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Marian Johnston, Counsel

Also present:

Kristian Manoff, AV Tech

Public Comment:

Debra Levine

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P R O C E E D I N G S

Thursday, October 15, 2020 9:33 o'clock a.m.

VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Good morning and welcome back, everybody.

We are convening as the Citizens Redistricting Commission, and we will be starting with public comments. I know that we have been in closed session for the last day-and-a-half. So, what we'd like to do is to start with public comment this morning.

What we are going to do is we will go back into closed session for a brief amount of time so that we could finish our deliberations on our hiring of the staff, and then we will come back to open session, at which time we will start the conversation discussion on agenda item number 12, which is Civic/Public Education Outreach and Engagement, and discussion and possible action regarding the Outreach and Engagement Committee's recommendations for framework and regional map.

I just want to announce to everybody that handouts are being uploaded as we speak to the website, so please check back in a few minutes to see the handouts that we will be using when we return from closed session.

So, at this time I'd like to ask if we have anyone in queue for public comment, and I will allow for extra time so that we can have people queue up.

1 Is Raul going to read off the instructions to
2 make public comment?

3 MS. JOHNSTON: Madam Chair, should we do a roll
4 call first?

5 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, that's a good idea.
6 I'm just jumping right in. Yes, thank you.

7 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Ahmad.

8 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

9 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Akutagawa.

10 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Here.

11 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Andersen.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

13 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fernandez.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

15 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fornaciari.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

17 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Kennedy.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

19 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Le Mons.

20 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

21 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sadhwani.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

23 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sinay.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

25 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Taylor.

1 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

2 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Toledo.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

4 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Turner is absent.
5 Commissioner Vasquez.

6 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Tired and here.

7 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Yee.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

9 MS. JOHNSTON: All present except for one, Madam
10 Chair.

11 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very
12 much. I will make a note to make sure to continue to
13 remember to do that, even next week.

14 All right. Raul, can you read off the
15 instructions for public comment.

16 MR. MANOFF: Chair, this is Kristian. I'm going
17 to take care of that for you this morning.

18 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, thank you, Kristian.

19 MR. MANOFF: In order to maximize transparency
20 and public participation in our process, the Commissioners
21 will be taking public comment during their meeting by
22 phone. There will be opportunities to address the
23 Commissioners regarding the items on the agenda. There
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16 wish to comment.

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6 each time, beginning by the telephone number provided on
7 the livestream feed and following the steps stated above.

8 MS. JOHNSTON: And, Madam Chair, since this is
9 the time for general comment, it can be on any matter,
10 whether or not it's on the agenda.

11 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay, thank you, counsel.

12 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN: And we do not
13 have anybody in the queue at this time.

14 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I just want to make
15 sure that we give people time to queue up. I know that
16 there's always a delay in the livestream, so we'll go ahead
17 and do that.

18 In the meantime, perhaps if any of the other
19 Commissioners want to make any general announcements or
20 comments while we wait. Commissioner Sinay.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I met with former
22 Commissioner Dai this week just to discuss outreach because
23 she's been working with the census and such. And one thing
24 she wanted me to say to all of you is to feel free to reach
25 out to any of the Commissioners. They're not going to

1 reach out to us unless we reach out to them. But they're
2 all here to help us if we want it, and they're cheering us
3 on, and they just want to make sure that I share that
4 message with all of you.

5 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Great. Thank you for
6 sharing that. That's helpful to know.

7 Commissioner Andersen.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Speaking of Commissioner
9 Dai, we received -- in the public comment I believe there
10 is a -- her article that she puts about the census in "San
11 Francisco Chronicle".

12 But I do want everyone to know the way they do
13 that now in the "Chronicle," the editorial page is just a
14 one -- there's only one page. It only has a few editorials
15 on it. All the rest is online, and that article did not
16 show up in the paper, itself. It was only on line.

17 So, like -- I'm actually a person, I like the
18 newspaper in my hand with, you know, my cup of tea outside
19 or something. I'm not -- I don't like to read my news
20 online. Many, many people do, obviously, but -- so, I did
21 not see that, and I know there are quite a significant
22 number who still do read just the old paper, paper, so,
23 unfortunately it has -- it's all one set of group but
24 necessarily the other, which I think is unfortunate, and
25 now I realize I have to go check online as well because of

1 the things I'm missing.

2 But you never know what you're missing, and I
3 think most people don't know what they're missing until
4 they're shown it, so I don't quite know. The reason I
5 brought it up is outreach.

6 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: That's good to know. I
7 tend to read all of my news online now and, so, I
8 oftentimes -- I guess I'll just see what is all -- probably
9 you're right, much more than what they now print in actual
10 paper, partly because not as many people are subscribing to
11 an actual paper, paper, and probably also for reasons of
12 saving, you know, more of the resources and not having to
13 print and use up so much paper.

14 Okay. Do we have anyone who has joined our queue
15 for public comment?

16 MS. JOHNSTON: No, we still do not have anyone in
17 the queue.

18 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Well, I think we've
19 given ample time now. Unless it's felt that we should wait
20 longer, perhaps we can then now move into closed session
21 for our final deliberations and to wrap up our
22 conversation/discussion around the hiring of our new staff.
23 Okay.

24 MS. JOHNSTON: May I just say that just for the
25 general public what time they might expect us back? Can we

1 just give them an estimate?

2 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioners, any -- I
3 think -- Commissioner Fernandez.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I messed up. I have to
5 unmute and mute.

6 How about if we say 10:30 because of the
7 potential earthquake drill?

8 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: That's a good idea. Okay.
9 All right. Let's go ahead. We'll reconvene back here in
10 open session at 10:30.

11 (Off the record at 9:39 a.m.)

12 (On the record at 3:10 p.m.)

13 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you. We are
14 back, and for those of you who are joining us from the live
15 feed and the public, thank you very much for your patience.
16 I just wanted to give you a brief update.

17 So, we went into closed session to discuss
18 personnel matters. I just will report to all that we will
19 be making offers and we will have more to report at our
20 meeting next week, and, so, from there what I would like to
21 do is go to public comments since it has been some time.
22 What we're planning to do is address agenda item number 12,
23 but before we do that I would like to go to public comment
24 and, Kristian, I think I'm going to share the instructions
25 to call in to make public comment.

1 MR. MANOFF: Katy is going to take care of that
2 for us, Chair.

3 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, you're changing it up
4 on me. Okay.

5 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN: I could not
6 pull them up quickly enough last time, so, Chair, I will be
7 reading those today.

8 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Ah, thank you.

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10 maximize transparency and public participation in our
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21 That is the time to call in, which is now. And at this
22 time, it is for general comment.

23 The process for making a comment will be the same
24 each time, beginning by the telephone number provided on
25 the livestream feed and following steps that were stated

1 above will remain the same.

2 And at this time, we do not have anybody in the
3 queue, but there is about a minute delay on the livestream.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You're on mute.

5 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. It always
6 seems that my dog starts barking whenever the instructions
7 get read, so -- thank you.

8 We'll give time for folks, if anybody wants to
9 call in, we'll give time for them to catch up and listen to
10 the livestream instructions. Commissioner Sinay.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just got an update from my
12 husband that the Fire Department is outside, so, it's
13 looking like I'll probably get kicked out. But I'm taking
14 the phone number with me if I have to leave, and you all
15 have the documents so you can walk through it and I'll do
16 my best based on verbal versus visual. So, I apologize.

17 MS. JOHNSTON: Good luck.

18 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Good luck, yes.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So far I'm not kicked out.

20 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Just hang in there as long
21 as you can. Thank you.

22 Okay. Katy, do we have any callers?

23 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN: We do not have
24 anyone in the queue at this time.

25 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. All right. Well,

1 let's do this. Let's go ahead and let's start with our
2 discussion, and if -- as Commissioner Sinay is teeing up
3 her discussion, if we do get a caller we'll take a break
4 and take the public comment, but otherwise, I want to take
5 advantage of her time with us for as long as we can. Just
6 in case she gets moved out of her home.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just got kicked out.

8 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: But what I am going to do is
10 put the shared screen so that -- well, no, I don't want the
11 shared screen. Do you all have the documents? Okay. I'm
12 going to call in right now and I will talk through.

13 Why don't I give you -- while I'm calling in, if
14 you can just read kind of the recommendations, if you
15 haven't read them already, and I was trying to model the
16 behavior that we were talking about submitting a report to
17 kind of give background information, so, hopefully, that
18 was helpful. And I should be back with you shortly. I'm
19 so sorry. This is like my worse nightmare, first a typo,
20 and now I have to leave.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Best of luck.

22 MS. JOHNSTON: Gas break.

23 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

24 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN: My apology, no.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think --

1 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, are you on, good.

2 Okay, perfect.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm on. So, you can hear
4 me?

5 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes, we can.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Again, I apologize for this.
7 I just wanted -- so, basically, the recommendation that I
8 was presenting -- we're presenting from the Committee, and
9 just in conversations and trying to figure out -- okay, let
10 me take a step back. Sorry.

11 Last -- the state of California is huge. We have
12 40 million people, as we kept saying -- as we keep saying
13 to each other. And one of the ways to make it doable, you
14 know, it's the old how do you -- how do you eat an
15 elephant, one elephant? One bite at a time. Hold on.

16 And, so, the thought is if we could use regions
17 to kind of help us get us working. And the reason the
18 census regions made the most sense to me -- they're coming.
19 Yeah, where are we going? Sorry. If we can create -- use
20 the census just because the census made the most sense -- I
21 mean they've already built up the civic infrastructure for
22 the census.

23 If you go into all the different links, the links
24 show all the government entities as well as the nonprofits,
25 as well as others who are already engaged in those regions,

1 and all 10 regions have, you know, things going on.

2 So, that was the thinking behind. Let's just
3 build on what's already there. They're already working
4 well together.

5 Any questions? Hello. Hello.

6 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I see Commissioner Toledo,
7 Commissioner Kennedy.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Just a question about why
9 the census maps versus -- I mean I understand the community
10 organizations part, but why the census now versus the
11 redistricting -- the map for the Redistricting Commission?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, first of all, I'm
13 trying not to -- I guess I'm trying to stay away from
14 calling anything a map right now, just because that gets
15 people nervous since we are the redistricting. I don't
16 know where the 2010 -- I mean I know where the 2010 regions
17 came from and it was recommended by the line drawers.

18 My -- the thought about starting a little bit
19 early is so that we can all -- the next step behind this
20 would be for us to start making those connections like, you
21 know, that we've talked about, you know, the PD
22 foundations, the United Ways, the small groups. You would
23 be the, you know, the lead in the second could be the
24 voices for -- could be the face and the voices for those
25 areas.

1 But it's really because the infrastructure
2 already exists. If we shift over and go back to the 2010
3 map, it's not going to match.

4 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: This is actually
5 Commissioner Kennedy, and then Commissioner Vasquez
6 afterwards.

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam Chair.
8 To me the census maps recreate or perpetuate one of the
9 problems with the 2010 Commission's regions, and the bigger
10 issue that we have been trying to address since the very
11 beginning.

12 The census maps groups Sacramento and everything
13 to the north other than kind of the coast into one, and
14 what I continue to hear from the far north is you people
15 keep thinking Sacramento is the north, and Sacramento is
16 not the north.

17 So what I'm proposing is that we start with the
18 map with the regions established by the 2010 Commission and
19 break out the Sacramento metropolitan region, if you will,
20 or at least draw a new line between the northern boundary
21 of the Sacramento metropolitan region, and, so, everything
22 north of that, which is 15 counties comprising roughly a
23 million people, 26 percent of California's counties, two-
24 and-a-half percent of the state's populations, into a
25 region on their own that does not include Sacramento.

1 So, when we talk about Sacramento, we're talking
2 about Sacramento and basically the Sacramento metropolitan
3 region, and then anything north of Yuba, Yolo, the letters
4 are small, sorry. Let me change glasses here, if I can
5 read it better. Anything of Yolo, Yuba, Nevada and Sutter
6 would be its own region separate from the Sacramento
7 region.

8 So, that's -- I think that addresses part of what
9 we've been hearing all along, so I throw that out there.

10 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I think Vasquez and then -
11 - Commissioner Vasquez.

12 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yeah. If I could add some
13 additional sort of context to what we're proposing.

14 So, if we zoom out and think about starting to
15 outreach in a semi-structured way in advance of any map
16 drawing that is happening, we need some sort of semi-
17 structure.

18 To build on what Commissioner Sinay was saying
19 about the census maps, what we wanted to do, since we would
20 like -- it seems to be the will of the Commission that we
21 begin in earnest. This is the fun part. This is, I think,
22 a big part of why many of us, if not all of us, joined the
23 Commission, which is to get out there and engage with the
24 community. And we're still -- there is still going to be,
25 I think, a pretty -- a nonsignificant amount of time

1 between bringing on our Deputy Executive Director, you
2 know, really staffing out to create something probably that
3 looks more robust and much more like a road show.

4 And what currently exists right now with the
5 census is an infrastructure of community, civic
6 partnerships that we as a Commission and then potentially
7 as individual teams tap into as part of but not exclusive
8 to general engagement efforts in those regions.

9 So, it would certainly, I think, behoove a team
10 who is -- who is selected or who choose themselves to be
11 part of this like Northern California region to go in to
12 hopefully leverage the existing census network of
13 organizers who will have had organizers and, you know,
14 civic leaders and what have you in the upper north to
15 connect you to.

16 But that, also, I think we in our proposal have
17 proposed that at least one person on each of these regional
18 leads be -- if possible, be knowledgeable to some extent,
19 have some connection to that region, so that, again, we're
20 not proposing that you exclusively rely on the census
21 network, but that rather than sort of having each team be
22 at the mercy of one -- connections, however limited, or be,
23 you know, blessed with the wealth of resources that may be
24 available to Southern California that we are hoping to
25 provide some anchor with the census networks based on these

1 regions, but that also in organizing your initial -- I'm
2 going to say this is my language -- like needs assessment,
3 that you probably will have to subdivide said regions.
4 These are huge.

5 And I think in terms of sort of reporting back to
6 the Commission in order for us to develop that more robust
7 road show we're starting to think about drawing the maps
8 and communities of interest, et cetera, that part of the
9 proposal may be, okay we've identified -- in the Northern
10 California region we have identified, you know, eight
11 critical areas. This is how we've identified them.

12 We're going to need a specific strategy here.
13 We're going to need to make sure that we include these
14 folks. Here is another region where there's been a lot of
15 population change. And, you know, we should make sure to
16 have a road show here. That's sort of what we're thinking
17 with these maps. It's not -- the work of the teams is not
18 bound up by the census networks, but that this is an
19 attempt to actually provide a tool in a toolbox that is yet
20 to be built for that work to start in earnest.

21 I think that, hopefully, expands a bit on what
22 Commissioner Sinay would have said had she not been also
23 trying to field firefighters. So, hopefully, that gives a
24 broader picture from where we're coming with this proposal.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you very much. That

1 was well done.

2 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I saw Commissioner
3 Fornaciari's hand go up, too.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes, so, I'm looking
5 at -- I clicked on those links on your pdf, and the first
6 one is the administrative community-based organizations,
7 and there's one organization per region.

8 So, if I can kind of extrapolate and guess what
9 is happening here. There's one community organization
10 that's responsible for coordinating, what does it say, hard
11 to count populations in California's 10 regions, and then
12 they've already reached out to community-based
13 organizations that help -- those community-based
14 organizations, or whatever organizations they are, have
15 identified, and then those organizations reached out to
16 hard to find -- hard to count populations to get the census
17 working.

18 And, so, the vision would be that we can tap into
19 that same network that goes from a central sort of
20 organizing community out to the more grass roots folks and
21 then just use that same network to help us get the input
22 we're looking for.

23 MS. SINAY: This is Patricia. Can I respond?

24 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

25 MS. SINAY: Yes, it's kind of to start -- to

1 start the work. So, what happened was there was millions
2 -- and I should have looked at that -- but there was
3 millions of dollars that the state of California had for
4 the census, and then that was broken down by region, and
5 you have the administrative which is kind of the state
6 employee, and then every region also has a community
7 partner.

8 So I know, for instance, in San Diego, our
9 friend, the work is being done out of the United Way. The
10 United Way then made a lot of small grants to -- smaller
11 grants to different organizations, be it working with
12 Latinos or working with Asians, working with the LGBT
13 community, out in the rural, health clinics.

14 So, they got to know the local community well,
15 the whole county, and especially the hard to count county,
16 and gave grants. Those groups have been meeting, all those
17 different nonprofits who have been doing the outreach
18 nonprofits and state-based organizations and others, have
19 been meeting over the past year, and right now they're
20 running around because they only have -- today is the last
21 day for the census count. But they've been talking, and
22 they've been building relationships and building trust,
23 and, so, a lot of those groups are going to shift from the
24 census.

25 Now they're saying, okay, what do we do now that

1 the census is done. We have these relationships. And, so,
2 some of them are going to slowly shift over to do the
3 election, and after the election the hope by some of the
4 community groups, the regional groups, is that this network
5 will also stay -- will stay together to do redistricting
6 work.

7 And, so, the sooner that we can kind of, you know
8 what, this is us, this is the 2020 Citizen Redistricting
9 Commission, and we would like to work with you to help us
10 be able to hear from communities of interest and others to
11 help us draw the lines, that will keep those groups
12 together. And we can build on that already existing
13 infrastructure.

14 I think what I was hearing, I agree, these maps
15 are not how I would draw it. Like I -- these regions
16 aren't the way I would draw them. For instance, Orange
17 County by itself, I would probably lump it in with San
18 Diego, not L.A., don't worry. But it's kind of sometimes
19 we need to be careful not to make the -- what is it,
20 perfect the enemy of good. It's just a way for us to begin
21 to start doing some of this work and digging deeper.

22 And if we do want a split, I think that that top
23 region is number either one or two -- I'm sorry, I don't
24 have the map with me -- we can split that since it is a
25 large area, but then that would mean four different --

1 yeah, that would mean different people would be still going
2 to the same lead agency and, you know, there might be some
3 overlap on where the work starts, but it wouldn't overlap
4 where we end.

5 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you,
6 Commissioner Sinay. Okay, I see Commissioner Le Mons and
7 then Commissioner Toledo.

8 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner
9 Sinay and Commissioner Vasquez for the work that you did on
10 this.

11 I like the idea of building upon the
12 infrastructure that's already there. I think the
13 explanation, these groups already be at tables around a
14 particular issue, that is very similar in many ways to the
15 work that we are looking to do and would want to talk to
16 some of those very same people.

17 I think an easy solve for this to Commissioner
18 Kennedy's point, is just to carve out Sacramento as an
19 additional region and make it number 11, or whatever number
20 we're at, or whichever other counties or two that would go
21 into that particular region so that Sacramento is sort of
22 isolated much like Orange County is or L.A., and then we
23 can focus on those groups that are working on that northern
24 area outside of being tied to Sacramento specifically and,
25 hopefully, not have some of the northern counties get lost

1 in Sacramento because it's the bigger player in that
2 particular Region 1.

3 So, overall, I think it's great. I think it's a
4 great way to utilize what's already there. With the
5 timing, I think that all makes sense, too, in terms of
6 shifting focus and it gives us an opportunity to leverage a
7 network that's already been established.

8 And I think there's a nice tie, particularly
9 we're talking about beginning with a road show that's more
10 about who we are, what we're up to, why this makes sense.
11 It makes sense to tie it to the census because we're tied
12 to the census.

13 And if the focus is on elections through
14 November, and we have to come in right after that, I think
15 the timing on that would be good as well.

16 So, again, thank you.

17 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Toledo and
18 then Commissioner Yee.

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: This is a question for the
20 subcommittee. In terms of a -- so, there was significant
21 investment that the state of California made in terms of
22 building up the census infrastructure, and in addition to
23 the foundation funding.

24 The folks who may not receive funding will want
25 to or be able to participate in outreach efforts for the

1 redistricting process. What are your thoughts on that?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So, that's a piece of the
3 conversation when we do the visioning exercise for the
4 outreach. So, we're kind of building the small pieces.

5 And the question, it's a great question, and as
6 we heard from the community from Amy that, you know, the
7 policy California or California policy, or Philanthropy
8 California, that's it, Philanthropy California is going to
9 be looking at probably the larger regional groups because
10 they don't have as much funding this time around for the
11 local groups.

12 So, you know, staff is still looking into what
13 type of funding mechanism we can set up to support the
14 local groups to help us with that outreach.

15 And, so, this would be a way to start building
16 those relationships and building that trust locally. And
17 we can't answer all those questions until we have a lot of
18 what we're hoping to do with the vision exercise in two
19 weeks -- in two meetings from this think through some of
20 these big pieces so that staff can help us get the right
21 answers so that we can start making decisions.

22 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Yee.

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: I think I'd like to argue
24 against carving out Sacramento. I think if we're going to
25 go with the census regions, because the infrastructure is

1 there and that's the way data is presented and so forth, we
2 should be all in, you know, and make the fullest use of
3 that, fully acknowledging the issues about, you know, North
4 Mountain and Central not liking being lumped in. You know,
5 boundaries are fighting words, right, and so, you know,
6 whoever has that region goes in knowing it, you know, and
7 making a good and full effort to acknowledge that, you
8 know, particular fact and having a good strategy to address
9 it.

10 But, you know, once you carve out Sacramento,
11 then you've got to put it with someone else which will
12 raise other issues, and, you know, so, if we're going to go
13 with census regions I say go all in and just acknowledge
14 the problematics that are in the package and work with
15 them.

16 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I see Katy.

17 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN: You do have
18 someone in the queue.

19 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. All right. Can we
20 do this? Let's continue our discussion for 10 more
21 minutes, and for the person who is in queue, if you could
22 just hold off until 4:00 o'clock, and then we'll take a
23 pause there for public comment at 4:00 o'clock. Okay.
24 Thank you.

25 Commissioner Andersen. Commissioner Le Mons is

1 after that.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I do see the value of,
3 you know, this information has been gathered for us, but
4 that does not mean this is how we want to propose to do
5 these regions.

6 As I see this, this is a way to collect
7 information, and then how we want to move forward using
8 these partners we'll sort of go, great, and can we move you
9 guys, can we all talk together.

10 So, with that in mind I'm kind of thinking that,
11 you know, all the boundary of these regions basically, not
12 -- particularly I'm looking at the Sacramento area.
13 Whoever is in, you know, kind of or wants to do Region 1
14 and Region 4 and Region 3, someone in those groups should
15 basically be essentially the third partner in the others
16 because that way when you actually go to pull out -- that
17 way you'll actually get because people in, you know,
18 Calaveras might say, look, I don't want anything to do with
19 Madera, but we're all Sacramento based. And including,
20 like, Merced might say, hey, that's nice, but I have
21 nothing to do with Mono

22 And, so, I think we should kind of realize and
23 actually put together like don't put -- you're in this
24 zone, period. Let's kind of do an overlap as we, you know,
25 essentially like the third person.

1 So we have the multi-faces, and where I'm really
2 seeing that issue, of course, is in the -- where most of
3 the people live, you know, like the Bay area, all down, you
4 know, L.A., Orange, San Diego, those, the Riverside ones,
5 those I think we'll need multiple people as opposed to two,
6 and I think that will help when we sort of start -- when we
7 actually say I know this is with the census data, but when
8 we're actually going to start drawing, the way we're going
9 to actually look at our regions is like this.

10 So, I don't see using this map as a problem right
11 now. It's just to collect information. And that's how I
12 interpreted this. If the subcommittee wants to agree with
13 that or say no, no, no, please speak up.

14 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So, I have
15 Commissioner Le Mons, Commissioner Fernandez and
16 Commissioner Vasquez.

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I guess I have a
18 clarifying question for the subcommittee as well. I don't
19 think we're attempting -- and this might be why
20 Commissioner Sinay had been pretty intentional about not
21 referring to it as a map, because it's not about us trying
22 to draw a regional map; it's about looking at an
23 infrastructure and network that exists of potential
24 partners. This is at least my understanding, so please
25 clarify for me.

1 Looking at an infrastructure that's been built
2 that happened to be built around this particular issue and
3 in this particular way and illustrate it as it is here in
4 this regional representation. Those people are already at
5 tables and meetings. And, so, the beauty of it for us is
6 by going in with the way it's structured we're able to
7 access these tables that have already been built.

8 And if I understand correctly, what we're trying
9 to do is source where are partnerships. Some of them may
10 say, you know, we're closing shop. This table is coming
11 down next week, or they may say with additional resources
12 we could do X, Y and Z.

13 So, I think this is just going to tables that are
14 already set, presenting who we are and what our outreach
15 plans are, and how we can forge partnerships, and doing
16 some factfinding and seeing the lay of the land.

17 So, I think before our intents get closed up and
18 shut down and we're then starting from scratch in January
19 trying to bring people to the table, we're saying let's
20 show up at some tables that already exist.

21 Is this what's happening Commissioner Vasquez and
22 Sinay, or is it something else?

23 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Chair, if I could respond?

24 Yes, that is exactly it, Commissioner Le Mons.
25 This is a jumping off point, and I imagine, again, as we

1 get more really into the weeds of actual map drawing that
2 these lines that you're seeing here will become irrelevant
3 because this is a jumping off point. This is a way for all
4 of us quickly to engage with the varied communities from
5 each of these very large regions.

6 So, to keep using the north as an example, there
7 is -- you know, there is a regional lead for Sacramento and
8 the northern counties, and when, you know, the
9 Commissioners, the two Commissioners, go to that lead
10 organization in some ways we're sort of at an advantage
11 because we already know that there's a divide -- maybe not
12 a divide, but there is a distinction, an important
13 distinction between Sacramento and the Sacramento
14 metropolitan area and the northern counties.

15 And, so, in engaging this regional census lead,
16 interpreting the information that they give with that, to
17 say, oh, all they did was talk about how well they could
18 connect us to folks in the Sacramento area, we're going to
19 need to do our own additional legwork to make sure that we
20 do some factfinding in the northern counties. Or, as I
21 anticipated, again, because this is the census and the goal
22 for all of these communities was to make sure that the hard
23 to count region, such as folks who are living in rural or
24 dispersed communities up in the north were also counted.
25 And, so that regional lead theoretically should be able to

1 say, you know, we don't really work with them but they came
2 to our table. They know that area. You should talk to
3 these folks.

4 So, again, it's this subcommittee that tends to
5 give the Commission, you know, all the tools, a tool from
6 which to start this work in earnest rather than sort of
7 creating the ultimate choice to be that we could, you know,
8 either create our own map or, you know, use the previous
9 Commission's regional map in which case there's a much
10 messier -- potentially messier and stickier way of trying
11 to engage. So, yes, I'll leave it there.

12 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Commissioner
13 Fernandez.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, in terms of
15 calling it a regional map, or whatever, I guess I just look
16 at it as more of an assignment, so I don't like to refer to
17 it as a map.

18 And, you know, it is a little overwhelming for me
19 that Region 1, which was my county, now I've got 17
20 counties to deal with. And that's kind of how I see it is
21 by county per se. So, I guess I look at them as individual
22 instead of a regional map, and there's a line drawing.

23 I just feel that we go out, we get the
24 information, bring it back, because I'd probably still be
25 involved in the one for Sacramento because I'm right next

1 to it.

2 So, I don't see a reason to divide it out at this
3 point because I'm probably going to look at them
4 individually in terms of counties and areas in terms of my
5 approach to this.

6 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Chair?

7 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes. So, Commissioner
8 Vasquez, if you would respond and then Commissioner Le
9 Mons.

10 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: So, again, I think as we
11 get more into the weeds we are all going to have to become
12 intimately familiar with whatever region we are sort of
13 focusing on in actually drawing district boundaries.

14 But, again, in zooming out, to Commissioner's
15 Sinay's point, eating of the elephant, the bite here first
16 is just to do initial factfinding and reporting back.
17 Really, a divide and conquer of the work, we have a huge
18 task ahead of us so we could all, you know, be intimately
19 involved in the factfinding of each county. But it could
20 take us a year to do that, especially with all of our
21 schedules and reporting out in public meetings.

22 So, again, the idea here is to, yes, potentially
23 ask people to make some tradeoffs of, you know, I really
24 want like these three regions because I have ties and
25 connections, et cetera, and all of those, to move us toward

1 a goal of the collective brain, the collective body having
2 access to the information that individual teams are
3 bringing back.

4 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Le Mons.

5 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I feel like we should keep
6 this really, really high level. That's the way I'm hearing
7 it. It isn't about the weeds at this point at all. It's
8 -- so, I would look at it this way. If we use the 2010
9 map, that map is a decade old, period. So, why bother?

10 This map is right now what's happening, and what
11 it means is simply there are already troops that have gone
12 in based on their agenda and what they're up to, and
13 they've divided the state up this way. But they
14 established a network, and that's what I'm really zeroing
15 in on.

16 Unless we as individuals feel like we have a
17 superior network already built, so let's say I'm saying,
18 oh, it was great that the census grouped Fresno, and Kings,
19 and Tulare, and Kern, and Inyo together. But I already
20 have a network down there that's rich, and it's really
21 Alpine, Mono, and Inyo, and San Bernardino. I have an
22 infrastructure.

23 I don't know if any of us are really saying that,
24 and I think with the fact that the current contemporary
25 activity on the ground has been organized in this

1 particular way, we're trying to just get access to what's
2 already happening to determine where our gaps are. Can we
3 leverage any of this that's there? We may determine that
4 we can't and none of its useful. I doubt that's the case,
5 but, more importantly, we're going to figure out what's
6 useful because conversations are already being had. People
7 are already being brought to tables. And then we get to
8 say this is where we -- this is what we can leverage from
9 here, and then this is what we need to add.

10 And I think the only reason where the lines have
11 anything to do with anything is that there's been some
12 leadership assigned to each of these regions, if I'm
13 understanding Commissioner Vasquez and Sinay correct, so
14 they are gathering information in a certain way. They're
15 communicating with a group of people in a certain way, so
16 we're going to go to those individuals, hey, what have you
17 learned? What's the lay of the land? This is what we're
18 up to. And then we walk out of those conversations, I'll
19 say plural because it may take more than one or two, to
20 determine, okay gang, this is what we were able to find out
21 when we went and surveyed the folks that are already on the
22 ground making stuff happen.

23 We could use -- as another contrast we could
24 identify a whole other system that's very similar like a
25 network. And I would say that unless a fellow Commissioner

1 is offering up an alternative network that is statewide
2 that we would use to do the exact same task, why not just
3 go with this one. I mean, it's a factfinding mission.

4 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I'd like to make a
5 comment. I think what I'm hearing is in some ways for me
6 the analogy would be not too unlike the subcommittees that
7 we formed where we're just splitting up the work and just
8 asking people to do some of the initial work and then
9 bringing it back to the Commission.

10 While I hear, you know, some counties should be
11 along with other counties, I think that at least with an
12 existing map that let's just say is public and is already
13 available, whether people agree or disagree, like them or
14 not like them, it already groups, people together, and it
15 ensures that we don't inadvertently leave somebody out.

16 And then I think -- I agree with what
17 Commissioner Le Mons was just saying. It does allow us to
18 just go in, do some initial factfinding, bring it back, and
19 then what we're going to end up doing, because I think this
20 is what Commissioner Vasquez also said, too, is that we're
21 all part of this, too, because we all want to be engaged in
22 a deeper level in all of these regions. But it's just not
23 going to be possible for all 14 of us to go through all of
24 these regions trying to do factfinding, and it just makes
25 it a little bit easier where we have our kind of advanced

1 team go out and find out the information, bring it back and
2 then we know how we want to then go in on the -- whether
3 it's the second or third round, but at least from an
4 efficiency point of view I just see that at least we're
5 tapping into it.

6 I like what Commissioner Le Mons said that
7 showing up at some of the tables that already exist and
8 then from there building out, you know, other tables where
9 we could join as a result of that connectiveness.

10 So, I would agree with also what Commissioner Yee
11 also said about not breaking up what is already in
12 existence. I think it's just trying to use what we have
13 and just try to move deeper from there. It may make things
14 a little bit faster and easier, because like it said, it is
15 already published.

16 Any other comments because I also want to keep in
17 mind that we do have the person waiting to make a comment?

18 And my other question is, and this is for
19 Commissioner Sinay or Commissioner Vasquez, what do you
20 believe we need to do in terms of next steps? I know that
21 two meetings from now we do have planned a visioning
22 exercise. We also have planned conversations or panel
23 presentations from some of the local groups on the ground
24 in some of these regions. And, so, I know that other than
25 perhaps agreeing to use the census map, I think the next

1 step is that you wanted us to break up into teams, if I
2 understand your memo correctly and the materials correctly.
3 Commissioner Sinay or Commissioner Vasquez?

4 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: I was waiting for
5 Commissioner Sinay, but, yes, that's the hope for next
6 step, to approve this map and to hopefully break up into
7 teams of two, much like you were saying really
8 subcommittees, and these folks are not making decisions but
9 that they're the advanced team, their factfinding. And
10 that work hopefully can begin sooner rather than later,
11 because that's the work we're all eager to do.

12 MS. JOHNSTON: Madam Chair, we've gotten a
13 question from the public that the maps are not available.
14 Is it possible to use the screen share to post them so they
15 know what we're talking about?

16 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Sure.

17 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: And apologies to the
18 public. We had sent those to staff, but I'm not sure they
19 have yet made it to the website, so thank you for
20 requesting to see them because I had assumed they were
21 online.

22 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Let me see if I can
23 make this a little bit larger. You could see most of it.
24 The bottom part is San Diego and Imperial County.

25 MR. YEE: Maybe zoom out a bit on the minus sign

1 there.

2 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thanks. Let's see. Is
3 that working?

4 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes.

5 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So, Commissioner Le
6 Mons?

7 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'd like to make a motion
8 that we adopt this layout as a way to begin the factfinding
9 with the subcommittees broken up into 10 regions as
10 proposed by the subcommittee.

11 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Is there a second?

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Second.

13 MS. JOHNSTON: Who seconded it, please?

14 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Yee. Any
15 comments? Any discussion?

16 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: We need to get public
17 comment on this, so this will be a good time.

18 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Let's go to public
19 comment on this region, census region.

20 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN: Chair, would
21 you like me to read the instructions again, or how does
22 that work?

23 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Let's go ahead and read
24 the instructions. Do you still have the person in queue
25 who wanted to make the comment?

1 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN: Yeah, there are
2 actually two people in queue at this point.

3 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, even better. If you
4 could read the instructions, and then that way, once you
5 read it, then we'll go to the first comment, and then --

6 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN: There are
7 actually three now.

8 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, even better.

9 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN: So, I'll go
10 ahead, read the instructions and then just go ahead and
11 jump into who's in the queue.

12 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes, and that will give
13 time for others to catch up, once they hear the livestream.

14 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN: Okay. Hold on
15 one second. I have to find my instructions again. One
16 moment. Okay.

17 In order to maximize transparency and public
18 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
19 taking public comment during their meeting by phone.

20 There will be opportunities to address the
21 Commissioners regarding the items on the agenda. There
22 will also be opportunities for the public to submit general
23 comments about items not on the agenda.

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7 feed using your dial pad. When prompted to enter the
8 participant I.D., simply press the pound key.

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10 queue from which a moderator will begin unmuting callers to
11 submit their comment. You will also hear an automatic
12 message to press star nine to raise your hand indicating
13 you wish to comment. When it is your turn to speak, the
14 moderator will unmute you and you will hear an automatic
15 message, "The host would like you to talk," and press star
16 six to speak. You will have three minutes to provide your
17 comments.

18 Please make sure to mute your computer or
19 livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion
20 during the call.

21 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
22 when it is your turn to speak and please turn down the
23 livestream volume. The Commissioners will take comments
24 for every action item on the agenda. As you listen to the
25 online video stream, the Chair will call for public

1 comments. That is the time to call in.

2 The process for making a comment will be the same
3 each time, beginning by the telephone number provided on
4 the livestream feed and following steps stated above.

5 Okay. Oh, well, now we are down to one caller,
6 so --

7 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Well, let's take
8 our first caller and, hopefully, the other two will be able
9 to call back in.

10 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN: Okay. And,
11 caller, if you could please state and spell your name for
12 the court reporter that would be great.

13 MS. LEVINE: Debra, D-E-B-R-A, Levine, L-E-V-I-N-
14 E.

15 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN: And please
16 state your comment.

17 MS. LEVINE: I'd urge the Commission not to take
18 a final action to adopt a regional outreach map today. The
19 handouts with the potential regions were not posted in
20 advance of today's meeting.

21 This is not supportive of meaningful public
22 feedback since the points of these regions is to facilitate
23 meaningful public feedback through the rest of your
24 process.

25 Also, due to the Court's ruling, today is the

1 last day for the census. Many of those who might normally
2 provide feedback are likely out in the field pushing for
3 those final responses you have identified as critical to
4 your work.

5 Please debate, post a draft but wait to adopt a
6 regional map for outreach, please. Though not required,
7 hold yourselves at least to the standard required for
8 adopting your final maps, which is to publish at least
9 three days before taking a final vote.

10 And I want to thank you for taking my comments
11 and for your time and attention. And I did not mind
12 waiting at all, and I actually enjoyed listening to the
13 dialog. Thank you.

14 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Katy, were we
15 able to get our other two public comments back?

16 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN: That was the
17 only person in the queue. The other two had hung up while
18 I was reading the instructions. So, for right now there is
19 no one else in the queue.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was one of them, Patricia.
21 I couldn't get back. It's been a nightmare. I'm so sorry.
22 But the fire department just left so I can --

23 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: It's nice to see you back
24 home again.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If I can answer, I would

1 like to apologize to the public, because this was sent on
2 Friday to be posted, so all of this should have been up on
3 Friday with my typo, and then today we just took it -- we
4 were supposed to have swapped them out. So, we were trying
5 to be very transparent.

6 And in regard to the input that I've gotten, you
7 know, from some of the groups has been that this is the
8 best way to start. Again, these are regions. I also don't
9 like to call it a map because it does bring up all the red
10 flags that maps bring for redistricting.

11 And I'd like to thank Commissioner Vasquez for
12 doing an awesome job and apologize to all of you.

13 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Chair?

14 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Vasquez.

15 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: I just also wanted to
16 direct the public, again, profuse apologies for not having
17 this posted. The map has been public on the California
18 census website, California Census 2020. So, you know,
19 again, it absolutely should have been on our website, but
20 if folks are still trying to search for it, it is on -- it
21 has been and is on, and the motion on the floor is to
22 approve the California census region. And those are posted
23 on the California census website.

24 So, again, apologies and, hopefully, folks are
25 able to see either via screenshare or via web browser.

1 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Le Mons.

2 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I just wanted to
3 have the subcommittee members back me up on this in terms
4 of clarifying.

5 We're not proposing to adopt this as a regional
6 map. This is the way the state is organized for the
7 census. We see it as a wonderful first outreach
8 opportunity in terms of partnership building, and that's
9 it.

10 It's not reflective of our regional outreach map.
11 We still have to sit down and put our outreach strategy
12 together with our communications director and our outreach
13 team, and we would be putting forward to the public our
14 official outreach map. That is not what this is at all.
15 It's just an opportunity for Commissioners to get ahead of
16 the game and try to take advantage of some of the early
17 time that we have been afforded to build some
18 relationships, if I understand that correctly.

19 So, I turn to my Commissioners on the
20 subcommittee to clarify that, please.

21 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Sinay.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: To be absolutely honest,
23 yes, it's our way of delegating the work that we can be all
24 doing right now, and also sharing the work because this is
25 the fun part, is just kind of starting to think through

1 what it might look like, and allow us to have -- all of us
2 to have a little bit more information as we're thinking
3 through what is our outreach going to look like. What is,
4 you know, all those things.

5 So, really it's just a starting point to help us
6 organize so that we can move forward just as he said. But
7 it's nothing that -- it's not how we're going to organize
8 all of our work. It's just a starting point.

9 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Any other comments from
10 Commissioners, and, Katy, have we received any other public
11 comments on this map or on this census region I should say?
12 Let me be clear about that.

13 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN. Yes, clarity is
14 key. We do not have any other callers in the queue.

15 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Commissioner
16 Andersen.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So I have the -- if I
18 might even ask, I think it was Commissioner Le Mons who made
19 the proposal, or whoever made the proposal, if we might
20 actually withdraw that proposal and actually put forward
21 the idea is I propose that we accept the Committee's vision
22 of tasks as presented, the method of dividing outreach
23 census information tasks.

24 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Commissioner Le
25 Mons.

1 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Commissioner Toledo was
2 before me and then I'll make my comment, if I can.

3 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I'm sorry. I'm
4 like compressed now so I'm having to scroll through
5 screens, so thank you for that. Commissioner Toledo and
6 then Commissioner Le Mons.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Just one thing.
8 Potentially if we consider these subcommittees and we, you
9 know, I think it's 10 subcommittees for the different
10 areas, and at that point if it's a subcommittee that's the
11 discretion of the Chair and we actually don't need a
12 motion, right, is my understanding, and so that's what I
13 was moving in the direction of doing, subcommittees for
14 different areas to handle the communication tasks
15 associated with forming relationships. But that's just a
16 suggestion for the Chair and Commission.

17 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Le Mons,
18 since you also did the initial or the initial --

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I was going to say that I
20 did not want to revise it. I didn't use the word "map" in
21 my motion at all. But I will defer to the Chair if the
22 Chair would like to take a different procedure by assigning
23 subcommittees, I totally support that.

24 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I'd like to ask the
25 subcommittee leads, Commissioner Sinay or Commissioner

1 Vasquez, your thoughts on this.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The last Commission took
3 this step and I thought it was -- yeah, when we were
4 reading it, it made sense to have a lead, you know two
5 leads, lead one and lead two. One person being someone who
6 does live in that region or knows that region well.

7 And I purposely when I met with the communities
8 of interest tool folks we talked about instead of calling
9 residents or citizens just say, you know, work, learn, play
10 and live. So, people who work, learn, live and play in
11 certain regions. So, lead one would know, well, lead two
12 won't know the region as well allowing to be a second set
13 of eyes and ask questions that a new person might ask so we
14 don't take things for granted just because we're from
15 there.

16 The thought was as we create the subcommittees or
17 the leads, whatever, we would mix up the political groups
18 since that's always important, as well as racial ethics and
19 professional because some of us feel more comfortable with
20 a line drawing; others feel more comfortable at the
21 outreach, so, kind of mix that up as well.

22 Also, that you're not on any subcommittee already
23 with one of the other people, because I think these are
24 great opportunities. These are team building exercises,
25 and since we don't get to go out to dinner together.

1 And anyone who wants to take San Diego, I'm going
2 to choose last, so you can go ahead and choose San Diego
3 and Imperial County if that's where you feel the need.

4 I've lived, worked and played in all of Southern
5 California, and San Francisco, and L.A., so, I'm feeling
6 okay.

7 So, that was kind of the idea. I didn't want to
8 assign anybody to anything, but allow people to kind of
9 say, okay, with 10 regions who are 10 leads and who are the
10 second, and keeping it at two we stick to the Bagley-Keene.

11 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner
12 Sinay. I just wanted to make sure that there wasn't
13 anything else that you had intended around these regions.

14 I think we can, using the suggestion that
15 Commissioner Toledo has given us, I think we can still
16 align with what you want without having to take a formal
17 vote.

18 So, I just want to check. Do we withdraw the
19 motion? That's question number one.

20 Question number two, and perhaps before we do
21 that, we have 10 regions, we have 14 Commissioners. That
22 means four will be lead number two, but then there will be
23 six more without either lead number two or someone will be
24 -- six people will be doubling up on their participation.
25 So that -- okay. I just want to make sure that we're clear

1 on this.

2 Okay. So, first off, I think, Commissioner Le
3 Mons, I think the question is for you, do you want to
4 withdraw your motion, because we do have a motion on the
5 floor?

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Again, if that's your
7 request, Chair, I will. It's just not my desire, but if
8 that's your request, I will.

9 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I think it would -- I
10 think given the -- both the public comment and the fact
11 that the maps were not put up, and I think we can still
12 achieve the same goal without formally saying we are going
13 to utilize the census 2020 regions.

14 I would like to just then assign or request that
15 we assign or create subcommittees based on these 10 regions
16 and ask for volunteers to be leads, lead one, lead two,
17 based on Commissioner Sinay's recommendation of somebody
18 who is from the area and then perhaps somebody who works,
19 learns, lives or plays from the area and then also taking
20 into account a mix of political affiliation as well as race
21 ethnicity and professional background.

22 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah.

23 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Go ahead.

24 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Actually, I'm more
25 uncomfortable with us looking at it like a work around,

1 quite frankly.

2 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I would much rather, if
4 the Commission doesn't want to do this, I would much rather
5 the Commission vote no. But I don't like the idea based on
6 the public comment and then trying to create a workaround
7 that does the very thing that my motion is proposing that
8 we do. So, I'm very big on standing behind what I stand
9 behind, and, so, only because of that reason, Chair, I
10 would say, no, I'm not interested in removing my motion.

11 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay, okay. No problem.
12 We do have a second on this. I just want to check. Is
13 there any additional comments on this, and then we'll go
14 ahead and go to our vote?

15 Okay, Commissioner Fernandez.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I agree with
17 Commissioner Le Mons. I think it needs to be formalized --

18 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- so that we have a
20 position in terms of why we're doing regions one, two,
21 three. I mean, because we're basically doing it without
22 doing it formally, and I do feel we should do it formally,
23 so, thank you.

24 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you for that.
25 Anyone else? Commissioner Ahmad.

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I'll just echo those
2 comments as well. I think it does make sense for us to
3 have something formalized so when I say I'm part of the
4 green region I know what that is, and everyone else knows
5 what that is.

6 And, again, I think this conversation really
7 helped solidify that this image is no way representation of
8 our future action. This is just a starting point to
9 identify groups or potential partners for our work moving
10 forward.

11 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I'm just going to
12 scroll through again to make sure I didn't miss anybody
13 else who wants to make a comment. Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If it's helpful, take that
15 double bar line and move it to the left and you'll have all
16 of us on one screen, and then have the shared screen as
17 well.

18 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I have done that.
19 Hopefully it's not covering up the map, but, yes, I have
20 just done that, so it makes it easier. I don't have to
21 keep scrolling through.

22 Okay. Absent any other additional comments,
23 Marian, I think we're ready to take a vote.

24 MS. JOHNSTON: Okay. And the motion is to adopt
25 the census 2020 regions for CRC's use in its initial

1 outreach effort.

2 Commissioner Ahmad.

3 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

4 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Akutagawa.

5 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

6 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Andersen.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

8 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fernandez.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

10 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fornaciari.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Kennedy.

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Present.

14 MS. JOHNSTON: Not voting yes?

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Present, yes.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Le Mons.

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sadhwani.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: (No audible answer)

20 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sinay.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Toledo.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Taylor.

25 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Vasquez.

2 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Yee.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSTON: The motion passes.

6 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, everyone. I
7 believe -- yes, Commissioner Andersen.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. What I
9 would like to say is, I think just for procedural, I did
10 like the way the subcommittee, particularly Commissioner
11 Sinay, said rather than do essentially lead one for all of
12 the different areas and then go back and do lead two. I
13 think that would make a lot of sense because that way you
14 know who the 10 already are and sort of going that way.

15 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Commissioner
16 Fornaciari.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Just a question.
18 Is this -- we're missing two people, so how do we propose
19 to manage that? Are they going to be vol and told, or --

20 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Sinay, do you
21 have a response for that?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: For Sara, she sent me a note
23 saying vol and tell me, so she already did, which is
24 helpful because she's in L.A. and there's four L.A. folks.

25 And I didn't get a read from Commissioner Turner.

1 What we could do is assign her and ask her later, yeah, and
2 see how she feels. But she liked the idea of working in
3 this way because we talked last week about civic design.

4 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Can I ask a question? In
5 terms of process is it possible that we identify, I guess
6 at least for the 12 that are here, or perhaps the 13 that
7 are here, the regions, the 10 regions that will be assigned
8 plus the additional three that will be lead number two, and
9 then perhaps leave one additional one open for Commissioner
10 Turner, or we just go ahead and assign her one and if she
11 wants a second one, then she -- we leave one open for her,
12 if she wants to be assigned a second region.

13 Okay. I apologize. I actually need to drop
14 because I need to conduct an interview, and, so, I'm going
15 to turn this over. Commissioner Vasquez, do you want to
16 take the chair ship back or do you want to have me turn it
17 over to Commissioner Fornaciari?

18 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: If Commissioner Fornaciari
19 is willing, I would love that. I am in my migraine cave in
20 my bedroom.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sure. Let me get a
22 fresh piece of paper. I'm ready to go.

23 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Awesome. Okay. I know
24 that --

25 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Thank you so much.

1 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. I see that
2 Commissioner Fernandez wants to say something. May I just
3 make request before I leave for the region?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

5 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I'm happy to take Orange
6 County, but I'm also happy to be lead two on something
7 else, too, but if someone else wants to have a lead two, I
8 will say that I have plenty of work to do, too, so I don't
9 need to be a lead two if somebody else wants it.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Linda, before -- I'm sorry,
11 Commissioner, can you undo your share screen so we can just
12 put this document up and work off of this document?

13 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Sounds great. I will do
14 that. Okay. And then you're going to do the share screen
15 of the documents. Okay. All right. Thank everyone.
16 Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari for taking over.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Take care. So,
18 Commissioner Sinay, did you have an approach in mind to
19 doing this, or do you want me to just ask for volunteers?

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry, I thought -- as soon
21 as I pressed share the whole thing went crazy. Can you
22 guys see my screen?

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think you're sharing
24 -- oh, yeah, you're sharing, okay. I have everybody in
25 front, so let me do something.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I see you guys now.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Should we just start in
3 order of region and lead one? Does that sound like a
4 reasonable approach? Commissioner Yee.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: I wonder if it would help to
6 just list out where each of us is from so we know, you
7 know, where the holes are and so on, and then we can go
8 from there.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Le Mons.

10 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I was going to say if some
11 of us know what areas we'd like, can we just -- I think it
12 would be a little faster than all of us going through and
13 saying where we are, just where do we want to be. Like,
14 for example, I'd be willing to be lead two on the far north
15 and lead two in L.A.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Taylor.

17 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I'm willing to be lead one
18 in Los Angeles and lead two in number two, so that's Del
19 Norte, Humboldt.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, if you could just
21 say the number, that would be easier. Oh, you're getting
22 it, okay. Who wants to go next? I saw Andersen, then
23 Toledo, then Ahmad.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'd be lead two in the
25 Region 3, and I could, again, be lead two, if needed, in

1 Region 4.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, let me ask
3 Commissioner Sinay a question. Did you want the person
4 more familiar with the area to be lead one?

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Exactly. So, the more
6 familiar person, if you live, work or play I would like you
7 to be in the one, and then the other one be in the backup,
8 just so we know the difference. Because if you live there
9 and you're going into two, then that's not helping us.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. The reason I did
11 that is because I know there are three in number three.
12 Three of us live there. So, I didn't want to take just
13 because I went first.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So, in those areas where
15 there are three, like L.A., I was going to bring this up,
16 Le Mons and Taylor can't both be in L.A. because they're
17 both from L.A. So, it is about partnering with one person
18 who is from that place and one person who's not from that
19 place, just for different eyes. L.A. is (indiscernible)
20 enough that maybe two that are from there, and same with
21 the Bay Area, but we can do it differently if you all want.
22 But ideally it's someone who knows the region well and
23 someone who doesn't.

24 MS. ANDERSEN: Okay. Well, then the three of us
25 are going to have to wrestle for first place on Alameda.

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, how about I go to
2 Commissioner Toledo now, and then you can think about if
3 you want to wrestle.

4 Hang on. Now I've got to keep notes here. Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I can be lead one on number
6 two because I live and I work in most of those places. And
7 then I can be two for either one or three because I'm
8 familiar with all of those as well, if I'm needed in those
9 areas.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So, what I have
11 for now in order is Ahmad, Yee, Fernandez and Kennedy and
12 then Sinay, or do you need to go now?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Toledo, you
14 don't have to know the place, and the ones that you
15 mentioned already had a second, so, is there another area
16 that you would like to get to know?

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you for that. So, it
18 doesn't -- if there's any open area I'm happy to be a two
19 in, so I'm not going to pick a specific area if I don't
20 need to.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right. I'll put you in
22 at the end.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. That would be
24 helpful.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Commissioner

1 Ahmad.

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I can be a lead one for
3 three. Someone will have to wrestle me for it. Lead two,
4 I am open and flexible where needed.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Thank you.
6 Commissioner Yee.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I would only be
8 qualified as lead one for three also, and two, yeah, any
9 region.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Kennedy.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Wait, let the wrestling
12 begin.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, we'll get that
14 going in a minute.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Kennedy.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. So, lead one on
18 Region 7, and then I'd be happy to do on either 10 or six,
19 preferably 10, but I'm okay with six.

20 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Chair?

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Sorry, who is
22 calling me?

23 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Sorry, I didn't realize
24 I've been on -- no, that's okay. I didn't realize I've
25 been on mute.

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Go ahead,
2 Commissioner Vasquez.

3 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: I just -- I wanted to get
4 in the queue. I've been listening but apparently have not
5 been a panelist. I haven't been able to get in the queue,
6 so I'll be inserted wherever it makes sense.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: You are in the queue.
8 You are in the lead of the queue.

9 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Oh, got it.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Angela, did you want
11 Imperial and San Diego is already taken, and I know that
12 you know Imperial and San Diego well?

13 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: I'd actually prefer,
14 what's that, Region 7, the San Bernardino, Riverside, but
15 if that's already taken, I'm happy to do San Diego.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You would be with
17 Commissioner Kennedy.

18 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: I would love to do that if
19 that's okay that we're both Democrats. I grew up in San
20 Bernardino, and that's where all my family is.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm okay with it.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Le Mons
23 and then Commissioner Ahmad, and then Commissioner
24 Fernandez.

25 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Actually, I was going to

1 ask to, based on the rules that were clarified which says
2 that I can't be two in L.A., which I -- you're right
3 because I read those rules and I didn't -- I messed up.
4 So, take me out of two, and I think that bumps Angela out
5 of seven in the two position for seven, and I'd love to
6 take Angela's spot in the two position on seven because
7 she's familiar with it and you're supposed to be unfamiliar
8 with it to be in position two, and then I get to work with
9 Commissioner Kennedy.

10 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: So, I'm fine with that. I
11 would say I'm going to be unfamiliar in pretty much every
12 other county. I sort of know San Diego, but I'm going to
13 be -- I'm going to be the lesser familiar of a lead one for
14 places other than Region 7 or Region 8, if anyone cares.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I put you as two for L.A. so
16 that you would be balancing Taylor, even though you're both
17 from L.A.

18 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No, you can't do that.
19 She's from L.A.

20 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: I'm from San Bernardino.

21 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Oh, okay.

22 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: The dino, the 909.

23 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Oh, okay. I get it.

24 Sorry.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, I have Ahmad,

1 Fernandez and Andersen.

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay, I think
3 under it says Taylor, but I think that was Commissioner
4 Kennedy who was speaking, right? For lead two, right, for
5 lead two it was Kennedy.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Not for number one.

7 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah. I saw him speaking
8 and then it typed out Taylor. I thought no.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Commissioner
10 Fernandez.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'll do Region 1, but
12 I'm just going to say out of the 17 counties I'm only
13 familiar with two, so -- but I will learn.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Andersen.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Just to clean this
16 up can we just go ahead and do lead one, then that way we
17 know what -- because it has to be a person who's from
18 there, and quick like, the three of us from number three in
19 there, and then we can kind of wrestle out, because then it
20 will all fit together. You know, we're kind of going like
21 we're signing up for other things but we're losing the
22 person. We need to have that lead one because then it
23 depends on party who can be lead two. So, we're kind of
24 getting a little the cart before the horse there.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, I'll go. I live in

1 Region, purple, 4, but I think Commissioner Turner would be
2 better than me as leading Region 4 because she's connected
3 there, a better connector than I am, for sure.

4 We don't have anyone that lives in Regions, what,
5 5 and 6; is that correct?

6 NOT IDENTIFIED: I'm comfortable with five.

7 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: I was going to say I'm not
8 sure if I landed on a lead, but I'm also -- I'd be willing
9 to lead Region 6.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

11 MS. JOHNSTON: And who is that?

12 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Angela Vasquez.

13 MS. JOHNSTON: I thought she was on 10.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I mean, I think
15 the person who's most familiar with 10 is Commissioner
16 Sinay.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I am.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, my wife is from
19 Santa Cruz County, and I've spent a lot of time in
20 Monterey, so, you know, I've been down there, at least, so
21 I could take the lead on that area, and they grow and make
22 wine down there so I'd be happy to check it out

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was going to volunteer to
24 be second there, and then we could meet in Buellton. Okay.

25 So, it looks like we need a second on six, eight

1 and nine, and we need to duke it out on the lead of number
2 three.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'll give up lead on
4 three.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: What's that?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I will give up -- it's
7 Andersen here -- I will give up lead on three.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. How about
9 Russell -- I'm sorry, Commissioner Yee and Commissioner
10 Ahmad? Commissioner Ahmad.

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I am open to giving up lead
12 on three. You can put me down for two number twos, if
13 needed. Just put me anywhere. I want to learn all of
14 California.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Is L.A. too much of a
16 challenge, or would you like to be --

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Bring it. Bring it. I'm
18 from the NoCal. Bring it.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: It's on. So --

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I put Sadhwani on Orange
21 County, but does anyone think it's better to put her there
22 or on three or six?

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think -- I vote for
24 three.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Go ahead, Commissioner
2 Yee and then Fernandez.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: If I end up as lead on one,
4 I'm already working with Sara on the VRA Committee.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh, okay.

6 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: I would like support in
7 wherever, six, and I'd like -- well, I guess the party
8 thing doesn't work.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right. Well, Sadhwani
10 could go in five.

11 NOT IDENTIFIED: You can switch with me because
12 --

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I took myself out of five
14 just because I promised I was going to be last.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, what do we have
16 left?

17 MS. JOHNSTON: Could you read what you have so we
18 can be clear on what we have so far?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sure. Do you want me to do
20 it? Chair, do you want me to do it? Neal, would you like
21 me to do it?

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm sorry, yes, please.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Region 1, Fernandez and Le
24 Mons. Region 2, Toledo and Taylor. Region 3, Yee and he
25 needs a partner. Region 4, Turner and Andersen. Region 5,

1 Fornaciari and Sadhwani. Region 6, Vasquez. Region 7,
2 Kennedy, Le Mons. Region 8, Taylor, Ahmad -- Ahmed --
3 Ahmad. Sorry. Some day I'll get it. Region 9, Akutagawa.
4 Region 10, Sinay, Kennedy.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, we need a --

6 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: I thought we were not -- I
7 thought we were not allowing -- sorry, Chair.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Go ahead.

9 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: So, that's how I got
10 bumped from --

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So, who --

12 MS. JOHNSTON: Chair, we do need to take a break
13 in 10 minutes.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Kennedy, are you okay if --

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Fernandez,
16 then Commissioner Kennedy, then Commissioner Le Mons.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I thought I had
18 Commissioner Kennedy as the second lead for number six, and
19 then I thought for number three, lead two was Toledo or
20 Andersen, but I guess it couldn't be Andersen. Maybe I'm
21 wrong on that.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Why don't I just do that,
23 okay. We're already in some trouble here.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Andersen,
25 you're not on mute.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, sorry, sorry. I
2 thought it was on mute.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Commissioner
4 Kennedy.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Oh, I was just trying to
6 hear Commissioner Sinay because she was still talking but
7 she was on mute.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was. I wish my whole life
9 I could -- my husband wishes he could hit a mute button.

10 No, I didn't -- I'm okay not being the lead in
11 San Diego because I can support San Diego in any -- you
12 know, in any way. So, if someone feels like they know San
13 Diego and they want to take a lead there, that's fine.
14 Kennedy, if you want to take the lead.

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No, I had said I would
16 second in 10 or six, but I could also expand that to five,
17 so then I disappear from 10 and go to the number two slot
18 on Region 5.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. You guys are going
20 for wine together.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, I might be farther
22 down in the Ventura SLO area and leave to Commissioner
23 Fornaciari the northern part. It's a long -- it's a long
24 piece of land.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Commissioner Le

1 Mons.

2 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'm good. I was just
3 going to encourage -- I was going to ask Sinay why she
4 keeps taking a name out of the lead spot in San Diego.
5 Please leave --

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Toledo.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm happy to do either
8 three, or six, or the last one, so any of them in second.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, then, where we're
10 at right now is we need a no party, none of the above, I
11 guess, or Republican for six and the same for 10; is that
12 correct?

13 Commissioner Ahmad.

14 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I can volunteer for either
15 six or 10, and I'm only there on the list once so far, so
16 --

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. I could
18 volunteer for six.

19 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yay. Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So, then, you'll
21 be 10, Commissioner Ahmad.

22 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I want to come to San
24 Jose and have coffee with you and learn to say your name,
25 so maybe we can do that.

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Our shelter-in-place orders
2 just opened up to allow partial indoor dining, so it would
3 have to be outdoor coffee, socially distanced at a park.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So, it looks
5 like we're good. Any major objections, or can I get a help
6 or a check? Everybody comfortable with what we have here?
7 Anybody uncomfortable?

8 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Chair?

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: I just wanted to confirm
11 that I heard right because I'm just on the phone. So, it's
12 you and I for Region 6, correct?

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Correct.

14 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Great. So, we'll both be
15 learning that region together.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sounds like fun.

17 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sinay, could you send
18 it to everyone and also a copy to me, and we'll make sure
19 we're all on the same page and get it posted?

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Will do.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could you just read it
23 for everybody just to verify, please.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Sinay,
25 would you do that because I can't see the whole thing.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. Region 1, Fernandez,
2 Le Mons, Region 2, Toledo, Taylor, Region 3, Yee, Toledo,
3 Region 4, Turner, Andersen, Region 5, Fornaciari, Kennedy,
4 Region 6, Vasquez, Fornaciari, Region 7, Kennedy, Le Mons,
5 Region 8, Taylor, Ahmad, Region 9, Akutagawa and Sadhwani,
6 Region 10, Sinay, Ahmad.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. We're good to
8 go. Okay.

9 Now, I have to find -- sorry, it wasn't quite
10 clear to do this. So, we need to take a break then at this
11 point?

12 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes, sign language interpreter.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Because we have
14 two more agenda items that we need to get to, so we'll take
15 a break until 5:10. Okay.

16 MR. MANOFF: Thank you, Chair.

17 (Off the record at 4:56 p.m.)

18 (On the record at 5:10 p.m.)

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, thank you and
20 welcome back. Just heads up for everyone, and thank you to
21 Carey, our ASL interpreter, for stepping in at the last
22 minute. The other interpreters were only scheduled until
23 five, so I want to acknowledge and thank her for stepping
24 in at the last minute to support us.

25 So, we have two agenda items left. Agenda item

1 13 is discussion of meeting dates and future agenda items.
2 I think as far as dates go, we are scheduled out through
3 December at this point, so at this point I'll open it up
4 for input for future agenda items. We had talked about
5 having agenda items -- ideas for agenda items sent to the
6 Chair for the meeting we're going to be next agendizing,
7 and that would be me and Director Claypool.

8 But if anyone has an agenda item that they want
9 to bring up and bring forward at this point, this will be
10 the time to do it. Commissioner Sinay.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I heard Mr. Claypool say
12 that we need to start looking at policies.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So, I'm guessing that you're
15 all working with that.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I have that on my
17 list of potential agenda items. There are a few policies
18 that we talked -- that we had talked about, and a few other
19 policies that we had talked about previously. So, we'll
20 definitely have that as a discussion.

21 We're going to -- just to let you all know, we'll
22 schedule a meeting in the next couple of days with
23 Commissioner Claypool, Commissioner Kennedy and myself to
24 work through the agenda, but we've got that one on the
25 list.

1 Anyone else have any agenda items that they --
2 Commissioner Kennedy.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. It
4 seems to me that we need to return to the discussion of the
5 contract for line drawing, and the other issue is certainly
6 based on the inputs that we received from the 2010
7 Commission. We want to get an early start on understanding
8 racially polarized voting and the DRA requirements. So, we
9 need to start looking at our potential contracts in those
10 areas.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So, we have two
12 -- we have a subcommittee working on each of those, and you
13 and I -- you're my vice chair for that meeting, so we can,
14 you know, talk to those subcommittees or get messages to
15 those subcommittees to ensure and update.

16 The other thing I want to say to all the
17 subcommittee members, if you have an item that you want to
18 bring forward that's actionable, you need to let myself and
19 Director Claypool know, and we'll add a little blurb under
20 your Committee report out that they'll be an actionable
21 item. We did that for the agenda on the 28th, 29th and
22 30th, and Marian advised us that if there is going to be an
23 action taken that we want to be a little more specific on
24 the agendas to let people know.

25 And, so, I have Andersen and then Sinay.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Mr. Kennedy
2 and Chair Fornaciari, then you kind of captured exactly
3 where I was going. Could we add to put an actionable item
4 probably under troubleshooting and also under line drawing?
5 And my understanding is that these committees can actually
6 be more specific as the date gets closer; is that correct?
7 As long we have an actual item and the details of it get
8 fleshed out later, not quite, but, I mean, the specifics of
9 it get added. Or how does that exactly work?

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Marian. We can't hear
11 you.

12 MS. JOHNSTON: There has to be sufficient notice
13 in the agenda to let the public know the subject matter
14 that's going to be considered, so it can't just be action
15 item. It's got to spell it out in some detail, not great
16 detail, but enough so you can recognize it.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So, in terms of the
18 subcommittees, I understand we're trying to sort of plan
19 out the agenda without -- ahead of when we're actually
20 posting it. So, what I'd like to do is kind of get that as
21 one of the items which is going to get added so you already
22 kind of have a space as it's needed. I'm kind of --
23 instead of going we need on this particular one, these are
24 coming up. I don't know exactly when because basically the
25 subcommittees don't have the details on it yet.

1 MS. JOHNSTON: You need to have the details by 14
2 days before the agenda is going to be posted. All the
3 subcommittees are going to be listed for updates, and that
4 doesn't have to be specific other than -- because you're
5 not going to be taking action. But if there is a proposed
6 action to be taken, then that needs to be spelled out in
7 the agenda.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And then -- so,
9 Commissioner Andersen, it can be done, you know, if we have
10 a heads up, you know, it can be done up to the day before.
11 The details of it could be added the day before. It's just
12 adding lines --

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: You mean before the
14 agenda. You mean before the agenda is posted, not the day
15 before the meeting.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, the day before
17 the agenda is posted, sorry, not the day before the
18 meeting.

19 Commissioner Sinay.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just to be clear, we're
21 talking about the November 4th through 6th meeting and then
22 the November 16th through 18th, right?

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We're talking about the
24 4th through 6th meeting right now.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. And then I don't know

1 if you looked at the proposed agenda item documents, but on
2 there -- and I don't know if it's going to be too early,
3 but we had web design workshop lead by the Communications
4 Director, just because I know everybody wants to see a
5 better website, just to get their thoughts on what's to go
6 on there.

7 The outreach -- we had asked the community groups
8 to submit their outreach recommendations first and give us
9 time to process it. They are busy right now, obviously,
10 today with the census and then the election. So, they were
11 going to try get it addressed by the end of the month, at
12 the latest, the November 4th through 6th meeting.

13 So, I'm thinking further ahead, and I think I
14 sent this to you, Commissioner Kennedy, they would like to
15 be on the agenda just to present, and we can talk what that
16 would look like for the November 16th and 18th meeting.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Got it.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And then the other piece was
19 the civic technology, just have someone walk us through
20 what we would like -- how we would like to engage with the
21 community and they can tell us if those tools exist or not,
22 like we were talking about video. We've been talking about
23 other pieces.

24 I don't know if November is still too early and
25 we might want to push it back once we understand a little

1 bit more the communities of interest tool, but the reason I
2 wanted to put it in earlier was because that's going to be
3 a budget item when we're thinking through our outreach plan
4 and how much we have to budget for different things.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

6 MS. JOHNSTON: I think we should wait on that
7 until we have the Communications Director and the Deputy
8 Executive Director.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. It might be --
10 it's probably going to be too soon, too, for the web design
11 workshop on the fourth at this point.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And I mean -- yeah.
14 But I have access to that document and will be going
15 through what's on it and figuring out what we can include.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. There's nothing on it
17 now for 4th through 6th. I just moved it to December.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Okay. And just
19 to let everyone know, that agenda has to be posted by the
20 21st. So, we need whatever agenda items by the 20th pretty
21 much.

22 And again, you know, we have some time so email
23 your thoughts to myself, Commissioner Kennedy and Director
24 Claypool.

25 Okay. Anything else on that action item? Okay.

1 Our final item 14 is public comments on the agenda. So, if
2 we could have those instructions read. I see we have one
3 person in the queue already. But if you could read the
4 instructions for general comment, please.

5 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN: Yes. In order
6 to maximize transparency and public participation in our
7 process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment
8 during their meeting by phone.

9 There will be opportunities to address the
10 Commissioners regarding the items on the agenda. There
11 will also be opportunities for the public to submit general
12 comments about items not on the agenda.

13 Please note that the Commission is not able to
14 comment or discuss items not on the agenda. The Commission
15 will advise the viewing audience when it is time to submit
16 public comment. The Commissioners will then allow time for
17 those who wish to comment to dial in.

18 To call in, on your phone dial the telephone
19 number provided on the livestream feed. When prompted,
20 enter the meeting I.D. number provided on the livestream
21 feed using your dial pad. When prompted to enter a
22 participant I.D., simply press the pound.

23 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a
24 queue from which a moderator will begin unmuting callers to
25 submit their comment. You will also hear an automatic

1 message to press star nine to raise your hand indicating
2 you wish to comment. When it is your turn to speak, the
3 moderator will unmute you and you will hear an automatic
4 message, "The host would like you to talk," and to press
5 star six to speak. You will have three minutes to provide
6 your comments.

7 Please make sure to mute your comment -- please
8 make sure to mute your computer or livestream audio to
9 prevent any feedback or distortion during your call.

10 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
11 when it is your turn to speak, and please turn down your
12 livestream volume. The Commissioners will take comments
13 for every action item on the agenda. As you listen to the
14 online video stream, the Chair will call for public
15 comments. That is the time to call in.

16 The process for making a comment will be the same
17 each time, beginning by the telephone number provided on
18 the livestream feed and following the steps stated above.

19 And we do have someone in the queue. If you'll
20 press star six it will unmute you.

21 The person in the queue actually doesn't have
22 their hand raised yet. If you'll press star six to speak
23 and star nine to raise your hand, but you don't have to
24 raise your hand.

25 So, if you will state and spell your name for the

1 court reporter, please.

2 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: This is actually
3 Commissioner Vasquez. Somehow I ended up in the queue.

4 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN: Oh. Hi,
5 Commissioner Vasquez.

6 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Rather than --

7 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN: Thank you for
8 calling in today.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can you spell your name,
10 please.

11 MR. MANOFF: Sorry about that, Commissioner
12 Vasquez. I'll promote you to the panel.

13 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: That's okay. Sorry.

14 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN: The comment
15 queue is working.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, we'll wait for
17 another two minutes for -- to give folks a chance to call
18 in.

19 I did want to kind of check in on something in
20 the instruction. I believe we left it at two minutes for
21 public comment, and just kind of general knowledge from
22 everyone, I think that's what where we left it. And, so,
23 if we could update those instructions to two minutes,
24 please.

25 PHONE LINE INTERFACE TECHNICIAN: Yeah. The

1 instructions that we were given said three, and I think the
2 minute was only added so that people were giving their
3 introduction, their credentials would have that minute to
4 introduce themselves and then have two minutes for their
5 actual comments. But we can adjust that I'm sure.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'd like it to just say
7 two and then we can -- we can manage the introduction time
8 and allot for that, since that's what we had agreed to.
9 Yes, Commissioner Fernandez.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think, Commissioner
11 Fornaciari, you're going to be the Chair for the October
12 28th meeting; is that correct?

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No, that will be
14 Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay, because she
16 had mentioned that, you know, we added the date, but then
17 she also mentioned that we added the date in anticipation
18 of Chief Counsel and Communications Director interviews,
19 and since we won't be having those interviews, do you know
20 if we're still going to -- I was just going to ask are we
21 still going to go October 30th, so, we don't know then.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I think -- I
23 think what we decided to do is leave that space there for
24 in case we needed to have further conversation on those two
25 -- on those roles, and Commissioner Kennedy.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'm recalling a discussion
2 a month or so ago where we said that we'd probably move it
3 to schedule closed session for each and every meeting just
4 in case we needed it. And the description of it can be,
5 you know, as general as we can make it, but we need to be
6 able to go into closed session occasionally, even if it's
7 for 15 minutes, to discuss personnel issues. And if we
8 don't have it on the schedule we can't do it. So, better
9 to have it on the schedule and not use it than to not have
10 it on the schedule and need it.

11 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Chair?

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. Commissioner
13 Claypool -- I mean Mr. Claypool, then Commissioner Vasquez.

14 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: See, it's not easy, uh-
15 huh.

16 MR. CLAYPOOL: Thank you. Yes, it's -- so, there
17 are several items that we need to always have on the
18 agenda, and we will be discussing that with Commissioner
19 Akutagawa and Commissioner Fornaciari tomorrow, and then
20 we'll roll those out. But that is one of them and you're
21 correct.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Vasquez
23 and then Commissioner Sinay.

24 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yeah. I just wanted, just
25 because I don't think we've actually asked this question,

1 and, so, I want to hear the no to the -- it's not
2 permissible for us to continue an item, either discussion
3 or action, to the next meeting if we haven't finished,
4 right?

5 MS. JOHNSTON: Correct. It has to be on the
6 agenda for that meeting.

7 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: That is lame. Okay.

8 MS. JOHNSTON: Well, the alternative is always to
9 double book, so to speak.

10 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: That is also lame. Thank
11 you. Okay. Thank you. I just wanted to make sure we
12 asked the question.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Thank you.
14 Commissioner Sinay.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just want clarification
16 because we've had several times where we have had documents
17 and we've asked for them to be posted and they haven't been
18 posted.

19 And, so, Mr. Claypool, if you could help us know,
20 we had sent the map and the background documents, as I
21 said, on Friday, so that was -- you know, that was a while
22 back. I know that today they were supposed to just ship out
23 documents. But what should we be doing? Should we get it
24 a week in advance? Who do we send it to? How do we make
25 sure that this doesn't happen again?

1 MR. CLAYPOOL: They should -- okay, start with
2 they should come to me, and they should come to the Chair.
3 The Chair should be notified of it. And we need to be very
4 specific in your directions that you want them to be
5 posted.

6 I saw a post for the maps from Sunday, which I
7 wasn't on board then. But I saw a Sunday communication
8 where there was an indication there be action items, but
9 not necessarily an indication to post. So, we need to be
10 very clear exactly what you want and then we can put them
11 up.

12 And we will work on that, Commissioner Sinay. I
13 understand the frustration on that. And we need to make
14 sure that these things get up. But if now that we're going
15 to start clearing a little more through myself, I will be
16 coming back and saying -- on that particular one I would
17 have come back and said you want these posted I'm assuming.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think I was very clear.
19 I'll double check, but I thought I said post them. Please
20 share with all, but posting was the most important because
21 the public needed it.

22 But I also think if we could get advice from
23 staff to help us out because we don't always know. But
24 that one because it was a motion and stuff I thought I was
25 clear.

1 MR. CLAYPOOL: Again, I didn't see it until
2 today, and I wasn't with you on Sunday. But in the future
3 you'll be getting assistance from staff, absolutely.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thank you.
5 Commissioner Andersen, then Commissioner Kennedy.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Along those same lines,
7 the where, because this time I was looking previous, a
8 couple of days previous, and even the first morning before
9 this meeting, and the agenda wasn't on the website of the
10 way you draw the lines.

11 And then the meeting notes, normally if you look
12 under meeting agenda and handouts, it was never there. So,
13 evidently it was somewhere on the website, but it has to be
14 in those obvious places. And I know, you know, that this
15 is a website issue, but if I can't find it, the public
16 can't find it. So that was my -- please, we need it
17 posted, but we need it posted in the right category, under
18 the right heading. Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Kennedy.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And we
21 also need to number materials that are placed on the
22 website that are attached to agenda items, because there
23 have been times -- there was one meeting early on where we
24 had a mountain load of attachments, and there were no
25 naming conventions, nothing was easy to trace as to which

1 agenda item it was for, so, we really need them numbered
2 with agenda item and, hopefully, we can move towards a
3 naming convention that will also serve us once we get to
4 our records retention policies. Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thank you. Any other
6 comments?

7 MS. JOHNSTON: Speaking of the records retention
8 policy, I did distribute the one from the 2010 Commission,
9 and I had reviewed it to make sure it was in accordance
10 with current law. I haven't gotten feedback from anyone,
11 so if you have any changes you want to propose for that,
12 I'd appreciate it before we have that on as policy
13 decision.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I mean, so what I was
15 planning on doing, I'm thinking that might be the 4th, the
16 meeting during the 4th is gathering, you know, the policy
17 documents ahead of time and sending them out or getting
18 them to the Commissioners several days ahead of time, you
19 know, with the explicit instruction, you know, we will be
20 reviewing and acting on these items, you know, please
21 review.

22 So, I think Commissioner Le Mons and then
23 Commissioner Sinay.

24 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Thank you for that, Chair.
25 I believe you addressed it pretty clearly. I think to just

1 feed back on that a little bit, Marian, or anyone else, do
2 you want like a reply or is a nonreply indicative of no
3 comment?

4 So, for example, I know sometimes I'll reply to
5 you and say I don't have anything substantive to add;
6 sometimes I don't. And that's probably not helpful to do
7 it sometimes and not others, and, so, I'm just wondering,
8 when we get something sent to us where there's an action
9 request should we create some kind of pattern where we're
10 closing the loop so there's not a perception that they're
11 waiting for something from some of us.

12 Or, if we don't need it by the deadline, like,
13 for example, Commissioner Fornaciari, you just mentioned
14 that something would go out and say, you know, we're going
15 to take action. But if they're asking for feedback, if
16 your feedback is not provided by noon on X day, you know,
17 we're moving forward with the feedback that we have. But I
18 do think that we need a little bit of clarity there on how
19 we're going to approach those kinds of situations.

20 MS. JOHNSTON: Good idea.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thank you.

22 Commissioner Sinay and then Commissioner Kennedy. Anyone
23 else want to go?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just want to circle back
25 to -- someone just reminded me. I did connect with Ditas

1 Katagtue, I'm not sure how to say her name, but she's the
2 head of the California Census Bureau and has done a lot of
3 the outreach and stuff, she -- we've connected, but I've
4 told her let's just talk next week because we connected the
5 day that she found out that today was the deadline.

6 And, so, maybe for the November 5th, 6th meeting,
7 just put some time in there for her to be able to share
8 what they've learned through the census regarding outreach
9 and what are some of the challenges, just for us to have a
10 dialogue with her, so it's not just me. So, I did want to
11 put it out there.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Can you send over a
13 little kind of blurb for us of what that might look like?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Chair -- Mr. Claypool.

16 MR. CLAYPOOL: Just to circle back to
17 Commissioner Le Mon. In the absence of getting a
18 confirmation, when you send something we should be
19 confirming with you that we have it and telling you what
20 we're going to do with your agenda items, and so forth.

21 So, that's where I'd like us to get to, is to a
22 place where you send it over and then you get a
23 confirmation back that we've received it, and it's going to
24 be posted, and to make sure that we post it in the right
25 place. So, and again, if you can always put me on the cc I

1 would appreciate it and, so, and so that we don't have,
2 obviously, the frustrations that have come up with several
3 things haven't been posted.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, I think
5 Commissioner Le Mons' question is about feedback, if you're
6 requesting feedback from us, what is the process we need to
7 take, and I think he made a very good example of feedback
8 for, say, the policies that we're going to be looking at.
9 If we don't get feedback by a certain time, you know, we'll
10 incorporate the feedback that we get up to this time, and
11 that will be the basis for the discussion at the meeting,
12 or something like that.

13 Commission Le Mons, you raised your hand. Did
14 you want to clarify?

15 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay. That's correct.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. I see no one
17 else in the queue to make a comment. I see Commissioner
18 Fernandez is yawning a little bit. It has been quite a
19 long four days.

20 So, if there's nothing else, I will adjourn. Oh,
21 do you have something, Mr. Claypool?

22 MR. CLAYPOOL: No, I'm sorry. I'm just
23 (indiscernible).

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: All right. Well,
25 thanks, everyone. I will call an adjournment to the

1 meeting, and we will see you in a few days, I guess.

2 (Session recessed until October 28, 2020)

3 (Off the record at 5:38 p.m.)

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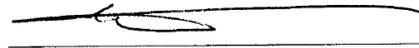
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