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P R O C E E D I N G S

Monday, April 26, 2021 9:30 a.m.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Good morning, everyone.

Welcome to the April 26, 2020 (sic) California Citizens Redistricting Commission meeting. We have four days full of meetings, and they are all full with lots of good stuff as we move forward.

With that, want to go ahead and take roll call.

MR. SINGH: Thank you. Commissioner Ahmad.

VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. Here.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

3 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

8 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vasquez.

9 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Here.

10 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

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

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Ravi, and welcome to
14 all again.

15 I just want to get everyone a breakdown of what
16 will be occurring this week. As I mentioned earlier, it
17 will be a full week.

18 We will be adjourning directly to closed session,
19 so we will not have public comment today. We do not plan
20 to come back into open session today, but we do have a 5:00
21 o'clock. We're sponsoring a redistricting basics
22 presentation in Spanish, and so we hope that you will come
23 back to join us.

24 Tomorrow, Tuesday, April 27th, we'll resume in
25 open session at 1:00 o'clock, starting with public comment

1 and then at 1:15 we will have an LGBTQ panel, followed by a
2 demographic shift panel at 3:00 o'clock. At approximately
3 4:15 we will go back to closed session and we will not
4 return to open session on Tuesday after that.

5 On Wednesday, April 28th, we will resume in
6 closed session, and we do not plan to come back into open
7 session on Wednesday. However, on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.,
8 we do have a Public Input Design Committee Meeting at 4:00
9 o'clock. So, we're hoping you can join us for that.

10 And then on Thursday, April 29th, at 9:30 we'll
11 resume in open session and address the remaining agenda
12 items and plan to be in open session the entire time.

13 At the conclusion of our full Commission meeting,
14 the Legal Affairs Committee will meet, will have their
15 meeting at that point.

16 Again, a reminder, no public comment today.

17 Also, hot off the presses this morning from
18 Marian, so thank you very much, Marian, we received this
19 information.

20 "The U.S. Census Bureau has completed data
21 processing for the first 2020 census result regarding state
22 population counts used to apportion seats in the U.S. House
23 of Representatives among the 50 states. The Census Bureau
24 will hold a virtual new conference to release those results
25 today at 3:00 o'clock eastern time. The results will

1 include population totals for the nation and the states as
2 well as the Congressional totals for each state.”

3 So, again, that will be our time at noon, if for
4 those that want to log in to hear that news conference.

5 Again, please go on to our website in case any of
6 this information changes, but as of right now that’s the
7 plan, and then tomorrow morning when we come back --
8 tomorrow afternoon at 1:00 when we come back to open
9 session I will update everyone if there are any changes to
10 those schedules.

11 Any questions from the commissioners or staff
12 before we adjourn to closed session? Commissioner Sinay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to acknowledge
14 the hard work that everyone put into this session. As I
15 was preparing it was just amazing how much work came into
16 this. And I think it’s good to start recognizing, so,
17 thank you all the commissioners and staff.

18 And also I want to acknowledge the public
19 comments we received. It’s exciting to start seeing the
20 public engaging in that way, so thank you.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Chair. I
23 know that you had said that you were not going to take
24 public comment, but I do notice that there is someone who
25 has been in the queue waiting to make public comment, and

1 they do have their hand raised, so I don't know if you want
2 to just take that now or just have them call back.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you. Commissioner
4 Sadhwani.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. I just wanted to
6 say that there will be -- it will be several days before we
7 get to the -- you know, the discussion of our business
8 meeting. We have received, I think to Commissioner Sinay's
9 point, many public comments, some about, you know, about
10 general concerns that I think we need to start processing
11 in terms of COI input, communities of interest input, but
12 also many letters, memos, et cetera having to do with the
13 census delay.

14 So, I would just encourage my colleagues to make
15 sure that prior to the opportunity to discuss that, that
16 everyone takes a close look at many of the letters.
17 There's definitely many competing interests in this matter,
18 and, hopefully, we can come into that conversation well
19 informed.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Also, Commissioner Sadhwani,
21 did you mention something with the Statewide Data Base?

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. Having seen the
23 notice this morning about the census announcement, and
24 knowing that they would be live at noon when we were
25 actively in closed session, I wasn't sure if we would be

1 able to have a chance to review that, so I was able to
2 touch base with the Statewide Data Base this morning.
3 They'll be watching and able to provide -- report back to
4 us on that. I am certain many people around the state and
5 nation are waiting for this information, so I'm sure there
6 will be many report backs if we, ourselves, aren't able to
7 watch it.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner
9 Kennedy.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I just
11 wanted to support Commissioner Akutagawa's point. I would
12 encourage you to take the public comment that is waiting
13 for us on line. Thank you.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Actually, they are no longer
15 waiting for us on line. So, thank you so much for calling
16 in, but please call in tomorrow. I've noticed that you're
17 no longer in the queue. We look forward to your comment
18 tomorrow morning -- tomorrow afternoon. I keep saying
19 morning. Tomorrow afternoon at 1:00 o'clock.

20 Is there anything else before we adjourn? I
21 think we're good to go, so we're going to go ahead and
22 adjourn. Thank you again, everyone, and, hopefully, come
23 back at 5:00 o'clock for our redistricting presentation in
24 Spanish. Thank you.

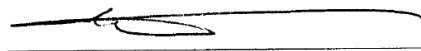
25 (Adjourned to closed session at 9:38 a.m.)

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