air Station  
24 in China Lake, which is up towards Ridgecrest, you know,  
25 and many other things are unique here.



1 Also, our water, the Antelope Valley, the Kern --

2 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

3 MR. BECKWITH: -- water district serves the entire  
4 Antelope Valley, and that should be kept together so that  
5 services are -- are consistent. We don't have any UCs or  
6 state schools, but we do have --

7 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

8 MR. BECKWITH: -- a great private -- or not private,  
9 but community college in -- in Lancaster, and that serves  
10 our military and other needs. So there's a lot of  
11 reasons we should be -- be kept a part, and I appreciate  
12 your guys' time. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
14 now, we will have 006, and up next in the queue will be  
15 013. Right now will be 006, and up next in the queue  
16 will be 013.

17 006, your speaker order number will be 16, if you'll  
18 please make note of that for future reference. You can  
19 now enable the audio and the video in the lower left of  
20 your screen.

21 MS. HELLER: Hello?

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. If you'll let the  
23 mapper know what area you would like to see, the floor is  
24 yours.

25 MS. HELLER: Santa Fe Springs.



1 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead, please.

2 MS. HELLER: My name is Lisa Heller (ph.). I've  
3 been a lof -- lifelong resident of Santa Fe Springs. My  
4 friends and family live here, and they live within  
5 neighboring cities Whittier, Norwalk, Downey. And we  
6 call this part of the L.A. County and gateway cities.  
7 I'm calling to ask you to keep the gateway cities  
8 together. This includes keeping Artesia and Cerritos  
9 within L.A. County and separate from Orange County.

10 What impacts one of our communities impacts all of  
11 us as a set of communities. The gateway cities share the  
12 same concerns around economic development, housing,  
13 homelessness, air quality, and transportation. We are a  
14 highly ethnically diverse region with significant Latino  
15 and Asian populations that are united by their common  
16 social and economic connections to L.A. County.

17 For instance, our -- our region experiences the  
18 environmental and transportation-related impacts created  
19 by Artesia and Cerritos as they make their way to work in  
20 the great -- Greater L.A. Basin. The 710 is also the  
21 main artery for the movement of goods and services out of  
22 the port. Also, my city, along with the cities that I've  
23 already mentioned, make up a significant portion of the  
24 transportation, housing, air quality, and economic  
25 development.



1           That's pretty much all I have to say. Thanks for  
2 taking my call. Please keep the region known as the  
3 Gateway Cities, including Artesia and Cerritos whole and  
4 together with L.A. County.

5           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
6 right now, we will go to 013. And I'd like to remind  
7 those in the queue that it chose to call in to please  
8 press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to  
9 comment. Please press star nine to raise your hand. And  
10 right now we will go to 013, and up next in the queue  
11 will be caller with the last four 8037. That is caller  
12 8037.

13           013, you can now enable your audio and video in your  
14 lower left of your screen. Your speaker order number  
15 will be number 17, if you'll please make note of that.  
16 And with that, the floor is yours.

17           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. Good morning --

18           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh. And if you let the  
19 mapper --

20           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning.

21           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- the area you --

22           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and commissioners.

23           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If can --

24           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh. Van Nuys. I'm sorry if  
25 you can't hear me. I don't know if you guys can hear me.



1 There's a lot --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can hear you.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- back ground -- okay. So  
4 it's Van Nuys, California. And I'm actually new to the  
5 area, so I'm a lot -- a lot like everybody else had said  
6 they've lived here for a very long time and the areas  
7 that they've lived in, I've only been here for three  
8 years. So and I didn't hear another person had mentioned  
9 the San Fernando Valley, which Van Nuys is in. I guess  
10 Van Nuys is more central, so there's not really much that  
11 I -- I do have to say because he did touch on it.

12 But I would say just from being here for the amount  
13 of time that I've been here, you know, we are located  
14 near the Van Nuys airport, I guess, and there's a lot of  
15 government buildings here. And I'm just kind of going  
16 off of the questions that you guys have sent to us.

17 Our shared interests, I think, would be just, like,  
18 families. It seems like there's a lot of families here.  
19 And so to me, what's important is the schools. I don't  
20 feel that there's a lot of coming together for that in --  
21 in -- in this neighborhood for the children and the  
22 schools and, you know, what is being afforded to them,  
23 so -- and I don't know if there's a way that we can  
24 improve on that.

25 And then I know that there's a lot of other cities



1 surrounding Van Nuys, which would be, I guess, most  
2 popular areas like Sherman Oaks and, I believe, it's,  
3 like, North Hollywood. And just only seeing -- because  
4 there's a lot of those communities over there kind of,  
5 you know, they're growing and having new businesses and  
6 development going on. As far as Van Nuys, I -- we see it  
7 a little bit, but not so much as far as how, you know,  
8 you see the growth and development in Sherman Oaks right  
9 now and North Hollywood.

10 So I don't feel that, you know, I -- I would be the  
11 right one to say to connect to those areas, but I would  
12 say, you know, to keep us where we are. And then  
13 hopefully -- I don't know. I know you guys do this every  
14 ten years, but that there will be more opportunities for  
15 growth within this city. Van - Van Nuys.

16 From what I can see is they have a very  
17 entrepreneurial spirit. Wherever you go in Van Nuys, you  
18 see families of people working together on the street  
19 corner, and you know, trying to get their businesses out  
20 there and things like that. So I -- I really appreciate  
21 that here in this city and living here (audio  
22 interference) very entrepreneurial mindset as well.

23 It's the families. It's very family oriented. They  
24 come to Van Nuys. I believe that --

25 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- it's probably one of the  
2 most populated areas in the valley, from what I -- I'm  
3 seeing. So that's all I really have to say. And then  
4 again, because the -- the gentleman had mentioned it  
5 before earlier, so there's not too much to say but --

6 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- just to keep us the same,  
8 and hopefully, we'll be able to see the growth that we  
9 want to see here as well. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. So  
11 right now, we will have color 8037. And I'd like to  
12 remind those calling in to please press star nine to  
13 raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please  
14 press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to  
15 comment. At this time, we do have one hand raised of  
16 caller 8037.

17 Caller 8037, you are unmuted. I have a couple of  
18 quick instructions. Your speaker order number will be  
19 number 18, if you will please make note of that for  
20 future reference. If there is an area of the map you  
21 would like brought up, please, let the mapper know what  
22 that area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

23 MR. RUSSELL: Good morning, everyone. I'm down --  
24 I'm in Long Beach, downtown, right off of Ocean  
25 Boulevard. My name is Courtney Russell, and I'm the Vice





1 President of Client Relations for the Long Beach  
2 Convention and Visitors Bureau. Former -- former general  
3 manager of the Residence Inn Long Beach Downtown.

4 I came to speak today in strong support of keeping  
5 Long Beach together in Congress and state districts. I  
6 believe that doing so will allow for our unique strengths  
7 as a city to contribute to the success of California.  
8 You know, one of those strengths being is our hospitality  
9 and convention industry, which is the second largest  
10 employer in the city.

11 As you know, Long Beach competes directly with  
12 nearby cities, so it is key for businesses and residents  
13 employed by the hospitality industry to maintain their  
14 collective voice as one community. For the past two  
15 redistricting cycles, the city has been largely kept  
16 intact with a vast majority of Long Beach represented by  
17 predominance seats. I ask the Commission today to keep  
18 Long Beach together when drawing the lines. Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
20 with that, I would like to ask the callers in the queue  
21 to please press star nine to raise your hand indicating  
22 you wish to comment. Please press star nine to raise  
23 your hand.

24 And Chair, we do not currently have any hands  
25 raised. I will defer to you.



1 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. Can you read  
2 the short instructions, please?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. The Commission is  
4 now taking public comment by phone. To give comment,  
5 please call 877-853-5247 and enter the meeting ID number  
6 95739784649 for this meeting. Once you have dialed in,  
7 please press star nine to enter the comment queue. The  
8 full call-in instructions are read at the beginning of  
9 the meeting and are provided on the livestream landing  
10 page.

11 And we do now have a hand raised. It is caller  
12 1926. Caller with the last four 1926, if you follow the  
13 prompts to unmute. You are currently unmuted. Your  
14 speaker order number will be number 19, if you'll please  
15 make note of that for future reference. If there's an  
16 area of the map you would like brought up, please let the  
17 mapper know. And with that, the floor is yours.

18 MR. MENDOZA: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My  
19 name is John Mendoza. I live here in the City of Pomona.  
20 And you could bring that city up. I live 91768. The zip  
21 code is about four blocks from the Pomona Fairplex. And  
22 our city is bounded on the west side by the 57 freeway,  
23 which is connected to Cal Poly Pomona, and on the north  
24 side, it's Route 66 up to Foothill Boulevard, and what  
25 also borders us up in the north is the Claremont Hills.



1 And on the east side is the City of Montclair, which  
2 is -- shares a lot of community interests with the City  
3 of Pomona because of the working-class, high Latino --  
4 Latino district there.

5 And we share a lot of the interest on the north side  
6 with the City of Claremont which has a lot of the  
7 colleges there. And nearby, where a lot of people come  
8 down from Claremont all the time to our City Council  
9 meetings and -- advocating for social change, as you know,  
10 at our city politics, and there's a lot of comingling  
11 back and forth.

12 Along with that, we have water history with  
13 Claremont that dates back to the 1800s where some of the  
14 following founders like the Calamares (ph.) family, and  
15 you know, founded water up in the foothills and then  
16 directed it down to the City of Pomona. Unfortunately,  
17 they lost their water rights and got disempowered back in  
18 the late 1800s because of a severe drought and common law  
19 practices brought into the United States by common law  
20 laws and so forth. So we have an underground aquifer  
21 that is -- connects so, with just, you know, hard granite  
22 rock, so that's some of the similarities we -- we face,  
23 you know.

24 I'd like to keep Pomona together, you know. Like I  
25 say, we have a -- our -- our cultural issues are -- we --

1 our -- our city is very involved with immigrant rights,  
2 affordable housing. Annually, they have a Juneteenth  
3 celebration there. And we're also served by the Pomona  
4 Community Unified School District, which extends out into  
5 Diamond Bar.

6 So the areas that are represented by our elected  
7 officials, which is the 20th Senate and the 57 Assembly  
8 and the 35th Congressional District, primary a lot of  
9 those are working class African-Americans, Latinos, you  
10 know, and we all kind of share a lot of the common goals,  
11 you know, affordable housing and so forth, and you know,  
12 reaching out to the people that are underserved.

13 But on the --

14 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

15 MR. MENDOZA: -- other side of the -- on the south  
16 side, which is the 60 freeway, which borders our other  
17 section, there's Chino, which is another city that does  
18 counter -- you know, they're counter to -- to a lot of  
19 the politics.

20 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

21 MR. MENDOZA: They're conservative. And so I'd like  
22 to see them moved into the Riverside district and have us  
23 include Claremont. Thank you very much, Commissioners.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I  
25 would like to remind the callers in the queue to please



1 press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to  
2 comment. Please press star nine to raise your hand.

3 And with that, Chair, we do not have any raised  
4 hands. I will defer to you.

5 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. I would like  
6 to take this moment to make a small announcement. Just a  
7 reminder that, on Monday, we have a -- our Zone C  
8 meeting, and registration for that will close today at 5  
9 p.m. So please, viewing public, if you wish to provide  
10 public input for Zone C, registration for that closes  
11 today at 5.

12 So I will say, seeing no other hands raised in the  
13 queue and being so close to our mandatory break, we will  
14 take this opportunity to go on break and we will return  
15 from break at 11:45. When we return from break, we will  
16 start with individuals who are registered for an  
17 appointment, and then we'll open up the phone lines to  
18 all of the callers if time permits.

19 So we are on break until 11:45. Thank you very  
20 much.

21 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

22 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Welcome back to the California  
23 Citizens Redistricting Commission COI input meeting. We  
24 encourage those that have appointments and those  
25 Californians that are listening to call in and provide



1 input. We also encourage you to visit the community of  
2 interest tool to draw a map and describe your community  
3 by visiting [drawmycacommunity.org](http://drawmycacommunity.org).

4 As an announcement, there is another public input  
5 meeting that will occur on Monday for Zone C. Zone C is  
6 those communities consisting of Solano County, Marin  
7 County, Contra Mesa County, San Francisco County, San  
8 Mateo County, and Santa Clara County. As a note for  
9 housekeeping, we intend to take a 45-minute lunch at  
10 1:15.

11 With that, I will pass this over to Katy, our  
12 comment moderator, to continue with the public input. We  
13 will start with people who are registered and then open  
14 up the phone lines if there's time before the next  
15 session. Katy?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.  
17 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the  
18 raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen to  
19 enter the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will  
20 be identified by your assigned unique ID number. You'll  
21 be -- you'll be reconnected to the session with the  
22 ability to enable your own video and/or audio. You will  
23 then be assigned a speaker order number before you begin  
24 speaking. Please make a note of your speaker order  
25 number for future reference.



1           The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time  
2 limit with a warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds  
3 remaining. At the end of your public input or at the end  
4 of your time, you'll be reconnected in a listen and view  
5 only mode. At the beginning of your input, please remind  
6 the mapper of what area you would like to see on the  
7 screen.

8           Right now we have 017, and up next in the queue will  
9 be 014. Right now is 017, and up next will be 014.

10          017, your speaker order number will be number 20.  
11 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left  
12 of your screen. If you'll please let the map per know of  
13 what area you would like to see, the floor is yours.

14          MS. BALL: Thank you. I'm speaking on Zone H, Los  
15 Angeles County. Good morning. My name is Andrea Ball.  
16 I'm with the Ball/Frost Group, legislative advocate for  
17 the Long Beach Unified School District, Dr. Jill Baker,  
18 Superintendent. The Long Beach Unified School District  
19 serves 70,000 students. It's the fourth largest in the  
20 State of California, and it is the largest employer in  
21 the City of Long Beach.

22          As reflected in Superintendent Baker's letter to the  
23 Commission, we support the City's interest in preserving  
24 the geographic and demographic integrity of the City  
25 through district lines that keep Long Beach together.



1 The City and School District are home to one of the  
2 state's most diverse communities. We think it's  
3 important to have this preserved through the district  
4 lines.

5 We support the City's request and urge the  
6 Commission to hold a public input session in Long Beach  
7 when you have the opportunity. I thank you for the  
8 opportunity to provide these comments, and thank you for  
9 your service on the Redistricting Commission. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
11 now, we will have 014, and up next in the queue will be  
12 caller with the last four 4376. Right now will be 014,  
13 and up next in the queue will be caller 4376. And I'd  
14 like to remind the others in the queue that please press  
15 star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to  
16 comment. Right now we will go to 014.

17 014, your speaker order number will be number 21, if  
18 you'll please make note of that for future reference.  
19 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left  
20 of your screen. If you'll remind -- if you'll please let  
21 the mapper know of what area you would like to see. And  
22 with that, the floor is yours.

23 MS. KIM. Hi. My name's Stacy Kim (ph.). I want to  
24 talk about Los Angeles County, the City of Diamond Bar,  
25 Walnut and Rowland Heights. I live here at this area for





1 more than 40 years, and then I just build -- the Walnut  
2 has a common interest with the community of Diamond Bar  
3 and Rowland of so much close. So I would like to all  
4 these three city combine as one unit so we can have  
5 better service for our community and the people. So this  
6 is a very desperate need. We need a one boundary, not  
7 three separate city. That's all.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
9 right now, we will have a caller with the last four --  
10 last four 4376. That is 4376. If you'll please follow  
11 the prompts to unmute, caller 4376.

12 You are currently unmuted. I do have a couple of  
13 quick instructions. Your speaker order number will be  
14 number 22, if you will please make a note of that for  
15 future reference. If there's an area of the map you  
16 would like brought up, please remind -- please let the  
17 mapper know what area that is. And with that, the floor  
18 is yours.

19 MS. SARATE: Hi. Good morning, Commissioners. The  
20 area I'm calling -- calling from is from Los -- Los  
21 Angeles region. My name is Alejandra (indiscernible)  
22 Sarate (ph.), and I live within zip code 91325 on the  
23 border of Lake Balboa at Northridge. And I'm calling on  
24 behalf of our communities in Lake Balboa, Northridge,  
25 Reseda, North Hills, and Western Van Nuys to identify



1 that as a community of interest.

2 We do have more in common with the eastern San  
3 Fernando Valley and would appreciate being drawn together  
4 with them and not with the western San Fernando Valley  
5 region because we do not share common interests and  
6 concerns.

7 Our communities are people of color. We are  
8 undocumented. We are poor with very diluted power  
9 because of the white, affluent communities of neighboring  
10 Tarzana, Woodland Hills, Granada Hills, Porter Ranch,  
11 Encino, just to name a few. And to reiterate, we do not  
12 want to be drawn with them.

13 The communities of color I'm referring to have been  
14 disproportionately affected by COVID-19, consists of hard  
15 to count census areas, has been disproportionately  
16 affected by pollution, unemployment, rent issues, and do  
17 not have access to disposable income like the western San  
18 Fern -- Fernando Valley does. We are working poor, and  
19 many of us live paycheck to paycheck, issues the western  
20 San Fernando Valley cannot relate to. And as such, we  
21 need our own representation and ability to elect our  
22 candidate of choice that would be more likely to respond  
23 to our day-to-day concerns.

24 Many of us, additionally, are not citizens, so we  
25 cannot vote. So we would need your support in keeping



1 our communities together when you are looking at issues  
2 of total population, when you're looking to keep these  
3 communities of interest whole, whether or not they're  
4 citizens or don't have a status. We are also have  
5 communities a high -- have high proportion of limited  
6 English proficiency.

7       And again we do not want to be drawn with Tarzana,  
8 Woodland Hills, Granada Hills, Porter Ranch, and  
9 Calabasas. We do not share similar concerns, and we'd  
10 like to be drawn in with the eastern San Fernando Valley,  
11 who shares similar demographic characteristics and share  
12 policy concerns so that we are able to receive the  
13 representation that we need for the next ten years to  
14 come. Thank you so much for your consideration.

15       VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Caller, are you able to define  
16 what -- the boundary between east and west San Fernando  
17 Valley?

18       MS. SARATE: Yes. It would stretch from the north a  
19 little bit past California State University, Northridge,  
20 and it -- it would -- I'm happy to submit a map for your  
21 reference, and I'll note that I'm caller number 22. But  
22 as you're going down south, it would be around the Tampa  
23 Street area. You're going all the way south and -- and  
24 down into what's Boulevard. Those communities south of  
25 Ventura Boulevard --



1 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

2 MS. SARATE: -- are affluent communities.

3 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

4 MS. SARATE: Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd  
6 like to remind those calling in to please press star nine  
7 to raise your hand and enter the comment queue. Please  
8 press star nine to raise your hand. Caller 5906, if you  
9 would please press star nine to raise your hand  
10 indicating you wish to comment at this time. Again, that  
11 was caller with the last four 5906. Oh. Oh. No? Never  
12 mind.

13 Chair, I will defer to you.

14 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. Can you read  
15 the short instructions, please?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. The  
17 Commission will now take public comment by phone. To  
18 give comment, please call 877-853-5247. Enter the  
19 meeting ID number 95739784649 for this meeting. Once you  
20 have called in -- once you have dialed in, please press  
21 star nine to enter the comment queue. The full call-in  
22 instructions are read at the beginning of the meeting and  
23 are provided on the livestream landing page. And I'd  
24 like to remind those calling in to please press star nine  
25 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.



1           And Chair, at this time, we do not have any raised  
2 hands.

3           VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll rest at ease  
4 for a couple of minutes.

5           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And again, those calling  
6 in, please press star nine to raise your hand indicating  
7 you wish to comment. And we do have a caller at this  
8 time.

9           Chair, would like me to go to them?

10          VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Absolutely.

11          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. And that is caller  
12 9083. Right now will be caller 9083, if you will follow  
13 the prompt to unmute. And caller 9083, if you press star  
14 six to unmute yourself. That is, press star six, please,  
15 to unmute yourself. And one more time, caller with the  
16 last four 9083, if you will, please press star six on  
17 your telephone keypad to unmute yourself.

18          There you are. Caller 90 --

19          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Hi.

20          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. I have a couple of  
21 quick instructions. Your speaker order number will be  
22 number 23. If there's a area on the map you would like  
23 to see, please let the mapper know what that area is.  
24 And with that, the floor is yours.

25          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Yes. District 25,



1 which is Simi Valley. Part of it.

2 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead, please.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Hi. So the district  
4 that I'm calling -- I'm referring to is District 25,  
5 which but I'm calling specifically about Simi Valley.

6 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead and begin your comment,  
7 please.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So I'm calling  
9 regarding redrawing our district. I'm calling to oppose  
10 the redrawing of District 25. It was a very close race  
11 this time. Mark -- Mike Garcia is our representative. I  
12 feel that it is a very good representation. We've got  
13 Simi Valley, the Antelope Valley, and I think part of  
14 Ventura County. I do not want to -- I don't feel that we  
15 should be drawn into part of the San Fernando Valley.  
16 The San Fernando Valley would not really represent this  
17 district.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
19 we do have another caller, caller 0283, with their hand  
20 up. And I would like to ask those in the queue to please  
21 press star nine to raise your hand if you have not  
22 commented today. Please press star nine to raise your  
23 hand. Thank you so much.

24 Right now we will have caller 0283, and up next in  
25 the queue will be caller 2034. Right now will be 0283.



1 If you will please follow the prompts to unmute yourself,  
2 caller 0283. And again, that is caller with the last --  
3 there you are.

4 MR. KNOX: Hi.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You are unmuted.

6 MR. KNOX: Yes.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I have a couple of quick  
8 instructions.

9 MR. KNOX: Yes.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number  
11 will be number 24, if you will please --

12 MR. KNOX: Okay.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- make note of that for  
14 future reference. If there's an area of the map you  
15 would like brought up, please let the mapper know what  
16 that area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

17 MR. KNOX: All right. And can I just say Walnut,  
18 California?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I believe so.

20 MR. KNOX: Can I just say Walnut? Yeah. Okay. All  
21 right. And I'm ready to talk. All right.

22 Hello. My name is Jerry Knox (ph.), and I'm a  
23 resident of Walnut in the eastern part of Los Angeles  
24 County. I'm a high school human geography teacher  
25 calling in to express my support to have the communities



1 of Walnut, Diamond Bar, Roland Heights, Hacienda Heights,  
2 West Covina, and Phillips Ranch, the community of Pomona  
3 to be able -- to be in the same federal and state  
4 legislative districts.

5 This area would be a coalition district. The  
6 demographics of these communities are evenly distributed  
7 among the Asian-American, Pacific Islander, and Latino  
8 population when combined. There is also a major  
9 transportation and jobs corridor with many people using  
10 the 60 freeway as a main transportation avenue to and  
11 from their jobs.

12 These communities in the San Gabriel Valley should  
13 remain together. They have more in common with each  
14 other than Orange County communities that they're  
15 currently bundled with in state and federal legislative  
16 districts.

17 I would also like to point out that Cal Poly Pomona  
18 and Mt. San Antonio Colleges should belong in the same  
19 legislative districts as they are immediately adjacent to  
20 each other. Right now, part of the Cal Poly campus is  
21 cut off from the dormitory portion of the main campus at  
22 the state Senate and state Assembly levels. I hope the  
23 Commission can address this with redistricting.

24 Again, Diamond Bar, Phillips Ranch, Walnut, West  
25 Covina, Hacienda Heights, and Roland Heights should be in





1 the same legislative districts. Thank you for your time  
2 and consideration to my comments.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
4 right now, we will have caller 2034, and then up next in  
5 the queue will be caller 5906. Right now will be caller  
6 2034, and up next will be caller 5906.

7 Caller 2034, if you will please follow the prompts  
8 to unmute yourself.

9 MS. ALCANTAR: Hello. Can --

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. You are unmuted.

11 MS. ALCANTAR: Hello? Am I being heard?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, you are.

13 MS. ALCANTAR: Okay.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I have a couple of quick  
15 instructions. Your speaker order number will be 25, if  
16 you will please make note of that for future reference.  
17 If there's an area of the map you would like brought up,  
18 please let the mapper know what that is. And with that,  
19 the floor is yours.

20 MS. ALCANTAR: Thank you. Hello, Commissioners.  
21 Thank you for your time today. My name is Elizabeth  
22 Alcantar, and I serve as the vice mayor for the City of  
23 Cudahy, a city in southeast Los Angeles, a region that I  
24 have called home my entire life. The southeast Los  
25 Angeles communities are predominantly immigrants, are



1 working class with distinct interests and particular  
2 needs. Cities such as Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce,  
3 Cudahy, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Maywood, Southgate,  
4 Florence-Firestone, and Walnut Park are home to residents  
5 that have been historically underrepresented and under-  
6 resourced.

7       They share many struggles, including the  
8 (indiscernible) contamination, pollution from major  
9 highways such as the I-710, I-105, and the I-5, and face  
10 obstacles when it comes to gaining health, home, and  
11 education access. Our communities here I southeast Los  
12 Angeles are all almost 50 percent immigrant, over 90  
13 percent Latinx, are largely young with a quarter to a  
14 third of the population being under the age of 18. About  
15 25 percent of us are living without internet, even in  
16 conditions like the ones we experienced in the last year  
17 and a half, and have about a quarter of our population  
18 living in poverty.

19       As you can see, we have incredibly unique needs and  
20 need representation that will best serve our communities  
21 here in southeast Los Angeles. Our communities are  
22 incredibly resilient, but they need district lines to be  
23 fair, equitable, and to include them together as a  
24 unified voice. For these reasons, I urge the Commission  
25 to consider southeast Los Angeles, again, the cities of

1 Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Huntington Park,  
2 Lynwood, Maywood, Southgate, and the unincorporated areas  
3 of Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park to be in the  
4 redistricting process. Thank you so much for your time  
5 and consideration for your concern.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
7 now we have caller 5906. That is caller 5906. If you  
8 will, please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 5906,  
9 you are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be  
10 number 26. If you will, please make note of that for  
11 future reference. If there's an area of the map you  
12 would like brought up on the screen, please let the  
13 mapper know. And with that, the floor is yours.

14 MR. PACKERDOUNI: Thank you, Commissioners. I  
15 apologize. I wanted to be a little more prepared in my  
16 speaking. I submitted a written statement, but sometimes  
17 life intrudes and I'm actually getting my car repaired.  
18 I mean, my name is Deacon Packerdouni (phonetic sp.) I'm  
19 from the Montebello area. I'm an Armenian-American.

20 And I would -- what I'd like the commissioners to  
21 consider is the fact that there's a fairly large  
22 Armenian-American community in the San Gabriel Valley  
23 centered around the cities of Montebello, Whittier, Pico  
24 Rivera, and the surrounding areas. It's a community  
25 that's been in that area since the 1950s. It's currently



1 represented by Linda Sanchez in the 38th Congressional  
2 District. And it's pretty much the areas that the  
3 community lives in are still within the 38th District.

4       What I'd like to suggest to the commissioners is  
5 that those areas remain together, that they would not be  
6 a dilution of the Armenian-American community in that  
7 area. We have community centers there and schools,  
8 churches. And again in the Montebello, Whittier, Pico  
9 Rivera area, there's a fairly high concentration of  
10 Armenian-Americans who for the last 60 years have been  
11 living their lives as Americans -- living their lives as  
12 citizens. We're well represented in Congress and we'd  
13 ask that vote not be diluted by splitting up those  
14 communities.

15       As I said, I submitted written comments and I would  
16 refer the commissioners to those comments. Thank you.  
17 And I apologize that I'm not speaking in a more prepared  
18 fashion. But as I said, sometimes life intrudes. Thank  
19 you very much.

20       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
21 with that, Chair, we do not have any other callers in the  
22 queue that have not spoken today. I will defer to you.

23       VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Kristian, can we go  
24 to the five-minute video?

25               (Pause)



1 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: And welcome back from a short  
2 break. We were able to show a short video regarding  
3 redistricting. Katy, if we have any callers, can you  
4 please invite them in to provide comments?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do, Chair, as caller  
6 6250 has their hand raised. And I invite those who have  
7 not spoken today and to please press star 9 to raise your  
8 hand indicating you wish to comment. But for right now  
9 we do have caller with the last four 6250 if you'll  
10 please follow the prompts to unmute yourself. You are  
11 currently unmuted.

12 I do have a couple of quick instructions. Your  
13 speaker order number will be number 27. If you'll please  
14 make note of that for future reference. If there is an  
15 area of the map you would like brought up on the screen,  
16 please, that the map or know what that area is. And with  
17 that, the floor is yours.

18 MS. HOYT: Hi. Yes, I would like the everything  
19 north -- the San Fernando Valley is where I'm thinking  
20 about. And I could just start?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

22 MS. HOYT: Great. So my name is Jen Hoyt (phonetic  
23 sp.). And I'm here to talk about the San Fernando  
24 Valley. The U.S. Census Department has a census county  
25 division for the San Fernando Valley, which gives the



1 exact geography. But essentially the San Fernando Valley  
2 contains all the neighborhoods north of Mulholland  
3 Boulevard, which is on top of the Hollywood Hills.

4       Though it has a population of about 2 million  
5 residents, the San Fernando Valley is neither a county  
6 nor a city. But if it was, it would be among the largest  
7 in the nation. The valley is roughly split into the West  
8 Valley and East Valley with the 405 freeway, running --  
9 dividing those two.

10       And the valley's further divided by a neighborhood  
11 council system that bestows local government status on  
12 our many neighborhoods like Sherman Oaks and Rosita Park.  
13 So please, make a district that reflects the San Fernando  
14 Valley community by trying to include a vast majority or  
15 entirely valley population. If needed, try to skew to  
16 the West Valley and East Valley subdivide, and please try  
17 to minimize splits within valley neighborhoods.

18       Please don't divide our community of interest and  
19 throw pieces of the valley to this and that city or  
20 county that's just like happen to be adjacent but a  
21 million miles away in our mind. Just thank you so much  
22 for your time. I appreciate it.

23       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd  
24 like to remind those calling in to please press star 9 to  
25 raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please



1 press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to  
2 comment. And we do have a hand raised. That'd be caller  
3 3494.

4 And caller 3494, if you'll please follow the prompts  
5 to unmute yourself. And you are unmuted. I have a  
6 couple of quick instructions. Your speaker order number  
7 will be number 28. If you will please make note of that  
8 for future reference. If there's an area of the map you  
9 would like to see, please -- if there's an area of the  
10 map you would like brought up on the screen, please let  
11 the mapper know what that area is. And with that, the  
12 floor is yours.

13 SPEAKER NUMBER 28: Okay. We live in Lancaster. We  
14 are right on the border of the 23rd District and the 25th  
15 District. So if the mapper could move in on the  
16 intersection of Avenue K and 15th Street West and then  
17 zoom out a little bit so the audience can see the  
18 borderline there. There is a very weird bubble that  
19 comes down into Lancaster from the 23rd District, so that  
20 half of Lancaster or parts of Lancaster in the 23rd,  
21 parts are in the 25th. It makes absolutely no sense.

22 The high desert and surrounding canyon areas are  
23 homogenous in terms of geographical needs, law  
24 enforcement needs, economics, being aerospace, prison,  
25 law enforcement, and commuter L.A.; air quality is



1 similar in all these areas, all the way down in the Santa  
2 Clarita Valley. It would make sense for the 25th  
3 District to actually extend north all the way past  
4 Roseman to Mojave, to Tehachapi. Then you would have  
5 representation of communities that have similar social,  
6 economic, law enforcement, aerospace, military, and  
7 commuter -- bedroom community-type needs.

8 Education is often under fire because of all of the  
9 foster children and the difficulty with parents  
10 commuting. We need a representative of that in both the  
11 state and in the federal government that can meet the  
12 needs of this particular unique community. We have  
13 nothing in common with Bakersfield. We really don't.

14 The Central Valley is an entirely different  
15 demographic, and they deserve to have their own  
16 representation. We are the high desert, aerospace,  
17 military, law enforcement, commuter area, we need to have  
18 representation that fits our needs. Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
20 with that, Chair, we do not have any callers in the queue  
21 at this time.

22 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. I appreciate  
23 all your work. Can you please read the long  
24 instructions, please?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we do have a hand





1 raised. Would you like me to read those first or go to  
2 the caller?

3 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Let's take the caller first.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. And that will be  
5 caller 5858. If you will follow the prompts from -- to  
6 unmute yourself. And that's caller 5858. If you will  
7 press star 6 on your telephone keypad. It will unmute  
8 you.

9 MS. ROYAL: Hello?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yep. There you are. I  
11 have a couple of quick instructions. Your speaker order  
12 number will be number 29. If you will please make note  
13 of that for future reference.

14 MS. ROYAL: Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If there's an area of the  
16 map you would like brought up on the screen, please let  
17 the mapper know what that area is. And with that, the  
18 floor is yours.

19 MS. ROYAL: Good afternoon. Thank you very much.  
20 My name is Monica Royal and I am a councilmember to the  
21 city of Bell. And I am calling to request that you  
22 consider keeping together the following cities, Bell,  
23 Bell Garden, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Commerce, Linwood,  
24 Maywood, Walnut Park, and Florence and Firestone.

25 Please, we are bound by our similarities in



1 demographics and needs, and we would like to have a  
2 representative that will fight for us as we need. So I  
3 urge you to keep the southeast Los Angeles region  
4 together, and I appreciate you taking my call.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd  
6 like to ask those calling in to please press star 9 to  
7 raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. If you  
8 could please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating  
9 you wish to comment. We do have to raise hands at this  
10 time. Right now we have caller 3185. And up next, we  
11 will have caller 4495. That is right now is caller 3185.  
12 And up next will be caller 4495.

13 Caller 3185, if you will please follow the prompts  
14 to unmute yourself. You are currently unmuted. Have a  
15 couple of quick instructions. Your speaker order number  
16 will be number 30. If you will, please make note of that  
17 for future reference. If there's an area of the map you  
18 would like brought up on the screen, please make --  
19 please let the mapper know what the area is. And with  
20 that, the floor is yours.

21 MR. MARTINEZ: Good morning. I'm calling from the  
22 San Fernando Valley in Reseda. My name is Carlos  
23 Martinez, and I'm calling to encourage you to draw the  
24 lines out of respect for Latino communities and our needs  
25 in the valley. We don't really care for Valley



1 affiliation or keeping the valley whole because we don't  
2 really share anything in common with white communities  
3 here.

4 We would appreciate being drawn together in black  
5 API communities who share our struggles. We care more  
6 about keeping our communities together than any valley  
7 affiliation. We will continue to be segregated into  
8 neighborhoods filled with poverty, no jobs, low-funded  
9 schools, and no representation based on let us be  
10 absorbed by white communities in the valley. Please keep  
11 Tarzana, Woodland Hills, Sherman Oaks, away from Canoga  
12 Park, Macedo, Lake Balboa, Van Nuys, and North Hills.  
13 Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd  
15 like to remind those calling in to please press star 9 to  
16 raise your hand indicating you wish to comment if you  
17 have not spoken today. We do have a raised hand, caller  
18 4495.

19 Caller 4495, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
20 unmute yourself. Caller 4495, you are unmuted.

21 MS. FLORES: Hi.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I have a couple of quick  
23 instructions. Your speaker order number will be number  
24 31. If you will, please make note of that for future  
25 reference. If there's an area of the map you would like



1 brought up on the screen, please, let the mapper know  
2 what that area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

3 MS. FLORES: Thank you so much. Good afternoon,  
4 everybody. My name is Lisseth Flores. I am a  
5 councilwoman for The City of Bell Gardens. And before I  
6 go on to the reasons for my call, I'd like to thank all  
7 of the commissioners who are, you know, inheriting this  
8 very difficult and important work, for it does take a  
9 role in the future of our communities, and it should not  
10 be taken lightly.

11 So today I'm calling to express the importance of  
12 preserving the Southeast Los Angeles areas. My city of  
13 Bell Gardens is home to vibrant eateries, young families,  
14 all who come or many who come from immigrant parents.  
15 Although Bell and Bell Gardens are different cities, we  
16 share the same experiences and hardships. And that goes  
17 same for Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Huntington  
18 Park, Lynwood, Maywood, Southgate, Walnut Park, and the  
19 Florence Firestone Area.

20 As we draw these lines, I urge you to please keep  
21 our communities together for sometimes we are referred to  
22 as the donut hole of Los Angeles, an area that is often  
23 forgotten, for the redistrict's goal in our surroundings  
24 and we are left behind. It is thanks to the leaders in  
25 those areas that a lot of our communities receive



1 assistance because we're out there advocating and  
2 separating that I would just become an -- become much  
3 more harder for us and for our constituents. So as you  
4 draw these lines, I ask you to please maintain us  
5 together. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd  
7 like to ask those in the queue that have not spoken today  
8 to please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you  
9 wish to comment. At this time, Chair, we do not have any  
10 raised hands.

11 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy, can we read the  
12 long form, please?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

14 In order to maximize transparency and public  
15 participation in our process, the commissioners will be  
16 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the  
17 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is  
18 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the meeting ID  
19 number provided on the livestream feed, it is 95739784649  
20 for this meeting.

21 When prompted to enter a participant ID simply press  
22 the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed  
23 in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please  
24 press star 9. This will raise your hand for the  
25 moderator. When it's your turn to speak, you'll hear a



1 message that says the host would like you to talk and to  
2 press star 6 to speak.

3       If you would like to give your name, please state,  
4 and spell it for the record. You are not required to  
5 provide your name to give public comment. Please make  
6 sure to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent  
7 any feedback or distortion during your call. Once you  
8 are waiting in the queue, be alert for when it is your  
9 turn to speak. And again, please turn down the  
10 livestream volume. And the Commission is taking  
11 community of interest input at this time. And we do not  
12 currently have any raised hands, Chair.

13       VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll rest at ease  
14 for a few minutes. While we are waiting, I would like to  
15 announce that registration is open on our website for the  
16 7/1, the July 1st Zone A meeting for the 7/2, July 2nd  
17 Zone B meeting. Zone A consists of the counties of Del  
18 Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake Napa, Sonoma, and  
19 Trinity. Zone B consists of the counties of Butte,  
20 Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama.

21       I also would like to announce that the Commission is  
22 committed to language access. Language interpreter  
23 requests are due five business days in advance of a COI  
24 meeting. The 7/1/21 at 5 p.m. deadline for submission  
25 for the 7/1 meeting the deadline for submission is 5 p.m.



1 for 7/8. And with that, we will wait and see if we have  
2 any other callers.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I would like to ask to  
4 remind those in the queue that have not spoke today to  
5 please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you  
6 wish to comment. We do not have any hands at this time,  
7 Chair.

8 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Kristian, can we go  
9 to the long video in Spanish, please?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh. Wow.

11 (Pause)

12 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Welcome back. We  
13 had the opportunity to show a video in Spanish regarding  
14 redistricting. I hope that was informative to our  
15 viewing public.

16 Katy, if we have any callers that would like to make  
17 a comment, please invite them in.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. I'd like to ask  
19 those who have called in over the break to please press  
20 star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.  
21 Please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you  
22 wish to comment. At this time, Chair, we do not have any  
23 raised hands.

24 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: I think we do.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, we do. Caller 5059.



1 And caller 5059, if you would, please follow the prompts  
2 to unmute yourself. Please. There you go. You are  
3 currently unmuted. I have a couple of instructions for  
4 you. Your speaker order number will be number 32. If  
5 you will, please make note of that for future reference.  
6 If there's an area of the map you would like brought up,  
7 please let the mapper know what that area is. And with  
8 that, the floor is yours.

9 SPEAKER NUMBER 32: Yeah, I don't have visual. I'm  
10 calling in from a regular phone. So the only thing I'd  
11 like to add is that I just think that the Valley, which  
12 would be like Tehachapi, Mojave, Lancaster, Palmdale and  
13 to Santa Clarita, is a more normal grouping for the area  
14 than the way that it's currently split, with Lancaster  
15 being split kind of in half and going with Bakersfield  
16 when I think more of the valley is related to aerospace.

17 It at one time was a farming community, but as  
18 anybody who lives here knows now, that's really changed  
19 pretty dramatically to where it's not. And it still has  
20 its aerospace roots and that's probably the major  
21 employers out here are for aerospace. And so I just  
22 think that that is a more normal configuration than the  
23 current one right now. And that's really -- those are  
24 the comments I wanted to make.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And



1 with that, Chair, we do not have any other hands in the  
2 queue.

3 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. If you can  
4 read the short form one more time for me, I'd appreciate  
5 it.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. The  
7 Commission will now be taking public comment by phone.  
8 To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter the  
9 meeting ID number of 95739784649 for this meeting. Once  
10 you have dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the  
11 comment queue. The full call-in instructions are read at  
12 the beginning of the meeting and are provided on the  
13 livestream landing page. The Commission is taking  
14 community of interest public input at that time and we do  
15 not have anyone in the queue with a raised hand.

16 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll rest at ease.  
17 And again, I would like to remind our viewing public that  
18 I -- the next COI meeting -- COI input meeting will be  
19 June 28th. The meeting will commence at 10 a.m. and will  
20 last to approximately 6 p.m. or upon completion of  
21 business. That meeting is specifically for Zone C,  
22 although we will take input from any of California. The  
23 counties that are that our focus at that meeting will be.  
24 Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo,  
25 Santa Clara, and Solano.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'd like to ask those  
2 calling in to please press star 9 indicating you wish to  
3 comment.

4 (Pause)

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And again, those calling  
6 in that have not commented today, please press star 9  
7 indicating you wish to comment. And it looks like at  
8 this time we do not have any raised hands.

9 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Well, unless there  
10 are any objections from any other commissioners, in light  
11 of us being within 15 minutes of our lunch break, we will  
12 break for our lunch and return at 2 p.m. at which time  
13 we'll take our scheduled callers. And if we have time,  
14 we'll take all of the callers that call in to provide  
15 public input. See you guys at 2 p.m. Have a good lunch.

16 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 12:10 p.m.  
17 until 2:00 p.m.)

18 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Welcome back to the  
19 California Citizens Redistricting Commission's Community  
20 of Interest Input Meeting. We hope everyone had a good  
21 lunch. We encourage you to provide input during these  
22 sessions. We also encourage you to visit the Communities  
23 of Interest Tool to draw a map and describe your  
24 community by visiting [Drawmycommunity.org](http://Drawmycommunity.org). Again,  
25 that's [Drawmycommunity.org](http://Drawmycommunity.org).



1           As we noted at the start of our meeting, every ten  
2 years after the federal government publishes updated  
3 census information, California must redraw the boundaries  
4 of its Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly and  
5 State Board of Equalization Districts so that the  
6 districts could correctly reflect the state's population.  
7 Our fourteen-member independent commission was authorized  
8 by California voters to draw the new district lines.

9           We are here today to obtain communities of interest  
10 information from Californians directly. We encourage all  
11 Californians to participate in this process. While there  
12 are no clear rules on how to define a community of  
13 interest, we've identified ways for you to describe your  
14 community. Begin with your county or city, mention the  
15 street names and significant locations in your  
16 neighborhood to help us identify the parameters of your  
17 community.

18           What are your shared interests? What brings you  
19 together? What is important to your community? Are  
20 there nearby areas you want to be in a district with?  
21 Are there nearby areas you do not want to be in a  
22 district with? Explain to us why or why not. Has your  
23 community come together to advocate for important  
24 services, for better schools, roads, or health centers in  
25 your neighborhood?



1           If you'd rather submit committee of interest COI  
2 input over the internet, you can do so from our website  
3 or by visiting drawmycacommunity.org. Skip the line. Go  
4 online. I will pass this over to Katy, our comment  
5 moderator to continue with public input. We will start  
6 with the people who are registered and then open the  
7 phone lines if there's time before the next session.

8           Katy?

9           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.  
10 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the  
11 raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen to  
12 enter the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will  
13 be identified by your assigned unique ID number. You'll  
14 be reconnected to the session with the ability to enable  
15 your own video and/or audio. You will then be assigned a  
16 speaker order number before you begin speaking. Please  
17 make a note of your speaker order number for future  
18 reference.

19           The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time  
20 limit with a warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds  
21 remaining. At the end of your public input or at the end  
22 of your time, you'll be reconnected in a listen and view  
23 only mode. At the beginning of your input, please remind  
24 the mapper of what area you would like to see on the  
25 screen, and I'd like to ask 020 to please use the raise



1 your hand button at the bottom of your screen if you are  
2 ready to make your comment and get in the comment queue  
3 line.

4 At this time, we will be starting with caller 9353.  
5 I'd also like to remind those calling in that star 9 will  
6 raise your hand to indicate you wish to comment. Please  
7 press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to  
8 comment. And again, 020 if you will use the raise your  
9 hand option at the bottom of your screen, it would raise  
10 your hand. Perfect. Right now we will have caller 9353.  
11 And then up next, we will have 020.

12 Caller 9353, you are currently unmuted. I have a  
13 couple of instructions. Your speaker order number will  
14 be number 33. If you will please make note of that for  
15 future reference. If there is an area you would like to  
16 discuss and have brought up on the map, please remind the  
17 mapper of what area you would like brought up. And with  
18 that, the floor is yours.

19 MS. ZLOTNICKI: Hi. Thank you. I don't have a  
20 particular area on the map because I'm not able to see  
21 the live stream for some reason. But my name is Jessica  
22 Slotnick. I'm calling from Altadena, near -- on Maiden  
23 Lane and Rubio Canyon, so just a couple of blocks east of  
24 Lake Boulevard and about, I don't know, three or four  
25 blocks south of -- I'm sorry, I have alarms going off --



1 south of the mountain. And I grew up here and I  
2 currently live here again.

3 And I'm calling because I am wanting to request that  
4 this entire community, sort of between the 210 and the  
5 foothills or in the mountains, be sort of a whole  
6 corridor and within their current district lines. We as  
7 residents who live here, we really enjoy being able to  
8 hike and camp and backpack. And I grew up doing that a  
9 big part of my -- who I am as a person and how these  
10 people who are moving into the community and people  
11 who've lived here for a long time really interact with  
12 our space.

13 We're also really used to having, you know, lots of  
14 our non-human, more than human friends and neighbors  
15 coming around. There was a bear in my front yard about  
16 three days ago. The dogs weren't very pleased with it.  
17 I would also say we're a community of interest because  
18 we're really used to being sort of at risk from the fires  
19 and the floods that we have here that we're going to be  
20 having more and more of.

21 So for me and for my family and people around me,  
22 it's really important that during these sort of high  
23 alert times, we know who to reach out to. We know state  
24 and federal leaders that we can turn to. And in the  
25 past, when there's been tragedies, we've had fires around



1 here, it has been confusing to figure out who we can turn  
2 to for help. So being under one umbrella would be really  
3 horrible. So those are just my main comments. I have  
4 noted that I am speaker 33 and just want to thank you all  
5 for your work on this.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
7 up next, we have 020. 020, your speaker order number  
8 will be number 34. If you will, please make note of  
9 that. You can now enable your audio and video in the  
10 lower left corner of your screen. If you are, please  
11 remind the mapper of what area you will be talking about  
12 today. And with that, the floor is yours.

13 MS. SU: Okay. Good afternoon, Commissioners. My  
14 name is Mary Su. I'm the former mayor of the city of  
15 Walnut and active participant in San Gabriel Valley,  
16 Educational and Civic for the past 25 years. Walnut is  
17 located in East L.A. County and is near is between the  
18 freeway 10 to the north and 60 freeway to the south and  
19 freeway 57 to the east.

20 Walnut was named the number one best place to live  
21 in California by CNN Money in 2011 and top 50 best place  
22 to live in America, also by CNN in 2013. We are a master  
23 planned community have one of the state's highest ranked  
24 school district, the Walnut Valley Unified School  
25 District.



1 Walnut has a lot in common with neighboring city of  
2 Diamond Bar and incorporate Rowland Heights. These all  
3 three community are Asian-American communities  
4 (indiscernible) Diamond Bar is 53 and Rowland Heights is  
5 60 percent of Asian. With the recent hate crime against  
6 Asian, it would make sense this community stayed together  
7 to ensure the Asians are not fractured but stay strong  
8 (audio interruption).

9 Diamond Bar and Rowland Heights share common  
10 government services. They all use L.A. County sheriff  
11 department, L.A. County fire and also part of L.A.  
12 library systems. Walnut Valley school district serve the  
13 majority of district and also the Walnut Valley water  
14 district. All these three communities are impacted by  
15 the 5760. This two-mile freeway is the worst congested  
16 freeway in California and six worst in the U.S., 100  
17 million vehicle per year and transport nearly \$4 billion  
18 of goods.

19 It will make Walnut be included in the same  
20 legislative and congressional district as Diamond Bar and  
21 Walnut due to our common ethnic background and government  
22 service and transportation issues. Thank you so much for  
23 all the Commissioner. Your service is greatly  
24 appreciate. Thank you so much.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. With that,





1 Chair, that's all of our callers at this time.

2 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. Can you read  
3 the short form, please?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. The Commission will  
5 now be taking community of interest public input at this  
6 time. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and  
7 enter the meeting ID number 95739784649 for this meeting.  
8 Once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the  
9 comment queue. The full call-in instructions have been  
10 read previously and are provided on the live stream  
11 landing page in full. And we do not have anyone in the  
12 queue at this time, Chair.

13 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll rest at ease  
14 for a few minutes.

15 (Pause)

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And it's been two minutes  
17 and we still do not have anyone in the queue at this  
18 time.

19 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Kristian, do we have  
20 the five-minute video available?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 022. You can now enable  
22 your audio and video in the lower left of your screen.  
23 022, you can now on mute yourself in the lower left  
24 bottom of your screen and enable your video.

25 MS. BRENNER: Can you hear me?



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. You will be  
2 speaker order number 35. If you could please make note  
3 of that for future reference. And if you could let the  
4 mapper know what area you would like brought up on the  
5 screen, the floor is yours.

6 MS. BRENNER: Do I speak right now? Sorry.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, you do.

8 MS. BRENNER: Okay, cool. I'm speaking to the  
9 Valley, the Los Angeles San Fernando Valley area. I have  
10 kids in the background, so I apologize in advance.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're fine. Go ahead.  
12 The floor is yours.

13 MS. BRENNER: Great. Thank you. Hello and thank  
14 you, Commissioners. My name is Stacey Brenner, and I am  
15 here to ask that as I said, as you work to create  
16 represent representative districts, please consider the  
17 San Fernando Valley as a community of interest. The  
18 geography of the San Fernando Valley is described clearly  
19 by the U.S. Census Department as its own Census County  
20 division. I will be emailing my -- in my comments today  
21 as well, and I will include the link to the Census  
22 website for the benefit of the map drawer.

23 The Census describes the San Fernando Valley well.  
24 The valley is what is on the north side of the Hollywood  
25 Hills. Mulholland Boulevard runs along the top of the



1 Hollywood Hills and neatly separates the valley from the  
2 West Side. People in the valley think of themselves as  
3 from the valley, in the same way that people on the West  
4 Side think of themselves as West Siders. A lot of this  
5 has to do with traffic, particularly traffic through the  
6 Sepulveda Pass.

7       If Valley folks need to get over the hill to the  
8 west side, the main route requires that you cut through  
9 the Sepulveda Pass on the 405 freeway, which is listed  
10 every year on the list of the nation's top ten most  
11 congested stretches of the roadway. There's also no  
12 subway to the west side, so the mountain matters.

13       It means that as much as possible, Valley folk try  
14 to do their living and shopping and work and possibly in  
15 the valley. We have our own airports Van Nuys, colleges  
16 to send our kids, Seaside Pierce Valley College. And  
17 it's well known that the fireworks show at the Warner  
18 Center Park on the 4th of July are better than anything  
19 going on over the Hill.

20       Last, redistricting, the commissioners listened to  
21 the San Fernando Valley when we said in chorus that we  
22 did not want to be carved together with other districts  
23 on the West Side. Thank you for that good work. The  
24 Valley will never get a subway to the West Side if all  
25 elected officials already live on the West Side and have

1 district offices in Hollywood and Beverly Hills. I want  
2 to thank you again for your time. And please remember to  
3 consider the San Fernando Valley as its own community of  
4 interest and not to pull us together with the West Side.  
5 Thank you so much.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And we do  
7 have another caller. We have caller 2964 at this time.  
8 And then it's caller 2964, if you will please follow the  
9 prompt to unmute yourself.

10 MR. CONNELL: Hello?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, you are unmuted.

12 MR. CONNELL: Good afternoon.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good afternoon. I have a  
14 couple of instructions. Your speaker order number will  
15 be number 36. If you could please make note of that.

16 MR. CONNELL: Okay.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If there's an area you  
18 would like brought up on the map to discuss, please let  
19 the mapper know what that area is. And with that, the  
20 floor is yours.

21 MR. CONNELL: Okay. Thank you very much. My name  
22 is Michael Connell. I am the deputy executive officer at  
23 L.A. Metro overseeing the planning. And the area I would  
24 like to speak about today is for Los Angeles County,  
25 specifically the cities of Diamond Bar, Walnut, and the



1 area of Rowland Heights.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

3 MR. CONNELL: The reason I'm calling today -- great.  
4 Thank you. The reason I'm calling today is from the  
5 perspective of the importance of these communities of  
6 Diamond Bar, Walnut and Rowland Heights, to be able to  
7 work together, to coordinate and to phase together a  
8 common issue in that region, which is the movement of  
9 freight along State Route 60 and into State Route 57,  
10 where there is a tremendous need for the ability of these  
11 communities to work together for a project of state and  
12 federal importance.

13 Recently, we've had to work with them to try to  
14 secure funding for this important freight blockage area  
15 for L.A. County that affects the movement of people and  
16 goods throughout not just the county, but also into the  
17 other surrounding counties as part of the L.A. counties  
18 adjacent to the three other counties, San Bernadino,  
19 Riverside, and Orange counties. And the movement of  
20 freight supersedes the county districts.

21 But through these state districts, we've been able  
22 to coordinate these communities to work together to  
23 secure funding for this project of state importance  
24 through the CTC, the California Transportation  
25 Commission, as well as dealing with a tremendous regional



1 problem that affects local communities through accidents.  
2 You know, we have about 700 accidents a year, the number  
3 two truck accident location in the State of California  
4 over the last few years as one of the top ten truck  
5 bottlenecks for the nation over the last few years.

6 And we recognized that the only way that we're able  
7 to work together with these communities, if they're able  
8 to be coordinated at the State level, to speak with one  
9 voice on this issue, to direct attention to it, and not  
10 only to be able to secure funding, but also policy and  
11 support for clean air quality vehicles and other kinds of  
12 community impacts caused by the movement of national  
13 freight from the ports of L.A. to the industry area to  
14 the rest of the country.

15 We understand that there are previous coordination  
16 requests through the Four Corners region, which is  
17 bringing together the four counties, and that the 57 and  
18 the 60 freeways where they come together creates major  
19 impacts on these local communities and that there is need  
20 to be able to work together and be productive in that  
21 work to ensure that their voice is heard and that their  
22 funding that they need for their projects is received  
23 from the State and Federal level.

24 So on behalf of L.A. Metro, in terms of the goods  
25 movement perspective that -- wanted to provide that



1 testimony.

2 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

3 MR. CONNELL: And I've worked with these communities  
4 in the past and have been very pleased that we've been  
5 able to extend beyond our county borders, to be able to  
6 work with the State legislative offices to address these  
7 issues on a regional level, not just a county level. So  
8 thank you.

9 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

10 MR. CONNELL: That's the end of my testimony.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd  
12 like to remind those in the queue that have not spoken  
13 today to please press star 9 to raise your hand  
14 indicating you wish to comment.

15 And 023, if you'd like to use the raise your hand  
16 option at the bottom of your screen. And again, 023, if  
17 you use the raise your hand option at the bottom of your  
18 screen indicating you wish to comment at this time.

19 And Chair, it looks like we don't have any raised  
20 hands at this time. And you want to give him a couple of  
21 minutes to stand by? Oh, wait, no, there. See, it  
22 always happens when I say that, never fails.

23 023, I would be promoting you at this time. 023,  
24 your speaker order number will be number 37. You can  
25 enable your audio and video in the lower left of your



1 screen.

2 MS. BAYLIS: Can you hear me?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

4 MS. BAYLIS: Great.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

6 MS. BAYLIS: So we -- I was registered as an  
7 individual and so is my husband. So I'm passing it on to  
8 my husband, who is himself, who would like to speak as  
9 well.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Thank you.

11 MR. BAYLIS: Hi. My name is Sean Baylis. I'm also,  
12 I guess, speaking as an individual and a resident of the  
13 San Fernando Valley. And I find this commission a big  
14 concern and definitely want to make sure our voices are  
15 heard. You know, obviously, San Fernando Valley views  
16 itself as a distinct community, and the boundary of that  
17 roughly is everything north of Mulholland Drive.

18 The Valley, I'm sorry, the San Fernando Valley would  
19 certainly be considered its own community of special  
20 interest. And if for no other reason, there's a bit of a  
21 disconnect from a traffic and mobility standpoint.  
22 Everyone, for the most part who knows L.A. knows it's  
23 tough to get around, but it's incredibly difficult to go  
24 from the Valley to the west side. And so if these  
25 districts get split between the valley and the west side,





1 it will be one, forcing our elected officials to choose  
2 which side is getting particular resources.

3 And also, if we think it's difficult to see our  
4 elected officials now, it'll be even more so because if  
5 their offices and staff are in the valley, the folks on  
6 over the hill won't be able to see them quite literally  
7 and practically, and vice versa. If their offices and  
8 staff are in the West Side or over the hill, the folks in  
9 the Valley won't be able to see them either.

10 So you know, these are very distinct communities.  
11 The Valley views itself and most certainly is a community  
12 of interest. And we would ask that you would keep those  
13 districts together wholly representing the valley. Thank  
14 you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
16 with that, Chair, we do not have anyone in the queue that  
17 has not shared at this time.

18 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. So since we  
19 have a few moments, I'd like to take this time to remind  
20 or inform our viewing public that our next COI input  
21 meeting will occur on June 28th at 10 a.m. That COI  
22 input meeting will focus on Zone C, the counties of  
23 Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo,  
24 Santa Clara, and Solano. And with that, Kristian, now,  
25 can we move to the five-minute video?



1 (Pause)

2 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you and welcome back. We  
3 had the opportunity to show a five-minute video regarding  
4 redistricting. I would like to remind or inform our  
5 viewing public that on July 1st we have a Zone A  
6 community of interest input meeting. Zone A is the  
7 counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake, Napa,  
8 Sonoma, and Trinity. Also on July 2nd we have a  
9 community interest input meeting related to the counties  
10 of Butte, Glen, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou,  
11 and Tehama.

12 And Katy, if you wouldn't mind, can you please read  
13 the long form?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. In order to  
15 maximize transparency and public participation in our  
16 process, the commissioners will be taking public comment  
17 by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided  
18 on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When  
19 prompted to enter the meeting ID number provided on the  
20 livestream feed, it is 95739784649 for this meeting.

21 When prompted to enter participant ID simply press  
22 the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed  
23 in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please  
24 press star 9. This will raise your hand for the  
25 moderator. When it is your turn to speak, you'll hear a



1 message that says the host would like you to talk and the  
2 press star 6 to speak.

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

11       And the Commission is taking community of interest  
12 public input at this time. And I would like to remind  
13 those in the queue that have not commented today to  
14 please press star 9 indicating you wish to comment. And  
15 with that, Chair, we do not have any raised hands in the  
16 queue.

17       VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll rest at ease  
18 for a few minutes.

19       (Pause)

20       VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: And as we wait, I would like to  
21 say that the Commission is committed to providing  
22 language access to all of Californians. If  
23 interpretation services are needed, please provide a  
24 request five business days in advance of the -- of a  
25 meeting.

1 July 1st at 5:00 will be the last day that that  
2 request can be made for the July 8th Zone J Orange County  
3 Committee of interest meeting. Also available on our  
4 website slots for the July 1st and July 2nd.  
5 Registration slots are available, so log on, find us, and  
6 pick a slot to provide COI input, please.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And it has been two  
8 minutes, Chair.

9 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And Kristian, can we  
10 move to the long video in Spanish, please?

11 (Pause)

12 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Welcome back. Thank  
13 you for your patience during our video presentation.  
14 Katy, I believe we have some callers in the queue. Can  
15 you invite them to give their public input?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do and we can. We  
17 will start right now with caller 7729. And then up next  
18 in the queue will be 019. Up next, thank you will be  
19 019. And we will start with caller 7729.

20 Caller 7729, if you will, please follow the prompt  
21 to unmute. Caller 7729, if you will, please press star 6  
22 to unmute. And one more time is caller with the last  
23 four of 7729, if you will please press star 6 on your  
24 keypad to unmute. All right. Well, at this time, I'm  
25 going to have to move to the next person. If you would



1 like to comment, please raise your hand again. Oh. Up  
2 next, we will have 019.

3 019, your speaker order number will be number 38.

4 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left  
5 corner of your screen. Please let the mapper know what  
6 area you would like to speak about. You can unmute  
7 yourself and the floor is yours.

8 MS. JANICE: Thank you. Can you please pull up the  
9 coastal part of L.A. County that touches Santa Monica  
10 Bay? And I'll be talking about Palos Verdes, Hermosa  
11 Beach, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Marina Del Rey and  
12 Santa Monica.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead, please.

14 MS. JANICE: Okay. My name is Janice, and I'm a 32-  
15 year resident of Rancho Palos Verdes. The reason I'm  
16 here is to request that when you draw the district lines,  
17 that you keep all of these wonderful beach cities  
18 together. We're all part of the South Bay coastline and  
19 we have a strong sense of community and many things in  
20 common. We're all interested in the environment and  
21 clean oceans and beaches. All of these big cities have  
22 great parks and hiking trails and bike paths that go from  
23 one city to the next. So in one hour you can be in three  
24 or four of these cities.

25 We also all have a lot of tourists which help our



1 economy. But we still maintain a strong sense of  
2 hometown and small-town atmosphere, which close -- we're  
3 really closely linked, both socially, culturally, and  
4 economically. And just to give you some specific  
5 evidence of that, for example, people in Manhattan Beach  
6 come to the Norris Theater in Palos Verdes. People in  
7 Palos Verdes regularly go to the Redondo Beach Performing  
8 Arts Center. We all go to the farmers markets in each  
9 city on different days of the week. And we all go to  
10 concerts in the park on different summer nights in each  
11 city.

12 We're linked economically because we shop and go to  
13 restaurants all over. And just in my own little food and  
14 wine group, we -- even though I live in the farthest part  
15 of Palos Verdes, we go to restaurants in Santa Monica --

16 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

17 MS. JANICE: -- Venice and Marina Del Rey every  
18 week. So we are linked by the 405 and by Pacific Coast  
19 Highway --

20 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

21 MS. JANICE: -- And we're linked by our lifestyle.  
22 And so we consider all of it our hood. And we hope you  
23 will consider all of it to go together politically as  
24 well. Thank you.

25 MR. MANOFF: Time.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
2 now we will have caller 8171. And up next in the queue  
3 will be caller 4039. So right now will be caller 8171.  
4 And up next in the queue will be caller 4039.

5 Caller 8171, if you will please follow the prompts  
6 to unmute.

7 MR. CASTRO: Hello?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 8171, you are  
9 unmuted. I have a couple of quick instructions. Your  
10 speaker order number will be number 39. If you will,  
11 please make note of that for future reference. If you  
12 please let the mapper know if there is any area you would  
13 like to discuss brought up on the map. And with that,  
14 the floor is yours.

15 MR. CASTRO: Great. Well, good afternoon,  
16 Commissioners. My name is Jessie Castro (phonetic sp.).  
17 My family and I are long-time residents of Rowland  
18 Heights in the Southern California region closer to the  
19 60 freeway. Many of my family are proud members of L.A.  
20 County with a strong sense of community and family. In  
21 addition to religion and ethnicity, socially, culturally,  
22 even economically, our family -- we consider the  
23 community family.

24 As many of you may already know Rowland Heights is  
25 an unincorporated community area, some refer to it as a



1 bedroom community east of Los Angeles. And just  
2 according to the U.S. Census, Rowland Heights is about 60  
3 percent Asian. The English languages primarily spoken  
4 English, Spanish, Mandarin, and Pagolo, as well as our  
5 Filipino as we grew up speaking in my household.

6 Our community has many members who are first  
7 generation professionals. Many are entrepreneurs.  
8 Restaurateurs, those that just work hard in order to  
9 provide for the family. You can always find the area  
10 with, you know, a smell of home, especially with all the  
11 delicious home cooking in many of the eateries and  
12 bakeries that you've come across.

13 So with the convergence of commerce and people  
14 working together and just the growth of our community, we  
15 wanted to make sure that the Commissioners please keep in  
16 mind that Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar, Walnut, together  
17 in the same legislative or congressional seat as there  
18 are three communities that share the brunt of the impact  
19 of a lot of the changes that are happening in our area.

20 So we ask that, you know, you please consider the  
21 community and the amount of time effort that we work to  
22 maintain the familiarity of neighborhood and especially  
23 catering to the Asian majority populations. We also are  
24 familiar with working with the L.A. County Sheriffs, L.A.  
25 County Fire, and even public safety. And with the great





1 schools and focus on the education, we want to make sure  
2 that, myself included, want to maintain that with our  
3 family.

4       Myself and my family grew up Catholic. We attended  
5 services over at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton over in  
6 Rowland Heights next door to Walnut. And in my view,  
7 splitting up these three communities would really dilute  
8 our voice. We're working to build the community. And  
9 they worked so hard to find that really it respects and  
10 understands the diversity and the strength of our sense  
11 of family.

12       I also find it in our ability to really relate to a  
13 lot of the ethnic populations that really struggled to  
14 live --

15       MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

16       MR. CASTRO: -- where we are today. Our access to  
17 key government services know their demographic and can  
18 adapt to the needs that's served in this neighborhood.  
19 So thank you again to the Commission for your time and  
20 for your service to the residents of California. And I  
21 do hope you do keep my thoughts --

22       MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

23       MR. CASTRO: -- in account. Have a good day.

24       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
25 next, we have caller 4039. Right now we have caller



1 4039. Up next, we have caller 3894. Right now we have  
2 caller 4039. Up next, we will have caller 3894.

3 Caller 4039, if you could please follow the prompt  
4 to unmute yourself. Caller 4039, if you could please  
5 press star 6 to unmute yourself. Again, that was caller  
6 with the last four of your phone number is 4039. If you  
7 could please hit star -- press star 6 on your phone  
8 keypad to unmute yourself.

9 And we'll go to the next caller at this time. If  
10 you would like to raise your hand again, please do so.  
11 At this time, I'm going to go to caller 3894. Please  
12 follow the prompt to unmute yourself.

13 MR. EDMOND: Hello? Can you hear me?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. I have a  
15 couple of quick instructions. Your speaker order number  
16 will be number 40. If you will, please make note of that  
17 for future reference. If there's an area you would like  
18 to discuss and have brought up on the map, please, let  
19 the mapper know what that area is. And with that, the  
20 floor is yours.

21 MR. EDMOND: Great. Thank you. City of Long Beach,  
22 please. Honorable Commissioners and staff, thank you so  
23 much for your service. My name is John Edmond. I'm the  
24 CEO of the Apartment Association of Southern California  
25 Cities and a longtime resident for the city of Long



1 Beach. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to speak  
2 today.

3 I came here to speak strongly in support of keeping  
4 Long Beach together, both congressionally and in our  
5 state district. I believe that doing so will preserve  
6 the geographic and demographic integrity of our city and  
7 allow our unique strengths as a city to contribute to the  
8 success of California for many, many more years.

9 For the past two redistricting cycles, the city has  
10 been largely kept intact, with the vast majority of Long  
11 Beach residents having a -- seats that represent them. I  
12 asked, and most humbly, the Commissioners, to please  
13 consider keeping lobbies together when redrawing the  
14 lines as you have this important task ahead of you,  
15 please keep Long Beach together. Thank you so much for  
16 your time and consideration. And have a blessed day.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I  
18 would like to ask those in the queue that have called in  
19 to please press Star 9 to raise your hand if you wish to  
20 comment at this time. If you have no comment -- if you  
21 have not commented today, please press star 9 to raise  
22 your hand indicating you wish to comment.

23 Caller 7729, you have chose to raise your hand  
24 again. You shall. Caller 7729, if you will press --

25 MR. PRIETO: Hello?



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- star 6 -- there you  
2 are.

3 MR. PRIETO: Can you hear me?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

5 MR. PRIETO: Can you hear me?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

7 MR. PRIETO: Oh, Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You will be -- I have a  
9 couple of quick instructions. You will be caller order  
10 number 41. If you'll please make note of that for future  
11 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what  
12 area you would like brought up on the map to discuss.  
13 And with that, the --

14 MR. PRIETO: Yes.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- floor is yours.

16 MR. PRIETO: Thank you. Thank you for taking my  
17 call. And the area that I would like to bring into the  
18 map would be Santa Clarita, the city of. It is a  
19 beautiful city the way it is. I have been living in  
20 Santa Clarita for the past 20 years and prior to that I  
21 was a resident of the San Fernando Valley for 30 years.  
22 I've known both valleys and it would be greatly  
23 appreciated applause if you will, if you were to keep  
24 Santa Clarita the way it is on the map. My name is  
25 Agustin Prieto.



1           Like I said, I've been a resident of Santa Clarita  
2 for the past 20 years. I own a bakery in Santa Clarita  
3 for the last 20 years. The name of the Bakery,  
4 California Bakery and Café. We serve as a community.  
5 It's a great community. I have six children. They all  
6 live in the city limits. One is a sheriff. One is an  
7 electronic engineer. Two work for the LAUSD Unified  
8 School District in Los Angeles but live here in Santa  
9 Clarita. One works for the Netflix and has a master  
10 degrees that he acquired from Cal-State Northridge and  
11 then later on from Harvey Mudd.

12           Santa Clarita has a unique flavor. It is the third  
13 largest city in the county of L.A. We know that. But  
14 yet it feels like a small town, a great community, small  
15 town. I've been with the Santa Clarita Latino Chamber of  
16 Commerce for a while now. I am one of the board members.  
17 I belong also to the regulars. So I'm like everyone's  
18 Chamber of Commerce, great members, both of them. A  
19 great mixture of people from Mexicans to Latinos to  
20 Anglos to Hindus. And the mix is great. I know that  
21 College of the Canyon population -- Latino population, is  
22 hovering 50 percent. And it's a great, great mix. It's  
23 a great community to keep together.

24           Santa Clarita, it is what it is because of the way  
25 we are district.



1 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

2 MR. PRIETO: We are from the 14 to the 5 freeway, up  
3 to the 126. And it's a great, great triangle. Keep it  
4 like that. And if we were to add any --

5 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

6 MR. PRIETO: -- communities, maybe Santa Paula and  
7 Fillmore. But as far as my concern, my well-being of a  
8 family, my children, my grandchildren, they all went to  
9 these schools around Santa Clarita. Keep it together.  
10 Leave it the way it is.

11 MR. MANOFF: Time.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
13 now, we will have caller 1563. And up next in the queue  
14 will be caller 4751. Right now will be caller 1563. And  
15 up next will be 4751.

16 Caller 1563, if you could please follow the prompt  
17 to press star 6. Thank you. Caller 1563, you are  
18 unmuted. I do have a couple of quick instructions for  
19 you. Your speaker order number will be number --

20 MS. GONZALEZ: Yes.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- 42. Your speaker  
22 order number will be number 42. If you'll please make  
23 note of that for future reference. And please let the  
24 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today.  
25 And with that, the floor is yours.



1 MS. GONZALEZ: Thank you. Good afternoon. This is  
2 for the city of Long Beach. My name is Susana Gonzalez,  
3 and I'm speaking on behalf of People on Beach Together  
4 Coalition, a group of Long Beach organizations that  
5 support keeping Long Beach Together during the  
6 redistricting process. So on behalf of San the  
7 (indiscernible), the NAACP Long Beach Branch, Equity for  
8 Cambodians, the Mays Center, the Long Beach Chamber of  
9 Commerce, Latinos in Action, Cambodia Town Inc, the Long  
10 Beach Nonprofit Partnership, Bixby North Business  
11 Improvement District, the downtown Long Beach Business  
12 Alliance, the Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau,  
13 the Long Beach Hospitality Alliance, (indiscernible)  
14 District, the Long Beach Playhouse, the California  
15 Apartment Association, Long Beach Opera Museum of Latin  
16 American Art, International City Theater, the Long Beach  
17 Camerata Singers, Musica Angelica, the Long Beach Museum  
18 of Art and the Arts counsel for Long Beach.

19 We share the city's Long Beach's interest in  
20 preserving the geographic and demographic integrity of  
21 the city, the district lines that keep the vast majority  
22 of Long Beach together. Long Beach is a City of nearly  
23 500,000 people, the second largest city in L.A. County  
24 and one of the largest in the state.

25 For the last couple of decades, the vast majority of



1 Long Beach have been kept together in Congressional  
2 Assembly and state Senate districts, which has enabled  
3 our community to unify around important local needs and  
4 focused representation on issues facing our city, state,  
5 and nation in a coordinated manner.

6 It is incredibly important for us to maintain this  
7 level of continuity and coordination so that we are able  
8 to build upon the work we have achieved by working  
9 together in Long Beach. Keep Long Beach together,  
10 please. Thank you for your time and for your work to  
11 ensure the fair representation for all Californians.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All  
13 right. Now we have caller 4751.

14 Caller 4571, if you will please follow the prompt to  
15 unmute yourself. Please press star 6. Caller 4751, you  
16 are unmuted. I do have a couple of quick instructions  
17 for you. Your speaker order number will be number 43.  
18 If you will, please make note of that for future  
19 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what  
20 area you would like to discuss today. And with that, the  
21 floor is yours.

22 SPEAKER NUMBER 43: Hi. I would like to discuss the  
23 Antelope Valley. And I'm a public schoolteacher that  
24 works in the Antelope Valley. And I would like to keep  
25 equity and fairness in the Antelope Valley and keep all





1 of the cities together and not separate them into  
2 separate redistricting. I would like the Antelope Valley  
3 to remain together, which includes Mojave, Tehachapi,  
4 Rosemont, Lancaster, Palmdale. And that is what I would  
5 like to express today. And I thank you very much for  
6 your time.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
8 with that, Chair, we do not have any other callers in the  
9 queue.

10 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. If I can  
11 entice you to read the short form one more time, please.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. And are we  
13 still just doing the community of interest input?

14 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Yeah, we will. Until after this  
15 break.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: After this break. Okay.

17 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: So just this -- yes. Correct.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. The Commission  
19 will now take a community of interest public input at  
20 this time. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and  
21 enter the meeting ID number 95739784649 for this meeting.  
22 Once you've dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the  
23 comment queue. The full call-in instructions have been  
24 read previously and are provided on the info on the live  
25 stream landing page. And at this time, we do not have



1 any callers with raised hands.

2 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll rest at ease  
3 for a few minutes prior to entering our break.

4 (Pause)

5 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Okay, everyone. Thank you for  
6 your attentiveness. When we return from break, we will  
7 start with people with appointment time slots and then  
8 we'll open it up to COI input as well as general public  
9 comment. We will return from break at 3:45 p.m. Thank  
10 you.

11 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 1:05 p.m.  
12 until 3:45 p.m.)

13 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Okay. Welcome back. California  
14 citizens to the Citizens Redistricting Commission COI  
15 Input Meeting. We encourage our listening public. We  
16 encourage those of us -- those of you that are with us to  
17 call in and provide your public -- your COI committee of  
18 interest input. We also encourage you to visit the  
19 communities of interest tool to draw a map and describe  
20 your community. And you can do that by visiting  
21 Drawmycacomunity.org.

22 At this time, I will pass it over to Katy, our  
23 public comment moderator, to open the phone lines for  
24 public input. The phone lines are also open for general  
25 public comment. This session is specifically dedicated



1 to those that do not have an appointment. However, if  
2 you had an appointment and were unable to call in during  
3 your time block, we encourage you to call in now.

4 Katy?

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

12 Oh wait, I skipped one. One moment. When prompted,  
13 enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream  
14 feed. It is 95739784649 for this meeting. Then when  
15 prompted to enter a participant ID simply press the pound  
16 key. Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed in a  
17 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press  
18 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.

19 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a  
20 message that says the host would like you to talk and to  
21 press Star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your  
22 name, please state, and spell it for the record. You are  
23 not required to provide your name to give public comment.  
24 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream  
25 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your



1 call.

2       Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when  
3 it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down  
4 the livestream volume. I like to remind those calling in  
5 to please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you  
6 wish to comment. And the Commission will be taking  
7 general public comment at this time in conjunction with  
8 community of interest public input.

9       And at this time, Chair, we do not have any raised  
10 hands.

11       VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll rest at ease  
12 for a few moments.

13               (Pause)

14       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'd like to remind those  
15 calling in at this time to please press star 9 to raise  
16 your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please press  
17 star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.  
18 And we do have a raised hand. That's caller 6800.  
19 That's caller 6800.

20       Caller 6800, I have a couple of instructions. Your  
21 speaker order number will be number 44. If you will,  
22 please make note of that for future reference. And  
23 please let the mapper know what area you would like to  
24 discuss. And with that, the floor is yours. Go ahead.  
25 The floor is yours. Caller 6800, you are unmuted. Can



1 you hear us?

2 MS. GARY: Hello?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, hello. The floor is  
4 yours.

5 MS. GARY: Yes. Okay. My name is Jennifer Gary  
6 (phonetic sp.). I'm 29 years old and I have been long  
7 time resident of City of Long Beach. I currently work  
8 with a community based nonprofit organization, San Jose  
9 Community Hispanic Association. They help just  
10 navigators that are working in the most severe  
11 neighborhoods and educating the local Latino community on  
12 various topics, including the recent 2020 Census, and  
13 connecting families to vital services during the height  
14 of the coronavirus pandemic.

15 I came to speak today in strong support of keeping  
16 Long Beach together in Congress and State District. I  
17 believe that doing so will preserve the geographic and  
18 demographic integrity of my city and allow for our unique  
19 strengths and leaderships as a city to contribute to the  
20 success of California.

21 I ask the Commission to please keep Long Beach  
22 together when drawing the lines. I'm also dedicated to  
23 staying engaged in this process to ensure that we keep  
24 our school districts, city college, university, public  
25 parks, hospitals, community medical clinics, job



1 businesses, transportation, other valuable community  
2 interests are important to me. Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And I  
4 would like to remind those calling in to please press  
5 star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.  
6 Please press star 9 indicating you wish to comment.

7 And with that, Chair, we do not have any raised  
8 hands.

9 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll rest at ease  
10 for a couple of minutes. If we have no callers at the  
11 end of that period of time, we'll go to the long video in  
12 English and then subsequently assess our position after  
13 that.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.

15 (Pause)

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we are at two  
17 minutes, Chair. And we do not have any callers at this  
18 time.

19 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Let's transition to  
20 the long video in English. And again, we'll assess our  
21 position at --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Long video in English.

23 (Pause)

24 VICE-CAHIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Welcome back,  
25 California. Thank you for your patience during our video



1 presentation. Katy, I believe we have some callers in  
2 the queue. Can you please invite them to give committee  
3 of interest input or public comment? Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. We will be  
5 starting with caller 3351 right now. And up next in the  
6 queue will be caller 9927. Right now we will have 3351.  
7 Please follow the prompts to unmute.

8 Caller 3351, you are unmuted. I do have a couple of  
9 brief instructions or a speaker order number will be  
10 number 45. If you'll please make note of that for future  
11 reference. If you have an area that you would like to  
12 discuss and brought up on the map, please let the mapper  
13 know what that area is. Or you may just provide general  
14 public comment at this time. The floor is yours.

15 MR. PRITCHARD: Hi. Thank you for having me. My  
16 name is Rex Pritchard. I'm president of Long Beach  
17 Firefighters. I represent nearly 400 men and women who  
18 served the city of Long Beach 24 hours a day, seven days  
19 a week, 365 days a year. We're urging the commission to  
20 keep Long Beach together in federal and state legislative  
21 districts as part of this redistricting process.

22 Long Beach is a city of nearly 500,000 people, with  
23 nearly a million visitors a year and is the second  
24 largest city in Los Angeles County and one of the largest  
25 in the State of California. For the past two



1 redistricting cycles, the city has been largely kept  
2 intact, with a vast majority of Long Beach represented by  
3 predominant seats.

4 This is extremely important to our firefighters and  
5 to the communities we serve in our ability to ensure that  
6 the decisions that impact our city for years to come are  
7 in the best interest of our residents and our  
8 firefighters. So again, we ask and urge the commission  
9 to keep Long Beach intact. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
11 next, we have caller 9927. Right now is caller 9927. Up  
12 next in the queue will be caller 6972.

13 Caller 9927, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
14 unmute. Thank you. Caller 9927, you are unmuted. I  
15 have a couple brief instructions. Your speaker order  
16 number is number 46. If you have an area of the map you  
17 would like to discuss, please let the mapper know what  
18 that area is. The floor is yours.

19 MS. STUIT: Hi. Thank you commission for the  
20 opportunity to speak today. I am referring to Ventura  
21 County. My name is Suzanne Stuit (phonetic sp.). I'm a  
22 resident of Simi Valley. And for location parameter  
23 purposes, we have the Reagan Library and City Center is  
24 on Alamos Street. Our community shared interests are  
25 hiking trails, outdoor recreation, and preservation of





1 open spaces.

2 Our community, like most, are dedicated to family  
3 and the preservation of Constitutional rights and  
4 freedom. It appears the 25th District will have to grow  
5 in population by about the same as the population of  
6 Moorpark, combined with Santa Clarita. There's a small  
7 section of Simi that is in the 26th District, but adding  
8 Moorpark would be a natural fit, as both communities have  
9 a diverse population, with more minorities joining  
10 together in joint clubs and groups.

11 And we also share the same geography, such as water  
12 resources in the fire zone. This addition would allow  
13 Simi Valley to remain intact as splitting Simi would  
14 divide our communities and the voices of the citizen's  
15 rights would be impaired. So it's important to us to  
16 keep a planned-out community, also to avoid overcrowding.  
17 that way we can continue to meet the needs of the  
18 homeless and minorities through our numerous food,  
19 housing, and health resources. So please keep Simi  
20 Valley intact. Thank you so much.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
22 right now we will have caller 6972. And that is caller  
23 6972. And up next, we will have caller 3429. Right now  
24 we 6972. Please follow the prompts to unmute yourself.  
25 Has caller with the last four --



1           Caller 6972, you are unmuted. I have a couple of  
2 brief instructions. Your speaker order number will be  
3 number 47. If you could please make note of that for  
4 future reference. If you have an area of the map you  
5 would like brought up, please, let the map or know what  
6 that area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

7           MR. MARTINEZ: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank  
8 you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Francisco  
9 Martinez (phonetic sp.). I'm 34 years old and I was born  
10 and raised in the City of Long Beach. And this is my  
11 area of interest. Since 2008, I have represented the  
12 community-based nonprofit organization, Centro Cha, where  
13 I specialize in youth program development and empowering  
14 young people through various workforce and education  
15 programs, including violence prevention and  
16 rehabilitating justice-involved youth and young adults  
17 returning back to their neighborhoods and homes.

18           I came to speak today in strong support of keeping  
19 Long Beach together in Congress and state districts. I  
20 believe that doing so will preserve the geographic and  
21 the vastly diverse demographic integrity of the city and  
22 ensure that the decisions that are made on behalf of the  
23 families and youth that we serve are protected in their  
24 interest, including our community colleges, our school  
25 district, university, public parks, hospitals, community



1 medical clinics, jobs, businesses, transportation, and  
2 other valuable community interests that are important to  
3 our community. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.  
4 And good afternoon. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd  
6 like to remind those in the queue if you would like to  
7 give public comment for today but you have given  
8 community of interest input previously, you are more than  
9 welcome to raise your hand again. Please press star 9 to  
10 indicate you wish to give public comment for today.

11 Right now we have caller 3429. Caller 3429, if  
12 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. Please press  
13 star 6. That's caller with the last four -- yes, caller  
14 3429, you are unmuted. I have a couple of brief  
15 instructions. Your speaker order number will be number  
16 48. If you will, please make note of that for future  
17 reference. And if you have an area you would like to  
18 bring up on the map today, please, let the mapper know  
19 what that area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

20 MR. DAVIDSON: I apologize. I was struggling with  
21 those instructions. Hello, everyone. First of all, I  
22 want to thank you all for your hard work and service on  
23 this really important issue. My name is George Davidson  
24 (phonetic sp.). I have been a resident of Diamond Bar  
25 since 1995. I wanted to express my support to have the



1 communities of West Covina, Hacienda Heights, Rowland  
2 Heights, Diamond Bar, my community, Walnut, and the  
3 Phillips Ranch Community of Pomona to all be in the same  
4 federal and state legislative districts.

5       The 60 freeway, you know, we call it the corridor,  
6 it's a major transportation and jobs for most of the  
7 area, with many people using the freeway as a main  
8 transportation avenue to and from their jobs. In  
9 addition to the jobs and transportation ethnically, these  
10 communities are very similar in diversity. They are  
11 diverse communities in the San Gabriel Valley and really  
12 should remain together. They have more in common with  
13 each other than the Orange County communities that they  
14 actually are currently bundled with in the State and  
15 federal legislative districts.

16       In addition, even though I live in Diamond Bar, my  
17 neighborhood in most of the northern part of the city is  
18 also part of the Pomona Unified School District.  
19 Phillips Ranch has many similarities with Diamond Bar,  
20 and their schools often feed students back and forth to  
21 each other. Both communities are made up of mostly  
22 single-family homes. We share a lot of similar,  
23 different demographics with Phillips Ranch. And we're  
24 connected -- all of us are connected with the 60 freeway  
25 corners.



1           So I just think Diamond Bar and the other San  
2 Gabriel Valley cities should be in the same district as  
3 Phillips Ranch. It should include Cal-Poly Pomona up to  
4 the 71 Freeway as the easternmost border. So again, in  
5 my opinion, Diamond Bar and Hacienda Heights, West  
6 Covina, Walnut, Phillips Ranch, east to the 71 Freeway,  
7 and Roland Heights should all be in the same legislative  
8 districts. I appreciate your time and again, I  
9 appreciate all the work you're doing. Sorry I couldn't  
10 follow instructions at the beginning. Have a good day.

11           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I  
12 would like to ask any of those in the queue to please  
13 press star 9 if you do have more public comment for  
14 today. Please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating  
15 you wish to give public comment today.

16           Chair, at this time, I -- we do not have any raised  
17 hands.

18           VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. Can you read  
19 the long for long form or what may be our last rendition  
20 for this meeting?

21           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I can. I do have a  
22 raised hand. Would you like me to read the instructions  
23 and then go to the raised hand or vice versa?

24           VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: How about we read the  
25 instructions, then go to the raised hand?



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Will do.

2 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to maximize  
4 transparency and public participation in our process, the  
5 Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To  
6 call in, dial the telephone number provided on the  
7 livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted to  
8 enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream  
9 feed, it is 95739784649 for this meeting. When prompted  
10 to enter a participant ID simply press the pound key.

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

19 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream  
20 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your  
21 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for  
22 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn  
23 down the livestream volume. And at this time the  
24 Commission is taking general public comment and community  
25 of interest input public comment.



1           And we do have one raised hand of caller 9137. If  
2 you could please follow the prompts to unmute yourself.  
3 Caller 9137, you are unmuted. Your speaker ID number --  
4 speaker order number will be number 49. If you could  
5 make note of that for future reference. And if there's  
6 an area of the map you would like brought up, please let  
7 the mapper know what that area is. And with that, the  
8 floor is yours.

9           MS. HUNTING: Hi. Thank you. My name is Kris  
10 Hunting (phonetic sp.). I live in Simi Valley.

11          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you can please speak  
12 up a little bit.

13          MS. HUNTING: I live in Simi Valley on the east side  
14 off Yosemite and Alamo, and we enjoy our open spaces and  
15 the activities for kids in our community, which brings us  
16 together with our neighbors and other families in Simi  
17 Valley and Moorpark as well. And for us, it's very  
18 important that our community is safe and economically  
19 vibrant. And we believe all of Simi Valley should be in  
20 the 25th Congressional District because of the many  
21 shared interests in our town, as well as with Moorpark.

22          There's also a lot of shared economic interest with  
23 the aerospace industry, which I'm a part of. And these  
24 companies are located in the -- what's known as the  
25 aerospace corridor of the Antelope Valley. And Simi



1 Valley and Moorpark Both have several aerospace companies  
2 as well. We also share similar values for supporting our  
3 schools, having healthy, open spaces to recreate, and  
4 caring for the minorities who move to our community.

5 In closing, I would say that Simi Valley not only  
6 remain in the 25th District, all of Simi should be in the  
7 25th. It's strange that we're separated down the middle  
8 and doesn't really make sense. I think we should all be  
9 together and we should add Moorpark as well. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
11 again, I'd like to remind those in the queue to please  
12 press star 9 indicating you wish to comment for public  
13 comments, general public comment, and community of  
14 interest input public comment at this time.

15 Chair, at this time, we do not have any raised  
16 hands.

17 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. We'll rest at  
18 ease for a few minutes.

19 (Pause)

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And Chair, it has been  
21 two minutes.

22 VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. All right,  
23 Commissioners, without hearing any dissension, we will be  
24 moving to close this meeting. All right. Thank you for  
25 joining our statewide community interest input meeting





1 today. Our next COI input meeting will be on Monday,  
2 June 28th at 10 a.m. and will be focused on Alameda,  
3 Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Solano  
4 counties and surrounding areas.

5 And on Thursday, July 1st, at 12 noon, we'll be  
6 focused on Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake, Napa,  
7 Sonoma and Trinity Counties and surrounding areas.  
8 Callers are not limited to those counties. You can visit  
9 the meeting page at our website to see a list of  
10 additional COI input meetings at  
11 [wedrawthelinesca.org/meetings](http://wedrawthelinesca.org/meetings).

12 And again, hearing nothing from any fellow  
13 Commissioners, I thank you for your attentiveness. And I  
14 look forward to seeing you at our next community of  
15 interest input meeting. This meeting is adjourned.

16 (Meeting adjourned.)

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