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## P R O C E E D I N G S

1 Monday, March 8, 2021 9:30 a.m.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I will call this meeting to  
3 order. Ms. Sheffield, please call the roll.

4 MS. SHEFFIELD: Good morning, commissioners.  
5 Commissioner Fernandez.

6 (no audible reply)

7 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Fornaciari.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

9 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Kennedy.

10 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Here.

11 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Le Mons.

12 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

13 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Sadhwani.

14 (no audible reply)

15 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Sinay.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

17 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Taylor.

18 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

19 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Toledo.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

21 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Turner. I see you.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

23 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Vasquez.

24 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Here.

1 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Yee.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

3 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Ahmad.

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here. Thank you.

5 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Akutagawa.

6 (No audible reply)

7 MS. SHEFFIELD: And Commissioner Andersen.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Here. Thank you, Ms. Sheffield.

9 It appears we have a quorum and the meeting is underway.

10 Good morning and welcome to the March 8 and 9,  
11 2021 meeting of the California Citizens Redistricting  
12 Commission. I am Jane Andersen. I am the rotating chair  
13 for this meeting, and our rotating vice chair is  
14 Commissioner Ray Kennedy.

15 At this point we are going to move right into the  
16 agenda. What we commonly do is we request and open our  
17 floors for any public comment.

18 Kristian, would you please read the instructions  
19 for public comment at this time.

20 MR. MANOFF: Yes, Chair. In order to maximize  
21 transparency and public participation in our process, the  
22 commissioners will be taking public comment by phone.

23 To call in, dial the telephone number provided on  
24 the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted,  
25 enter the meeting I.D. number provided on the livestream

1 feed. It is 98938125973 for this week's meeting. When  
2 prompted to enter a participant I.D., simply press pound.

3           Once you've dialed in you'll be placed in a  
4 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star  
5 nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When  
6 it's your turn to speak you'll hear a message that says,  
7 "The host would like you to talk. Press star six to  
8 speak."

9           If you'd like to give your name, please state and  
10 spell it for the record. You are not required to provide  
11 your name to give public comment.

12           Please make sure to mute your computer or  
13 livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion  
14 during your call.

15           Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for  
16 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn down  
17 the livestream volume.

18           And it does look like we have some people for  
19 public comment. Stand by, Chair.

20           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Please invite them  
21 in when you're ready.

22           MR. MANOFF: I will. Just a moment. Go ahead,  
23 caller.

24           MS. ERIKAT: Good morning. My name is Jeanine  
25 Erikat. That's J-E-A-N-I-N-E, last name, E-R-I-K-A-T.

1 I'm calling to say today that -- I'm with the  
2 Partnership for Advancement of New Americans, as you all  
3 know.

4 We appreciate that the Commission is providing  
5 interpretation upon request for someone who speaks a non-  
6 English language and wants to give public comment or  
7 provide community of interest testimony. However, that  
8 interpretation should extend to the hearing, itself.

9 Being able to hear the Commission's discussion is  
10 an essential part of participating in a meeting, and, at  
11 minimum, we ask that the Commission should provide  
12 interpretation for the full meeting whenever the Commission  
13 is providing interpretation of the comment period.

14 Under the current plan this means interpretation  
15 will be provided only on request when a non-English  
16 community member submits a request indicating they want to  
17 participate.

18 Public engagement with Commission meetings  
19 includes two-way communication, community members listening  
20 to what the Commission has to say, as well as sharing their  
21 own thoughts via public comment. Community members should  
22 be able to fully engage without being required to speak and  
23 understand English.

24 I know you all have been working very hard on  
25 this, and I thank you all for your time and look forward to

1 today's meeting.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for your comment.

3 Yes, we are looking into that, and that is an ongoing  
4 concern of ours. Appreciate your comments.

5 Next in the queue, please.

6 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead, caller.

7 MR. HOLLAN: Hi, there. This is Reese Hollan  
8 (phonetic) from Simi Valley.

9 I couldn't quite tell from the agenda if the  
10 thing that I'd like to speak about is actually one of the  
11 subjects for today, and would request that in the future  
12 the agenda has a little bit more or close detail about each  
13 action item so we can have a bit better idea of what  
14 everything is about.

15 But the main concern for me is more just about  
16 the consideration of where the actual lines are going to go  
17 down. Simi Valley has been kind of gerrymandered out of  
18 Ventura County for a long time. It's been grouped up with  
19 San Clarita Valley, Canyon County area, I believe Fillmore  
20 and Piru as well, and really it doesn't have much to do  
21 with those areas. It's more trying to get out of that and  
22 rejoin more of the connected parts of Ventura County that  
23 it's associated with, you know, going into Moorpark and  
24 Thousand Oaks and further west into the county.

25 So, along those lines it would be -- I guess the

1 thing that I'm hoping will be considered during the  
2 redistricting process is getting Simi Valley out of  
3 Assembly District 38 and Congressional District 35, and  
4 instead, rejoining the county by going into Assembly  
5 District 44 and Congressional District 26, if, you know,  
6 those remain as they are by the time the process is done.

7           That's the majority of it. Thank you very much  
8 for your time, everybody, and I will appreciate hearing the  
9 rest of the meeting here.

10           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for the comment. That  
11 is something you can sort of address. We're very excited  
12 to announce our community of interest tool, which you can  
13 access through our website. It also has its own standalone  
14 website, and that is something you can certainly go in and  
15 draw your issues and try to put that involved in where --  
16 what group your community is.

17           So, we invite anyone at this time, or in the  
18 future coming up to please look at that. It's called  
19 drawmyCAcommunity.org for the community of interest tool,  
20 and you can tell us where your community is and where you'd  
21 like it to -- what communities you'd like it to stay with.  
22 So, thank you for the comments.

23           Kristian, next in the queue, please.

24           MR. MANOFF: Yes, Chair.

25           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sinay.

1           COMMISSIONER SINAY: By him calling in, that is  
2 considered a public comment and will also be collected,  
3 correct? That's one of the ways to receive public comment  
4 as well as the tool.

5           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, you're absolutely right.  
6 Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

7           MR. MANOFF: Go ahead, caller.

8           MS. WESTA-LUSK: Yeah. This is Renee Westa-Lusk.  
9 Name is spelled R-E-N-E-E, last name is W-E-S-T-A, hyphen,  
10 L-U-S-K. I have a few comments. One is a question.

11           The first one is I've been trying to find the  
12 videos for the 2010 Commission, and when you click on the  
13 archive, the video is going to the .CA.gov website.  
14 They're like nonexistent. So, what has happened to the  
15 videos of the 2010 Commission?

16           I don't know. I haven't been able to watch all  
17 your meetings, so I don't know if this was discussed. Are  
18 they permanently gone, or will they be reinstated to the  
19 website?

20           And then my second comment has to do with I've  
21 been going over your Redistricting Basics handout, and  
22 you've revised it, but in there are you going to explain to  
23 communities how -- what kind of information you want on  
24 communities of interest other than just drawing a map? I  
25 mean because people will be supposedly attending virtual

1 hearings throughout the state. Will you be giving  
2 guidelines on what you want to hear from communities, and  
3 maybe things they should avoid giving testimony on like  
4 getting into partisan political issues, et cetera? Will  
5 there be any kind of examples that you can say, well, you  
6 know, if you're a community of interest, you should show  
7 this, and this, and this? I think there needs to be some  
8 kind of instruction so people know what to say about their  
9 communities that's important to the Commission. And that's  
10 the rest of my comments. Thank you.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for that. Regarding  
12 the 2010 videos, we are trying to restore the entire data  
13 from the 2010 Commission. Some of that we are having a bit  
14 of trouble getting, which includes the videos. We are  
15 working on that. Thank you.

16 And as far as -- thank you for the comments on  
17 the educational materials and the instructions for the COI.  
18 Later on today we will be discussing the education  
19 materials, and that's a very helpful idea in terms of what  
20 additional information we should be putting together. So,  
21 thank you for the comment.

22 Kristian, do we have any more people in the  
23 queue?

24 MR. MANOFF: As a reminder, if you have called in  
25 and you would like to give public comment, please press

1 star nine to raise your hand. We do not have anybody with  
2 their hand raised at this time, Chair.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. At this point we'll  
4 go into the agenda, itself. Next is some general  
5 announcements or Commissioner updates. Anyone have  
6 anything to report? Commissioner Sinay.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think this is where we  
8 talk just about where we've been out in the community. I  
9 know we've gone back and forth. But I did do three of our  
10 overview redistricting presentations. I did one for 25  
11 first-generation college students, the one big group at  
12 MiraCosta College, one at Palomar College. Both of those  
13 are community colleges in North San Diego County, and  
14 Encinitas North Coast Dem Club, so I did three, with the  
15 presentations.

16 And then we also, Isra and I -- I'm sorry,  
17 Commissioner Ahmad and I met with the Imperial LGBT Center,  
18 and this week coming up for statewide outreach, Neal and I  
19 will be meeting with the GOP Leadership Equality California  
20 and the NAACP, and Commissioner Ahmad and I are looking at  
21 meeting with the Library Association -- State of California  
22 Library Association. And these are all our efforts to make  
23 partnerships with those groups to help the local outreach  
24 efforts.

25 And then we have some zone outreach, including

1 the North San Diego LGBT Center, United Way of Northern  
2 California, Cal Strategies and San Diego Chamber of  
3 Commerce.

4           So, just moving along on doing both the statewide  
5 and the local outreach.

6           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Any other  
7 commissioners? Seeing no other, it's time for the Chair's  
8 report.

9           At our closed session on February 24 to 26, the  
10 Commission did take action on two matters. The first was a  
11 personnel matter, and the second was a potential litigation  
12 matter.

13           Now, I would like to bring your attention on the  
14 agenda to a couple of items. Specifically, tomorrow we  
15 will be having an education panel. That's item number 11  
16 on the agenda. Basically, there are no serious changes to  
17 the agenda. It stands as is.

18           I do want to report that there had been a bit of  
19 a glitch on our March 16, 17 agenda. It had been posted  
20 with incorrect days. The dates were correct, the incorrect  
21 days. We were a bit excited about our community of  
22 interest tool. We got a little ahead of ourselves. And,  
23 so, next week those meetings are on Tuesday and Wednesday,  
24 16th, 17th, with also there will be -- as you see, there is  
25 also a subcommittee that will be discussed later on today,

1 and that's also on the 18th. So, that is currently up to  
2 date on our website.

3 That's the extent of my report, so at this point  
4 we'll go into number five on the agenda, which is our  
5 Executive Director's Report, which we'll have by our  
6 Executive Director Hernandez.

7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.  
8 Good morning, Commissioners.

9 So, we're moving on, as you heard already, with  
10 our outreach plan, and there will be more information  
11 shared at the subcommittee outreach and engagement report.

12 But I wanted to talk about some of the staff and  
13 personnel issues. So, Commissioner Fernandez and I will be  
14 interviewing for the Commission secretary later this week.  
15 We just got word that one of the candidates just dropped  
16 out, so one last candidate to interview.

17 We are still working on finalizing the field lead  
18 staff positions, and we'll be working with the appropriate  
19 subcommittees to finalize them. I think we're very close  
20 to getting those. Once we have those ready to go, we'll be  
21 posting them on our website, so you could look out for  
22 those.

23 I've also been working with the Finance and  
24 Administration Subcommittee to review our organizational  
25 chart we had talked about, including our staffing needs, so

1 we're still working on that and hope to have that available  
2 to you by the next meeting next week.

3           In regards to the protocols for Commission  
4 communications, we were informed last week that at the  
5 Department of Rehabilitation that there was a COVID case  
6 reported, so once again, we are taking the appropriate  
7 measures here as required. The face masks, as you can see,  
8 we're wearing the face masks here in the office, but just  
9 wanted to let you know that that came through as of last  
10 week.

11           I also want to defer to the subcommittee Finance  
12 and Administration to provide additional updates on other  
13 protocols that we have.

14           Next I'll go into the budget. The staff is  
15 working with the various subcommittees to determine  
16 possible budget impacts that they foresee with the delay of  
17 the census information. We'll then provide that  
18 information to the fiscal director who is going to put that  
19 information and adjust as necessary, and at that point  
20 we'll have that information available and posted.

21           We also received a letter from the Legislature  
22 asking that we make sure that we're tracking the expenses  
23 and differentiate those expenses that are attributable to  
24 the changing timeline. So, our fiscal director is doing  
25 that ongoing as well.

1           We also are preparing to submit the May revised  
2 letter that's due later this month, and so our fiscal  
3 director will be putting that information together to  
4 submit to the Department of Finance.

5           We also are going to be posting an RFP for our  
6 videographer and we'll have casting services very soon that  
7 people should be on the lookout for.

8           And as far as the date, the final due date, I  
9 think that's still something that we have not heard about  
10 and, hopefully, we'll be hearing more information in that  
11 regards, because I think that will help us in our planning  
12 and our budgeting as well.

13           As far as outreach, again, I'm going to defer to  
14 our subcommittee to provide additional information on our  
15 outreach and engagement activities.

16           That concludes my report.

17           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. At this  
18 point, we're going to jump into our counsel report. Ms.  
19 Johnston, would you please give our counsel report.

20           MS. JOHNSTON: Thank you. There's a couple of  
21 pieces of legislation that I'm following that would affect  
22 you all, and I wanted to report on the argument in the  
23 Arizona case before the United States Supreme Court. I  
24 know you're going to be talking about this more in your  
25 subcommittee, so I just wanted to give you the highlights.

1           AB339 would amend Bagley-Keene to require  
2 translation if 5 percent of a population speaks a  
3 particular language. That would obviously change the  
4 requirements that you all would provide as far as  
5 interpretation goes, so we'll be following that.

6           HR1, House Representatives Resolution Number 1,  
7 did pass the House and is now pending in the Senate. It  
8 largely concerns voting rights, but there is a section  
9 dealing with independent redistricting commissions, so I  
10 wanted to call to your attention, and that's something you  
11 should keep an eye on.

12           On the argument in the Supreme Court, the issue  
13 is whether some of the changes that Arizona made for the  
14 last election violate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act,  
15 and it was hard to tell from the Court's argument which way  
16 they're going to go. They did seem to allow practices that  
17 have been in effect for quite a while, even if they had an  
18 adverse effect on people who were less educated or were  
19 poorer, such as distance traveling, things like that. They  
20 seemed to accept certain limitations such as not having  
21 voting open on Sundays, but again, it's really hard to  
22 tell, so we'll be looking forward to that decision when it  
23 comes out.

24           Thank you.

25           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Johnson. Those

1 are obviously extremely important issues, and I appreciate  
2 you keeping us up to date on that. We'll be definitely  
3 hearing more about those in our subcommittees, so I might  
4 not ask for questions at this time about those, but wait  
5 until they come up in the subcommittee.

6           And at this point we're going to our  
7 communications director report. Director Ceja.

8           COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR CEJA: Thank you very  
9 much, Madam Chair.

10           I wanted to thank all commissioners for taking  
11 the time last week to take the redistricting basics video.  
12 That footage is now with the videographer who was on the  
13 Zoom call with us, Joey. So, he'll start putting those  
14 together, and as soon as I have a draft, I'll shoot those  
15 out for your viewing pleasure.

16           I also wanted to mention that your backgrounds  
17 look amazing, so, very cool. You've got some California  
18 scenes out there that look really cool.

19           We did send out a press release last week for the  
20 COI tool, which is now live. Wanted to mention that the  
21 Statewide Data Base did say that they got a bump in numbers  
22 for COI tool submittals which is pretty cool. That's the  
23 whole point of sending this out.

24           And this week we'll be sending out an additional  
25 press release to highlight the new languages that will be

1 available for the COI tool, including Chinese, or  
2 traditional Chinese, simplified Chinese as Tagalog. I'm  
3 sure the committee will make mention of that. So, we'll  
4 get that ready and push it out as soon as that's ready to  
5 go.

6 CDC did issue guidance today regarding vaccinated  
7 persons, I found out in an email earlier today. So, pretty  
8 much indicating for those individuals that are vaccinated,  
9 they are allowed now to gather indoors without masks and  
10 without social distancing, which could potentially give us  
11 a green light in the near future to do in-person meetings.  
12 I just wanted to bring that up.

13 And Commissioner Ahmad had sent me an email over  
14 the weekend asking if it was okay to add California  
15 Government Code Section 8253(a)(3) which we include in our  
16 presentation, letting the public know that we cannot take  
17 public comment outside of these meetings or public input  
18 meetings, and she was wondering if it was okay to add that  
19 to the signature for commissioners, so whenever you're  
20 messaging with the public that they know that they can't  
21 submit public comments through email, that that's not the  
22 proper channel, and then we would, of course, ask them to  
23 go on our website and send us a message or join us live  
24 here at the meeting.

25 So, if that's okay, I'll send out the language

1 and we can all add it -- or commissioners can add it to  
2 their signature line.

3           And then, lastly, just wanted to report that for  
4 this week and the next we'll be focusing on pitching  
5 stories for commissioners, so those of you that have made  
6 yourself available for stories, thank you so much. We have  
7 two stories in the works right now, and we hope to increase  
8 that over the next coming days.

9           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yes, please go ahead  
10 with that, including that language on our -- that will be  
11 extremely helpful. And thank you very much for the report.

12           We're zooming right along here. Now we're going  
13 to start with our subcommittee updates. And we'll just  
14 lead off with a big one, the Action on Census -- oh, I'm  
15 sorry, it's called now the Government Affairs Census Group.  
16 Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Toledo.

17           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure, thank you. So,  
18 Commissioner Toledo and I are continuing to work on just  
19 coordinating with other groups around the census timeline  
20 and talking with other key stakeholders.

21           As we already reported, we had a conversation  
22 with Ethan Jones of the Legislature. We are in the works  
23 to do conversations also with the Secretary of State's  
24 office, as well as potentially some of the other local  
25 redistricting commissions. We've made contact, at least,

1 with the L.A. City Commission and looking at others. If  
2 you have contacts for any of those, we would certainly  
3 appreciate that. Certainly there's several throughout the  
4 state.

5           We also just received contact information for a  
6 -- my understanding it's like a governing body of all of  
7 the county clerks, so we'll also be reaching out with them.  
8 We figure that might be easier than trying to reach every  
9 single county just to kind of have a good faith effort to  
10 talk with everyone about their thoughts in terms of the  
11 census delay.

12           Of course, we will need to take action at some  
13 point in the very near future to figure out what our  
14 timeline will be. I think that that should really be a key  
15 issue that we should bring up as soon as we have our line  
16 drawer on board and scheduled to speak with us in a  
17 meeting. I think getting their perspective on how quickly  
18 we can work would be very helpful, because, of course, even  
19 though we have until February of next year, if we think we  
20 can get it done sooner, I think that that would be helpful  
21 for many other stakeholders involved.

22           In addition, just to follow up, you know, on  
23 Marian's report on HR1, Commissioner Toledo and I will also  
24 be tracking that, and I think if there's any discussion  
25 here that would be great. As we read it, the mandate to

1 create independent commissions for all states is, of  
2 course, very exciting. We want to take a closer look at  
3 those provisions and just to make sure that that doesn't  
4 negatively impact our Commission at all. Marian had raised  
5 some potential concerns that there could be some impact to  
6 us and that perhaps we might want to reach out to our  
7 Senators to ensure that our Commission could move forward  
8 without interruption. So, certainly, that's something that  
9 we could do, but if there's any additional discussion.

10 And I'll stop there, and Commissioner Toledo, if  
11 you have anything else that you want to add.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Just one other addition,  
13 and that's that we'll also be helping Executive Director  
14 Hernandez as he maneuvers and sends our May revised request  
15 to the appropriate agencies, and, of course, work on any  
16 budget updates as they come along.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I think just to add  
18 onto that, like, you know, I think -- is it the Finance and  
19 Administration Committee I think is doing a lot of work  
20 already on the actual budget. I'm thinking to the numbers  
21 of it. So, our role would be in terms of just making sure  
22 that it actually moves forward, or if any of the folks that  
23 we're in contact with thus far need to be contacted again.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That's correct, yes.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sinay.

1           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, we're getting the  
2 presentations and we're talking about the deadlines. I  
3 found myself kind of not knowing exactly how to word it,  
4 word that we're working -- and maybe it is exactly what you  
5 said, Commissioner Sadhwani, that we're working with the  
6 diverse stakeholders to make sure that our timeline. Okay.  
7 Obviously you can see I'm struggling on it.

8           So, is there -- what would be the appropriate way  
9 to explain who we're talking to and what our purpose is?

10           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's such a great  
11 question. I mean, my guess is, and, you know, perhaps  
12 Fredy can massage this to some extent as well. But, you  
13 know, something along the lines of like none of us expected  
14 this much of a delay in the census, but we're also aware  
15 that there's many different stakeholders who are involved,  
16 not simply in redistricting, but planning for upcoming  
17 elections, who will have to abide by the lines that we  
18 draw.

19           And so, to be, you know, good or responsible  
20 partners in fair elections and good government practices we  
21 are actively reaching out to many of those stakeholders and  
22 will be finalizing a plan in the next few weeks. I hoping  
23 it's in the next few weeks or --

24           CHAIR ANDERSEN: But, though, actually, to be  
25 fair, there is in terms of our extension it's how many days

1 that the census is handed to us or handed to the State  
2 after July 31 that is how many days beyond December 15.  
3 So, if it ends up -- so the date you should be talking  
4 around is the 15th of February, but we're trying to see if  
5 we can possibly make that sooner to incorporate.

6 But don't just not -- I mean in terms of their  
7 thinking, oh, it's just the end of December, we certainly  
8 don't want to pretend that that is not -- it's a remote  
9 possibility, no. The extension that we got from July 31st  
10 is the extra time after from December 15th. So, we're just  
11 trying to see if there is a possibility that we can  
12 actually do that in a shorter period of time than the 2010  
13 did. So, that's through the holidays. These are serious  
14 considerations. But we are trying -- we understand what's  
15 important, how we're all trying to work together. But  
16 February 15 is still a day you can certainly talk about,  
17 and we will work on that once we get the line drawer on  
18 board.

19 So, thank you very much. Any other questions for  
20 the subcommittee? I don't see any at this time. Thank you  
21 very much. There's a lot to do there.

22 So, moving on is now the Finance and  
23 Administration Committee, which is Commissioners Fernandez  
24 and Fornaciari.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, just briefly. We

1 approved three policies at the last meeting, and those  
2 policies are up added to our policy manual on the drive.

3 But for the evacuation policy we wanted to figure  
4 out how to make sure we knew who was in the building and  
5 that everyone was out. And, so, what Executive Director  
6 Hernandez did is he bought a white board to make an in and  
7 out board so people can check whether they're in or out of  
8 the office, and then the process will be whoever is in  
9 charge, you know, the most senior person there will take a  
10 picture of the in/out board, and then evacuate, and then  
11 check that everyone is out of the building. So that's the  
12 process we decided on, and that's incorporated in the  
13 policy.

14 That's all we have at this point.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Ahmad.

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. As Fredy  
17 had mentioned a little earlier, I had that question about  
18 including that note in email signatures about, you know,  
19 when we can and cannot accept public comment. And I just  
20 copied and pasted it from the presentations that we have  
21 already been using.

22 I checked in with counsel. Counsel thought it  
23 was a good idea, but counsel reminded me that I should  
24 probably bring this up to Finance and Administration  
25 Subcommittee for consideration if we wanted to include it

1 as a policy and/or come to some sort of agreement across  
2 the board so we are all having uniformed approaches to this  
3 particular item. So, just wanted to bring that up for your  
4 consideration.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, I mean, do we want  
6 to just have that conversation right now, then, or, I mean,  
7 as a group?

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: We can just do a -- if you want  
9 to just do a head nod on that one. I don't know if that  
10 requires an actual vote.

11 All those in favor of putting it on the signature  
12 sort of indicate yes, thumbs up. Anyone who really does  
13 not like the idea? I see no serious -- speak now or --  
14 great. Yes, please incorporate. Thank you very much.

15 Commissioner Sinay.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I had the experience this  
17 week where someone posted something on my Twitter feed, and  
18 I just recommended that they please just go to our website  
19 and gave them our website address. Is that the correct  
20 protocol?

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Director Ceja, do you want to  
22 address that, because that is certainly a communication  
23 issue?

24 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR CEJA: I would say, yes.  
25 Thank you so much. I think that's, for now, the best

1 approach because it lets individuals know the multiple ways  
2 to get their comments to us in addition to email.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Any other questions  
4 for the Administration and Finance Committee? Commissioner  
5 Fornaciari.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, I guess my question  
7 is who's going to send that wording to us for us to add to  
8 our email signatures? Fredy, thank you.

9 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR CEJA: I already did. I  
10 think I jumped the gun, I'm sorry, prior to the vote.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. Any other  
12 questions? Thank you very much, Commissioners.

13 Moving on, we go to Item 9C, the Gantt Chart.  
14 Commissioners Kennedy and Taylor.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: I've not received any  
16 further input from colleagues, so we have nothing to report  
17 at this point.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. I believe that won't  
19 be true for the next meeting. However, moving on is Item  
20 D, Line Drawers. That is myself and Commissioner Sadhwani.

21 I'll just go ahead and jump in. I'm very pleased  
22 to say that we do, indeed, have a signed contract with our  
23 line drawer. It is a landmark moment for the 2020  
24 Commission. We should all congratulate ourselves.

25 We have signed a contract with Haystaq and Q2,

1 which will be our -- now what happens with this point, the  
2 contract goes through the office of Legal Services, and it  
3 is not a completed and operational contract until we do get  
4 that back from them.

5           So, at this point, yes, we are committed. We  
6 have a line drawer on board. We cannot actually, though,  
7 have them and work with them until we have the -- it has  
8 come out of OSL. So, at this point, Commissioners, you  
9 unfortunately have to refrain from working with them  
10 because they are not able to work with us yet.

11           And, so, consequently you'll notice on Item  
12 Number 12 we have the line drawers as proposer's  
13 presentation. Unfortunately, since they're not on board  
14 they will not be presenting today. We will possibly use  
15 that time for discussing a little bit of the timeline  
16 issue, but at this point that's about all we have. Any  
17 other questions? Commissioner Fornaciari.

18           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm sorry, did I miss  
19 it? Did you say when we might expect that the, or do we  
20 have an idea when the -- you know, be through the process?

21           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, I'd love to say, oh, it's  
22 just a couple of days. It really depends. It could,  
23 theoretically, take up to about two weeks, but it is a very  
24 straightforward matter. They are prepared for us. Mr.  
25 Villanueva has really facilitated this process moving

1 forward, and we hope to hear very soon.

2 Commissioner Sadhwani.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just one thought. I know  
4 that timeline is to be determined. I'm wondering if we  
5 should start to include on our agendas just a line item of  
6 the line drawer so that there's an opportunity if we have  
7 questions for them or we want to have conversations so that  
8 moving forward it's just a standard part of our agenda.  
9 And, of course, we can always choose not to use it, but at  
10 least then we don't have to like typically agendize each  
11 time.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's an excellent idea. Also,  
13 at this point if you do have questions for the line  
14 drawers, go ahead and funnel those to both Commissioner  
15 Sadhwani and myself, as we'll be sort of the go between  
16 until we get them on board and if we work out any other  
17 process.

18 So, if there's some issues that you need to --  
19 that you really have thought of, at this point we'll start  
20 collecting all these ideas so we can hit the ground running  
21 when we do get them on board. So, that's a good idea.  
22 Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

23 Any other thoughts at this point? Seeing none,  
24 we'll move onto the VRA Compliance with Commissioners  
25 Sadhwani and Commissioner Yee.

1           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Commissioner Yee, do you  
2 want to share the PPIC?

3           COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure. So, Commissioner  
4 Sadhwani and I did meet with Eric McGhee and looked over  
5 his draft of the report they are preparing free for us on  
6 demographic changes in California, and it looks great.

7           So, they're finishing up the details for that,  
8 and will schedule a presentation when they can come,  
9 probably in April, just because the calendar is pretty  
10 full, to present that, and that will constitute our first  
11 look at actual demographics in this long process that we're  
12 on. And very interesting changes and observations to make  
13 at this point. Start thinking about, you know, our future  
14 line drawing.

15           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I might just add to  
16 that that we -- in having them prepare this we approached  
17 it more so from the community outreach perspective as  
18 opposed to the line drawing perspective. So, you know,  
19 they've overlaid with that our outreach zones. So, as  
20 we're doing our outreach in the various zones, we can be  
21 thinking about the demographic changes that have occurred,  
22 make sure that we're hitting some of those communities that  
23 have perhaps grown.

24           So, that's kind of the framework in which we  
25 approached it as opposed to let's think about VRA

1 considerations, or let's think about like where we need to  
2 start drawing districts. I don't think we're at that level  
3 of detail at this point in time, so I just kind of wanted  
4 to forewarn of that.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's right. I keep jumping  
6 the gun. I'm so excited.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioners.  
8 Commissioner Sinay.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You said that they'll  
10 present in April but the report may be done sooner. Will  
11 we be able to get the report as soon as it's ready, just so  
12 we can start reading it and really digesting it for their  
13 presentation since we are out there doing outreach now?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: My sense is we can follow  
15 up and ask him that question. At this point they're maps.  
16 I'm not sure if they were going to do a detailed written  
17 report. Certainly, they're prepared to do, you know, a  
18 presentation of those maps with that detail. We can follow  
19 up and find out.

20 Also, I think we can still agendize for March  
21 29th. We weren't sure if that date was going to change or  
22 move. That's also a possibility to get it in a little bit  
23 sooner to you all, but certainly we can ask them.

24 PPIC does put out a whole number of reports.  
25 They're very beautiful and nicely branded, and so I'm not

1 sure if they were prepared to, you know, release a written  
2 document in advance of the presentation. So we can ask  
3 them.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: On the agenda item, at the end  
5 of the meeting we will be looking at future meeting dates  
6 and we will be laying that out. So, I would recommend that  
7 you as soon as possible post that -- you know, consider  
8 that, putting it on the agenda, and we will be getting to  
9 that at the end of this meeting.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: I think we would definitely  
11 post it as a meeting handout, so --

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Any other questions,  
13 Commissioners? Seeing none. Thank you very much. I  
14 certainly look forward to that report and looking at those  
15 maps, so thank you.

16 Next we have Item F and it's the Outreach and  
17 Engagement Subcommittee, which is Commissioner Sinay and  
18 Commissioner Fornaciari.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. So, let's see, I  
20 have a few things to talk about. I'm trying to capture the  
21 information about our approach to our education and  
22 outreach efforts. I kind of put together this document.  
23 I'm a little bit behind on getting it posted, but I'll talk  
24 to the document and then we'll get something posted as soon  
25 as we can.

1           So, you know, just to review the process for  
2 outreach for education sessions for these private public  
3 education sessions that we're all holding. One  
4 commissioner present at a private public education session.  
5 Notice for all public education sessions will be posted on  
6 the website. We require recording posting of these  
7 sessions or broadcast these sessions on a site available to  
8 the public. Provide prerecorded videos for organizations  
9 who are unwilling to record or broadcast a live event. And  
10 then we can provide public education sessions during  
11 meetings that meet the Brown Act requirement.

12           So, those are kind of the basics for our private  
13 public education sessions. We've also decided to host some  
14 CRC noticed public education sessions, and we're working on  
15 what the design of those might look like and what the  
16 schedule might look like, so, we're kind of working on some  
17 thoughts for that that we'll be bringing to you at the next  
18 meeting.

19           We're also working on the -- we're working on the  
20 agenda for the input meeting design committee that we  
21 formed last time, and so, we're drafting an agenda. We'll  
22 work through Marcy on that agenda so that we can get input  
23 from all the commissioners who were involved. So, we'll  
24 work that through Marcy, but we're working on a draft for  
25 that. We're looking at -- as Commissioner -- Director

1 Hernandez mentioned, we're looking at the cost per meeting  
2 for different meeting types. You know, we have a draft of  
3 that at this point. We need to understand a little bit  
4 more deeply what, you know, what the meeting designs are.  
5 But, again, we'll have that when we get together as a  
6 subcommittee to kind of look at the tradeoffs for the  
7 number of different meetings and the cost that those  
8 different types of meetings are going to cost.

9 But we have a few things that we think we need to  
10 talk about as a group and kind of come to some conclusion  
11 back to our public education sessions.

12 So, I'm going to just try to share my screen  
13 because I've got a few bullet points here, if that's okay,  
14 and --

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Fornaciari,  
16 while you're doing that I just wanted to remind everybody  
17 that when it comes to outreach appointments in your zones  
18 or a statewide outreach, that you can -- up to two  
19 commissioners can attend those, even if you're in the same  
20 subcommittee, because most of -- because all of our  
21 subcommittees are advisory subcommittees. They don't have  
22 authority to make any decisions. If we do create a  
23 subcommittee that has authority to make decisions, then  
24 only one person can attend those appointments.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, can you guys see my

1 screen? Okay.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, here's a few  
4 suggestions. We want to take the pulse of the Commission.

5 The first suggestion is that commissioners will  
6 not conduct -- well, we could say a private public  
7 education session at a meeting where a candidate for State  
8 Senate, State Assembly, State Board of Equalization or  
9 Congress is also on the agenda.

10 So, you know, basically we're not going to --  
11 we're not going to attend a meeting or have a public  
12 education presentation at a meeting where there's a  
13 candidate for office that we're going to draw lines. So,  
14 that's a proposal.

15 I'll just go through the whole list and then we  
16 can talk about it.

17 The next proposed proposal is that we may conduct  
18 a private public education session at an elected official's  
19 invitation, but only if the elected official is not running  
20 for those four offices.

21 So, for instance, we've been invited to --  
22 someone has been invited to make a presentation by a city  
23 council member, I believe, but in a sense we're not drawing  
24 city council lines. You know, we think that's okay.

25 So, there are some groups we may find it not

1 appropriate to present to live. We would offer those  
2 groups a video of a presentation, and we can talk about  
3 what those groups might be.

4 And then, you know, if the demand for our public  
5 education, private education sessions continues to increase  
6 we can encourage small groups to cohost with other groups.

7 So, these are our thoughts. I know Commissioner  
8 Andersen had some thoughts about -- some concerns about  
9 groups.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, thank you. I need to see  
11 if I can see the whole board.

12 Yeah, this basically I believe is -- thank you  
13 very much for all this information on both commissioners.  
14 This has been a lot of work, a lot of thought, taking a lot  
15 of input on these.

16 The item here is basically politicians and  
17 political parties, and it's -- the idea is, is this  
18 appropriate at all. We certainly want to educate, but at  
19 what point are we crossing the line of impartiality, and is  
20 it even -- is it a conflict. And we certainly do not want  
21 to have any implication that we have conflict.

22 So, I'd like actually to open up this discussion  
23 to think, you know, our people, how they feel about this,  
24 and I actually even would like Ms. Johnston to maybe say a  
25 few words about this entire idea, the pros and cons, and

1 then I see -- then I'll start picking names. I see  
2 Kennedy, Turner, Fernandez after that.

3           So, Ms. Johnston, if you wouldn't mind saying a  
4 few things about this one.

5           MS. JOHNSTON: Well, the concern that was  
6 expressed was that you not be seen as favoring one party  
7 over another party since you are to remain nonpartisan.  
8 And just the way same as your membership is composed of  
9 representatives of different parties, if you were to go out  
10 to political organizations, you should make an effort to be  
11 inclusive and cover all spectrum, and that can be done in a  
12 variety of ways, either by having a hosted meeting where  
13 they're all invited, or having separate meetings with each  
14 group. It would be up to you to decide, but to try and  
15 make sure that you are available to any and all political  
16 groups. Thank you.

17           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. My issue, obviously,  
18 with that is we're supposed to be out -- well, I won't get  
19 into it. I definitely have a very strong opinion about  
20 that, what we should do. Commissioner Kennedy.

21           VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: My question comes to the  
22 document that Commissioner Fornaciari shared on his screen,  
23 and how do we know that someone is a candidate. I mean no  
24 one is going to be a candidate until after we draw the  
25 lines because they don't even know what districts -- what

1 the district lines will be and whether they could be  
2 running or not. So, you know, how are we supposed to  
3 decipher whether someone is a candidate if we haven't even  
4 drawn the district lines yet? Thank you.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sinay, do you want  
6 to answer that one before we go to the next question?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. I think that's a great  
8 question, Commissioner Kennedy, but the truth of the matter  
9 is I can tell you here in San Diego several people have  
10 already expressed their interest to run even if they can't  
11 pull papers and they don't know what their district will  
12 look like. They have already put up websites and have  
13 contacted people. So, some candidates we won't know until  
14 after, but some people are very out in front to kind of try  
15 and scare off other candidates as well to raise money, so  
16 it's a mixed bag.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: But again, how do -- what is  
18 the bar? Is the bar a public announcement? Is the bar the  
19 formation of an exploratory committee? Is the bar the  
20 existence of a campaign checking account? We need a -- we  
21 need an objective bar that we can judge this against.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. I don't see any  
23 quick answers on that one. Commissioner Turner.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. One of the things is  
25 I'm hoping when we determine what we would desire the bar

1 to be is that maybe we can just add that into questions to  
2 say do you intend to run, or have you filed, or have you,  
3 you know, established an account where we're asking  
4 everyone the same question because to go based on what we  
5 believe we know about a candidate can get -- I think we'll  
6 get into some areas we don't want to be.

7           A couple of pieces I wanted to talk about in the  
8 presentation. Now I'm focused on that conversation, I hope  
9 I don't lose it. Oh, presentations. It's been sitting  
10 with me since the last time we talked about them, and the  
11 suggestion I have for this Commission is I'm wondering why  
12 we are not creating, and, Fredy, we'll probably look for  
13 your help on this, but creating a letter or something that  
14 goes out to every conceivable body that we would want to  
15 present to as this is the Commission, introducing  
16 ourselves, and we are available to do public or general  
17 education in regards to redistricting. I believe that it  
18 will keep us -- right now we have 14 commissioners going  
19 out into an area from our own perspectives of who we're  
20 trying to reach out to, and we have a suggested list  
21 perhaps we can follow.

22           And, so, I'm thinking that if there was something  
23 that would go out to all of the major piece parts that we  
24 would be comfortable with it gives everybody an  
25 opportunity, whether I reached out, received the busy

1 signal and did not get back to them, and someone else  
2 called them every day and did get through, I think it would  
3 kind of level that playing ground a little bit, and then we  
4 still can continue with our outreach efforts as we're doing  
5 it. But I'm hoping that that will help the outreach look a  
6 little bit more consistent throughout all of California as  
7 the first piece, and then I'll let response, and then I do  
8 have a second thing I'd like to --

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I see two hands up and assume  
10 they're both in response. Is that -- I'm getting a yes  
11 from -- okay. Then in order it was Commissioner Kennedy  
12 and then Commissioner Sinay.

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: I did draft such a letter  
14 several months ago and shared it with staff for their  
15 revisions, so staff should be able to provide something.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sinay.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We have been using a letter  
18 statewide, and some commissioners had asked for it for  
19 their local outreach efforts, and we can get it out to all  
20 commissioners. It is created on our letterhead such that  
21 you can put your own outreach team names in there. And it  
22 basically has the, you know, who we are, a menu of what we  
23 can do and all that.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I guess for lessons learned  
25 going forward -- am I off mute? Yes. For lessons learned

1 going forward I think -- thank you Commissioner Kennedy for  
2 drafting that awhile back, but I mean even as a kickoff at  
3 the start of this approach so that everyone is on, again, a  
4 level playing field. Good that some commissioners have the  
5 letter and sending it out. I have not sent out such a  
6 letter. I missed that totally.

7           And, so, with that, again, my suggestion is is  
8 that we establish it now if the letter is available. Can  
9 we agree to send it out, and I think it can be sent out  
10 from all the commissioners collectively. I don't think it  
11 necessarily needs to go out from each of the 14 people  
12 specifically. This is from the 2020 Commission. These are  
13 the contacts for these areas. This is something that's  
14 available right now to you.

15           And then if, indeed, I also call it will be a  
16 reminder, a second call, oh yes, I did receive a general  
17 letter from the Commission. And, so, I think that just  
18 will serve us better and hopefully ensure there are no gaps  
19 in our outreach just for scheduling -- from a scheduling  
20 perspective.

21           And then the other is a little bit different on  
22 outreach. So, some of the -- I've gotten an opportunity to  
23 look at some of the videos and then there's questions and  
24 things that comes after the presentations. I'm hoping that  
25 we are capturing, staff, the questions that questions that

1 are coming up in the sessions, a lot of which I was, oh  
2 great, yup, I would have had that answer, and some I'm  
3 like, oh man, glad that wasn't me. I wouldn't have known  
4 how to answer that question.

5           And so, I think we should be developing some  
6 frequently asked questions and posting them, or at least  
7 making them available to the commissioners because at the  
8 end we are now beyond brand new in doing presentations. I  
9 don't know if everyone has done presentations. But at some  
10 point we need to be gaining proficiency, and I think the  
11 best way to do that is to share with questions that's  
12 coming forth and we all have a consistent answer in how  
13 we're responding.

14           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.  
15 Good point. Commissioner Sadhwani.

16           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I really love  
17 Commissioner Turner's idea of sending out a letter broadly.  
18 I guess my only question is who does that go to?

19           I think I'm still concerned about, you know, kind  
20 of like COVID vaccines, right. It's a patchwork approach.  
21 County by county it's different, state by state it's  
22 different, and I think that's ultimately what's happening  
23 with our outreach to some extent, and I think it leaves us  
24 open to being skewed.

25           So, while I love the idea of a letter, like who

1 would we be sending it to, like all 501(c) (3)'s? Does  
2 that include local political parties, like local clubs of  
3 political parties? I mean I hear some commissioners going  
4 and doing those meetings, some I think are opposed to it.  
5 I'm just not really sure. How do we systematize this in a  
6 greater way so that we don't leave ourselves vulnerable?  
7 And I don't have the answer to that question, but it is  
8 something I'm concerned about.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner  
10 Sadhwani. Commissioner Turner, are you trying to reply to  
11 that one?

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Go ahead, and then I have  
14 Commissioner Fernandez.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. In reply to  
16 that, I think, yes, I think it could be still -- I think  
17 that's the conversation that we need to have. I think we  
18 need to determine, here is the bare bone minimum that we  
19 want to ensure goes out to everyone, and I do think that  
20 there is danger of that being patchwork, but I think it  
21 will be less patchwork than 14 individual commissioners  
22 reaching out and not having that umbrella covering. And,  
23 so, it will require conversation. Let's agree on it, in  
24 this conversation or the next who should the letter go to.  
25 When you're announcing it here, anyone else that's

1 listening, it's not a letter that's exclusive to those, but  
2 it would be where we would begin as a base. But start  
3 here, and then we can keep sending the letter out as others  
4 remind us or if one of us say, oh man, we forgot about this  
5 particular group, let's send it to them as well.

6 But I think we will have a general tracking of  
7 where the letter went, where the invitations went. We have  
8 also the tracking, and we'll talk a little bit more when  
9 the data team later, subcommittee. But we'll have other  
10 tracking of people that's reached out to us that will jog  
11 our memory, oh yeah, we need to also do that in southern  
12 California or central, or what have you. But I think it  
13 just gives us a place to start to try and ensure the  
14 coverage to the best degree possible.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay,  
16 are you in reply because Commissioner Fernandez has been  
17 waiting? Actually, we might go with Commissioner  
18 Fernandez's question because I'm sure this is on the same  
19 topic.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, it's not, so  
21 we started out with this conversation of candidates versus  
22 not candidates and now we're on a letter, so, I guess we  
23 should address one of them first and maybe resolve it.

24 So, if you want to deal with the letter, we can  
25 deal with the letter. I want to talk about the candidates.

1 I'm assuming you want to do the letter.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, let's do the letter, and  
3 then we're coming back to the political party issue. Thank  
4 you. So, Commissioner Sinay.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. These are all  
6 great ideas and I'm writing them down. I'm sure my partner  
7 in crime, Commissioner Fornaciari, is as well. Crime was  
8 quote, unquote, not real, since we're in a public meeting.

9 I do want you -- I do want to remind you all that  
10 we have a crowd sourcing document that we put out there  
11 this week or last week asking you to think of statewide  
12 organizations. We have been going to statewide  
13 organizations in a systematic way, Commissioner Fornaciari  
14 and I, and at different times we've brought in other  
15 commissioners. And they're receiving -- most of them, the  
16 letter actually came from them asking us for the letter so  
17 that they can send it out to all their local members.

18 And, so, in the crowd sourcing document we put a  
19 star by those groups that we've already been talking to,  
20 and we've been putting that they received the letter. It  
21 doesn't mean the letter went out. It doesn't mean that  
22 people will remember that they got the letter, but I think  
23 the more times they get the same type of letter, or same  
24 type of contact, they'll be like, oh redistricting. You  
25 know, it takes sometimes seven to eight times until people

1 actually remember something.

2           So, we've been constantly, Commissioner  
3 Fornaciari and I, we've been meeting with staff to think of  
4 more statewide groups, so we definitely welcome, you know,  
5 again a reminder that it's a crowd source document, and  
6 once we've gotten all your input we can share it. It's a  
7 crowd source document. We don't know who it's coming from,  
8 and there's -- you know, it's pretty -- it's been really  
9 helpful for us, and in the document we have created links  
10 so you can find your local representative for whoever that  
11 statewide organization is. And, so, we're constantly  
12 working on helping for that. But that was kind of in  
13 response to what Commissioner Turner was saying, you know,  
14 what's the baseline. So we've been thinking a lot about  
15 that.

16           A lot of the community -- I mean a lot of the  
17 ethnic communities and refugee communities, immigrant  
18 communities and such are not on there because a lot of  
19 those are local entities. There are a few groups that were  
20 looking -- that may have a good list of all of them, and  
21 we'll include those as well.

22           Commissioner Fornaciari, I think you wanted to  
23 add something.

24           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. The document is  
25 called Statewide Outreach. It's in Google Drive, and if

1 you into just drive.Google.com and click on the documents  
2 shared with me, you'll be able to find that document. So,  
3 I just wanted to let you all know where to find it, and,  
4 yeah, add whatever, you know, we've missed.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. I think this issue  
6 will certainly come back, and we'll be doing more delving  
7 into who we're getting in contact with and who we aren't.  
8 I'd like to see counties on that list, things like that,  
9 which are different types of organizations.

10 But at this point I want to come back to  
11 Commissioner Fernandez and back to the political party  
12 issue.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Chair  
14 Andersen.

15 In terms of I think it was the first two with the  
16 if they're going to be a perspective candidate or if  
17 they're a candidate that is seeking reelection --

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: What --

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Pardon?

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fornaciari, as  
21 we're trying to discuss these could you please share your  
22 screen so we can all see these items again? I think that  
23 would facilitate. And please continue, Commissioner  
24 Fernandez. Sorry, I just wanted to get them up so we knew  
25 what items we were really talking about.

1           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yes, I share what  
2 Commissioner Kennedy said in terms of how do we know who it  
3 will be, if they're running, not running. But at the end  
4 of the day they're all -- regardless of whether they have  
5 an intention to run or seek re-election, they are still  
6 Californians, and I feel by us not doing it we're  
7 discriminating against them, which is not the intent of our  
8 -- not the intent of me or the Commission, nor should it  
9 be.

10           I'm thinking what we could request is to do our  
11 presentation early on prior to them speaking or being on  
12 the agenda. But I personally don't agree with not  
13 presenting because they have made a choice to run or not  
14 run.

15           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner  
16 Fornaciari -- I'm sorry, Commissioner Fernandez. I was  
17 going to say thank you also, Commissioner Fornaciari, for  
18 sharing this.

19           Any other comments? Any comments about this at  
20 this time? Let me see if I can see everybody. I can't  
21 quite see everybody right now. Ah, yes, Commissioner  
22 Vasquez. Thank you.

23           COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yes. I don't -- my intent  
24 is not to change what we have here. I do agree with  
25 Commissioner Fernandez that I think there may be a way for

1 us to be able to present to these groups if someone is on  
2 the agenda, and we just make sure that there's a bit of a  
3 clear distinction with our presentation in that we're sort  
4 of not associated with the rest of political candidates'  
5 remarks. But I do -- for clarity for us, I'm wondering if  
6 the committee would consider adding meeting where a  
7 candidate or current officeholder. Most current  
8 officeholders plan to run for reelection in those same  
9 offices unless they're being termed out or they have their  
10 eye on a senate or governor. But I think just for clarity,  
11 yeah, adding current officeholder to me makes sense.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Director Ceja.

13 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR CEJA: Thank you. I also  
14 wanted to bring to the attention of the Commission that you  
15 have the option of sending the video and not making public  
16 appearances as well. So, we'll have the presentation in  
17 video format fairly soon, so we can just shoot that,  
18 whatever, when one of these situations presents itself  
19 where you don't even want to be in that meeting, you just  
20 send the video and not set a lot of the worries or  
21 concerns.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Go ahead. Follow up for  
23 Commissioner Vasquez.

24 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yeah, I guess -- sorry. I  
25 was just going to -- a question for maybe the Commission.

1 Are we comfortable with -- how do we feel about elected  
2 officials in these offices convening their stakeholders but  
3 not appearing at a meeting? So, they have stakeholders.  
4 If they host the meetings but they are not present or don't  
5 plan or, you know, don't attend our meeting, how does that  
6 sit with the rest of us?

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I might sort of jump in here,  
8 and I think that sort of brings the whole focus is it's not  
9 so much, yes, we're -- obviously candidates are an issue.  
10 I agree with Commissioner Fernandez in that we don't want  
11 to discriminate against a particular person. It's the  
12 group, itself. Who is the private group that we are  
13 presenting to? And I feel that if -- you know, if an  
14 assembly person is saying, hey, you know, there's a city  
15 council meeting, or -- they're going to be there. That's  
16 one thing. We're presenting to a city council. We're  
17 presenting to a -- the League of Women Voters. It's the  
18 group that we're presenting to. And where I feel if we're  
19 presenting to a political -- a group of a political party,  
20 then that impartiality there I have a problem with.

21 I think that's -- I don't -- I think it's too  
22 tricky in terms of it's one political party versus another  
23 political party, and these -- we're trying to educate  
24 people who really don't know anything about this topic, and  
25 what is their purpose. We're trying to get more people

1 involved in the entire process. The political parties are  
2 very well involved, and they do -- I mean their mission is  
3 to get more of their own elected, and to bring their  
4 (indiscernible) forth, which is -- they're certainly more  
5 than entitled to.

6 But our job is to try to stay nonpolitical and  
7 bring forth people who are not of the political parties and  
8 also want to have a voice at the table.

9 So, I would really feel much more comfortable if  
10 we requested political party groups to come and attend some  
11 of our presentations, the presentations that we are hosting  
12 and sponsoring as opposed to going to their private events.  
13 And that way it isn't so much is a candidate there or  
14 something because often the candidate is a person who will  
15 say I want to get these people involved in the entire  
16 process. So, rather than look at, well, a candidate is  
17 here or not, it's what is the meeting? What is the meeting  
18 we're being taught in by the two?

19 And I feel that I would prefer if -- it's just  
20 such a slippery slope in terms of, you know, what are the  
21 rules, what are -- you know, how do you define it. I would  
22 think it's just sort of cleaner and easier to say that  
23 political party groups, we don't go to their private  
24 presentations, but they're more than welcome to come to any  
25 of our video educational presentations. And if they want

1 to team up like the item number four, if they want to put  
2 together another group, a local group of League of Women  
3 Voters, Common Cause, the city councils, those would be  
4 certainly groups that anyone can attend.

5 But I'm very concerned that how that's in terms  
6 of we use our total impartiality, and that's something that  
7 I would really like us to consider. And I think it's a  
8 nice clean, easy -- and it's not like we're -- it's just  
9 one policy. I think it sort of makes it very easy, and  
10 that way you don't have to worry about what parties we did  
11 not make it to.

12 And I see lots of different hands on that one.  
13 At this point I can't see the full screen, so, Commissioner  
14 Fornaciari, could you stop sharing, and then I have  
15 Commissioner Vasquez and then Commissioner Yee.

16 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yeah. I understand where  
17 you're coming from, Chair, and I want to be mindful that  
18 ability to be impartial I think is distinct -- is important  
19 and still distinct from sort of partisanship. And if -- I  
20 feel, this is my personal interpretation, I feel that if  
21 the intent of this Commission was to be completely  
22 nonpartisan, then we would be 14 no party preference  
23 commissioners. We are a multi-partisan independent  
24 Citizens Redistricting Commission. So, we, by virtue of  
25 our composition are acknowledging partisanship as a key

1 driver of electoral power.

2 And, so, I just want to -- I want us to make a  
3 distinction. I would like for us to make a distinction  
4 between impartiality and partisanship because I do believe  
5 we as a Commission can be impartial while also being  
6 mindful of the very clear partisan interests at play in  
7 redistricting.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Yee.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. Yeah, you know, I  
10 understand the concern about impartiality and perceptions,  
11 but I, myself, am leading towards Commissioner Fernandez's  
12 thoughts. And, you know, as a citizen if I were not on a  
13 Commission, just looking at Commission's work, you know,  
14 what I'd want to see is that you just went out there and  
15 circulated widely, and that you didn't focus on just one  
16 party or another.

17 You know, individual appearances, I mean you go  
18 where people are at, right. For some people maybe their  
19 local Green Party group is the only political group they're  
20 a part of, and they don't have time and energy to also go  
21 to a League of Women Voters, you know, group.

22 And, so, as long as we're going to lots of  
23 different parties, you know, I think that makes the  
24 perception safer.

25 Also, the way the proposed policy is written, I

1 wouldn't be able to go to even the League of Women Voters  
2 candidate's panel night, you know, where there's not just  
3 one candidate, several candidates. Why not? Why not show  
4 up, you know, and be part of something like that.

5           So, I'm thinking it's actually better to glean  
6 towards meeting all kinds of meetings. As long as there's  
7 all kinds of meeting, I feel okay with it. I'm not too  
8 worried about showing up at a meeting that happens to be a  
9 Democratic club or whatever, as long as we're doing lots of  
10 other meetings as well.

11           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sinay.

12           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you for this great  
13 discussion. And, Fredy, when you raised your hand I  
14 thought you were going to give your wisdom that you gave me  
15 when we were looking at a lot of this work.

16           The reason we had said candidates versus elected  
17 officials, even though I really like what Commissioner  
18 Fernandez said about -- and I agree with Commissioner  
19 Kennedy, when do you know. I was just sharing --  
20 Commissioner Kennedy, that, yes, you're absolutely right,  
21 but there are people who are running all the time.

22           But what I -- what Fredy said to me about the  
23 difference between someone who's been elected and someone  
24 who's a candidate is -- it goes similar to the political  
25 parties. And I know, Commissioner Kennedy, and I think,

1 Commissioner Turner, you've done some to political clubs.  
2 I would be interested in your input.

3           But mine so far has been that most groups can get  
4 you 20, maybe 30 people, even the school, they're going to  
5 post it and more people will see it, but that the clubs,  
6 even the -- I mean I was surprised at that the small club  
7 that I went to on Saturday had almost 50 people there. And  
8 those are the people that are the most engaged. And, you  
9 know, if people are going to their club meetings or they're  
10 going to legal (indiscernible), or a lot of these meetings,  
11 they're the most engaged, and so, as we've said before,  
12 just because they're engaged doesn't mean that you're  
13 necessarily educated in the process we're here -- I'm not  
14 meaning educated in a negative way, but just aware of what  
15 we're looking for and such.

16           I end every meeting asking them to please talk to  
17 at least three friends and have those friends talk to three  
18 more about redistricting, but I would say that, you know,  
19 as Commissioner Yee said, the number one rule for outreach  
20 and successful outreach is going where people are at. It's  
21 very hard to get people to come to you. You're more  
22 successful if you go where they're at.

23           And so, as I said, I'd be interested in hearing  
24 others who have presented at political clubs, if they had a  
25 higher attendance or not, or if it was just a fluke on my

1 experience.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez and then  
3 Commissioner Akutagawa.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And thank you,  
5 Commissioner Sinay for that.

6 I just wanted to respond to a couple of the  
7 comments that were made in terms of being for this  
8 proposal.

9 One of the concerns was if we only go out to one  
10 political party versus another, we are -- right now we are  
11 open to whoever. So, if a certain political party doesn't  
12 request an educational session from us, then they don't  
13 request an educational session. We're saying if you want a  
14 request, put it in and we'll try to fulfill it.

15 And again, I need to piggyback off of what  
16 Commissioner Sinay said. Just because you're in -- even in  
17 a political party doesn't mean you're fully educated in the  
18 redistricting process.

19 And again, I see our mission as trying to get the  
20 word out to as many as possible, which means including  
21 everyone, regardless of their status as an elected  
22 official, or not official, or going to run for office.

23 So, hopefully, we make the decision to include  
24 everyone and not discriminate how much they know, who they  
25 are, and just be equal to all. Thank you.

1           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. I just want to say  
2 in terms of is it our purpose just to reach whoever is out  
3 there and already aware and interested, or is to try to  
4 reach people who are not aware and not interested?

5           I mean the idea of, well, you know, sure you can  
6 come if, you know, just ask us and we'll come out, is that  
7 how we're handling a lot of the different people who are  
8 totally underrepresented and wouldn't really no? No, we're  
9 actually reaching out.

10           These are two different groups. I think we're  
11 mixing a little -- we're mixing different things.

12           Of course, I believe you would -- in terms of  
13 having a number at a political group, yes, these are the  
14 ones who are already involved. Do they -- do we need to  
15 reach out to them? We need to keep them informed of  
16 everything, you're right. But in terms of our reaching out  
17 to hard-to-reach people, I would hate to not present to a  
18 group of people who are very underrepresented in the  
19 political process because, oh, we're already scheduled  
20 attending a bunch of these meetings at political party  
21 groups. So, that's where I'm airing on and what that might  
22 look like.

23           Commissioner Vasquez.

24           COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: I -- again, I hear your  
25 concern, and I actually think that maybe that there's a way

1 we can establish even just like an informal practice at  
2 first as we open sort of our outreach process up to more  
3 partisan seeming groups, so that if we're presenting at a  
4 Democratic club, perhaps just our practice is to be  
5 proactive and ask, hey, do you have other partisan groups,  
6 including Republican groups, Green Party groups, what have  
7 you. Are there other partisan groups in your area that you  
8 could connect me with or that I should be connecting with?  
9 So, again, we're sort of trying to do our due diligence so  
10 we're not just waiting for people to come to us, but that  
11 are going to them.

12           And I also just want to add to this conversation  
13 about sort of who is connected to these political -- like  
14 local party groups. I imagine that these would be more  
15 events hosted by the groups and reaching out to their  
16 broader networks. So, I can imagine, depending on what the  
17 host outreach looks like, the folks who attend a  
18 redistricting education session is going to probably be a  
19 much bigger group and a much less -- sort of on the tiers  
20 of engagement a much less engaged group than the sort of  
21 like 10 people who attend every Democratic Party's meeting  
22 once a month, right.

23           But there's maybe someone who is still on the  
24 list and will sort of squirrel through events and see, oh,  
25 this is new. I've never heard about redistricting because

1 this has really only happened once before for anyone.

2           So, again, I don't want this. I don't think it's  
3 true that presenting partisan groups would only get folks  
4 who are really engaged in the process. I do think the more  
5 likely outcome is that we are reaching people at a sort of  
6 lower tier of initial engagement and understanding about  
7 redistricting, just because of the broad networks that  
8 partisan political groups have.

9           CHAIR ANDERSEN: I have, actually, Akutagawa,  
10 Turner and Toledo. We are approaching kind of the 11:00  
11 o'clock, so I might -- we have a few minutes, just kind of  
12 keeping an eye on that. But let's go with Commissioner  
13 Akutagawa.

14           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, thank you, Chair.  
15 I want to just, I think, weigh in on this conversation,  
16 which has been great.

17           First, I just want to say I do -- I do appreciate  
18 what Commissioner Fernandez says. It is true. I think,  
19 you know, we've all as a Commission have made choices about  
20 what our future is going to be, at least for the next 10  
21 years, about, you know, if we have any aspirations for  
22 candidacy and other things like that, but that's a choice  
23 that we've been willing to make.

24           But I do agree that, you know, for anyone who  
25 chooses to run for office or is currently in office, you

1 know, their presence being, you know, at a meeting where we  
2 might want to present or be invited to present should not  
3 preclude us from presenting. And whatever process we need  
4 to follow to, you know, enable, you know, us being there  
5 beyond just the video, I'm open to and would like to have  
6 that continued conversation.

7 I also -- you know, you were saying something  
8 earlier, Commissioner Andersen and then Commissioner  
9 Vasquez also talked about it as well, too. A couple of  
10 observations that I'll just make.

11 One is I think that to the point that you were  
12 making, Commissioner Andersen, about, you know, some of the  
13 hard-to-reach groups, I would say that, you know,  
14 politically we could say the same thing, that some  
15 political organizations are going to be a little bit harder  
16 to reach for various reasons. And I'll point to a  
17 conversation that Commissioner Sadhwani and I had in our  
18 region. And for various reasons there may be certain kinds  
19 of organizations, you know, that are more politically  
20 leaning that may not want to reach out to us. But I think,  
21 just like any other hard-to-reach group for the sake of  
22 being balanced and to ensure that we're actually, you know,  
23 really trying to be intentional about being multi-partisan,  
24 it may require us to reach out to certain political  
25 organizations to ensure that, you know, as others have

1 reached out to us more readily, others may be a little more  
2 hesitant and in those same ways that some of the hard-to-  
3 reach, you know, communities may not reach out to us, we  
4 have to go to them, we may need to do the same with certain  
5 kinds of partisan organizations.

6 I think Commissioner Vasquez also talked about,  
7 you know, there are sometimes other organizations that are,  
8 you know, nonpartisan in their mission statement but  
9 obviously may -- I shouldn't say obviously -- but may lean  
10 a certain way, and I think those are also ones in which,  
11 you know, we should seek to also ensure that we're reaching  
12 out to.

13 The other thing I also want to just mention, too,  
14 is that, depending on where an organization is, whether  
15 it's a club, whether it's formal nonprofit, you know, in  
16 different places around the state, and I think we're  
17 learning this, especially for you and I in our zone which  
18 is much more rural in the Eastern Sierras and in the Gold  
19 Country, one, there may not be a lot of organized  
20 nonprofits. There may not be a lot of other organized, you  
21 know, clubs or other organizations because, you know, some  
22 people are in some of these areas because they don't really  
23 want to interact with a lot of people. But if they do, you  
24 know, they may do so with other likeminded people, and it  
25 may not be -- you know maybe they are likeminded. It could

1 be that, you know, that's just the only social game in town  
2 maybe for what little social activity they may want to  
3 engage in.

4           You know there's a lot of what ifs that we don't  
5 know about, and so I think it's important that we do take  
6 that into account that, you know, our role is to not only  
7 ultimately to draw the new district lines for Congress, the  
8 State Assembly, State Senate and Board of Equalization, but  
9 it is also we've taken it, I think, upon ourselves that we  
10 want to educate the broader public in California about  
11 redistricting and what that means, that may mean, as we've  
12 been talking, you know, for a long time, I think, since we  
13 started really about how do we reach those harder to reach  
14 communities so that we can educate them and encourage their  
15 public input.

16           And, so, you know, maybe a long-winded way of  
17 just getting back to, you know, saying that regardless of  
18 whether it is partisan or not, you know, some of these  
19 groups may be the ways in which we can reach, you know,  
20 people that may not normally engage in. And that's why I  
21 think to Commissioner Vasquez's point -- I think it was a  
22 good one -- we are multi-partisan. It may be that in  
23 certain cases we'll, you know, deploy a member of the  
24 Commission because they're from a community, whether  
25 geographically or, you know, from whether it's an ethnicity

1 race, or even language ability, but it could also be based  
2 on partisanship as well, too. And a group may be more, you  
3 know, familiar with having someone, you know, who they feel  
4 at least shares their shared partisan identity.

5           And, so, you know, it's just of several different  
6 ways in which we're looking at different communities of  
7 interest, although partisanship isn't necessarily, you  
8 know, a factor in what we draw from, but it is an identity  
9 that, you know, I'll just say, agree or disagree, that has  
10 become very much part of people's identity, you know, in  
11 this day and time, and, so, I think something that we  
12 should keep in mind as we think about, you know, these  
13 guidelines.

14           And I know it's for the best of intent, so, you  
15 know, I think that that's what we need to also remember,  
16 you know, what is going to be the most fair, what's going  
17 to be the most equitable, what's going to be the most  
18 impartial as to the degree that we can be. But, how do we  
19 also educate and engage, you know, the broad swath of  
20 California, too.

21           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner. At  
22 this point we are at the 11:00 o'clock hour. It's time for  
23 our 15-minute required break, so I would like to do that.  
24 I would encourage any of the public who are listening to  
25 consider these and weigh in as we come back in our lunch

1 period, obviously, and when we come back I have  
2 Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Toledo, and then we will  
3 continue this conversation.

4 So, at this point it's 11:03 I have, so let's  
5 come back 11:18.

6 (Off the record 11:04 a.m.)

7 (On the record 11:18 a.m.)

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Welcome back, all, to the  
9 California Citizens Redistricting Commission meeting. And  
10 we are -- on the agenda we're in the middle of a discussion  
11 on Item 9F, Outreach Engagement. We were actually talking  
12 about doing education presentations to private meetings of  
13 political parties. And I believe we have more questions  
14 and things from we have Commissioner Turner, followed by  
15 Commissioner Toledo.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, and I'd like to  
17 pass at this time.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. And, so,  
19 I'll go with Commissioner Toledo, who I do not see at this  
20 point. Commissioner Yee, and we'll come back.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. A quick additional  
22 comment about current officeholders. You know, just to be  
23 contrary, and I think if I'm a current officeholder, you  
24 know, I'm thinking part of my responsibility is to help  
25 educate my constituents, and, you know, reaching out to the

1 Commission for a presentation would make perfect sense, you  
2 know, as a discharge of that responsibility. So, maybe  
3 it's a little bit of the incumbent advantage, you know, but  
4 still, I could easily see that. It actually would be a  
5 perfectly appropriate use of office and an appropriate  
6 appearance for us.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Again, I don't see the issue of  
8 being a candidate. Candidates is not the issue; it's to  
9 what meeting are they inviting us, because typically you'd  
10 think it was be a government-type meeting, city council,  
11 something like that. But, let's see I have Commissioner  
12 Vasquez.

13 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yeah, I actually agree  
14 with you, Commissioner Yee. The challenge there that I  
15 think then loops us back to what Commissioner Kennedy is  
16 saying about how to distinguish between candidates and --  
17 and objective way to distinguish between candidates and  
18 current officeholders because current officeholders can  
19 absolutely and many are candidates for either their current  
20 office or another office for which we are drawing lines.  
21 And, so, they often -- they, you know -- folks in those  
22 offices are savvy in terms of how they distinguish, sort of  
23 I'm doing this in my role as a candidate, versus I'm doing  
24 this in my official capacity as, you know, a State Senator  
25 or a State Assemblyperson. So, we would just -- I'm --

1 again, I'm more -- I am comfortable with presenting at  
2 hosted elected officials' meeting, you know, State Senator,  
3 State Assembly, whomever. Then we just need to be  
4 objective about like sort of who -- where we're drawing  
5 distinctions between candidates and current officeholders.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fornaciari.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, I just -- just to  
8 kind of bring this to a close, if we can, I'm kind of  
9 getting the general consensus from the group that we want  
10 to keep it open -- open without restrictions.

11 You know, Marian's comment earlier was, you know,  
12 to be not favoring one party over another and make an  
13 effort to be inclusive. You know, to that end, we've had a  
14 number of Democratic clubs reach out to us. Commissioner  
15 Sinay and I, as she mentioned, are reaching out to the  
16 State Republican Party. I mean we can certainly, you know,  
17 make an effort to reach out to other parties, too, and  
18 ensure we're being inclusive in that way.

19 So, I mean, it just -- you know make it -- I  
20 think the idea would be we'd make it clear when we make  
21 presentations that, you know, we're representing the CRC,  
22 what the CRC is, and, you know, we'll present at the  
23 invitation of candidates, or at the invitation of elected  
24 officials, or the invitation of party clubs, or party  
25 organizations. I mean is that -- I get the sense that

1 that's what I'm hearing from the group. Commissioner  
2 Kennedy.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. I mean I think  
5 that, yes, I'm in agreement, that's the general direction  
6 we're going. I would say that if any individuals are not  
7 comfortable presenting to any specific group, whether it's  
8 political or any other type of group, there are 13 others  
9 of us and we can find out who is available to speak to that  
10 group.

11 The other thing is if we do, in fact, end up with  
12 conflicts between, you know, a group that potentially  
13 already knows a good bit about redistricting and a group  
14 that doesn't, I have no problem prioritizing the group that  
15 doesn't. You know, we can always prioritize things without  
16 excluding. So, I just want to put those two considerations  
17 on the table. Thanks.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I have a -- there's still  
19 outstanding Commissioner Turner and also Commissioner  
20 Toledo. I don't see Commissioner Toledo. Commissioner  
21 Turner, did you want to speak at this time?

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I did not request again to  
23 speak, Madam Chair. Thank you.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. And, Commissioner Le  
25 Mons, did I see your hand up? No, okay.

1 Well, at this point, you know, I'm just wondering  
2 is it too -- considered a burden to request that the  
3 private parties, private political parties, just to have  
4 one of our videos or present, or please come to one of our  
5 presentations. That's just considered a bit discriminatory  
6 because that's what the group is thinking. I'm seeing a  
7 couple of nods on that.

8 So, then, I'd like the public to comment, because  
9 it will be very interesting to hear what they have to say.  
10 And other than that, Commissioner Fornaciari and  
11 Commissioner Sinay, do you want to proceed with the  
12 subcommittee recommendations?

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, I think where we're  
14 at is, you know, we're going to present to the groups that  
15 ask us, and we're going to reach out to parties in -- you  
16 know, try to reach out to all the parties, or I'm sure we  
17 can't reach out to all of them, but, you know, do our best  
18 to reach out to political parties and include them and make  
19 the offers to those parties. I mean, Commissioner Sinay,  
20 do you have a --

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The only thing I would add  
22 what I had drafted from the whole conversation is CRC may  
23 not favor one party over another. We will make sure we're  
24 being as inclusive as possible. For all presentations CRC  
25 -- for all groups CRC will make it clear that the CRC

1 presentation clearly be separated from other speakers so  
2 that there isn't a confusion on the agenda, you know, that  
3 we're holding our space in the agenda.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. I do see Commissioner  
5 Akutagawa. I just wanted -- these are being recorded,  
6 correct? That is part of the criteria. Okay.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I guess maybe a question  
9 of I don't know if this is process or maybe. The document,  
10 Commissioner Fornaciari, that you shared with us, I know  
11 that after this discussion it's probably going to change,  
12 but I am sure there's numbers of the public that are also  
13 going to want to read through it as well, too. Are you  
14 planning to share -- I guess share it, but will it be  
15 shared in its original form and in its amended form, or  
16 just in its amended form?

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, at this point I  
18 was going to share it in its amended form, since I've been  
19 amending it as we go.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And, then, would that be part of  
21 the outreach plan and you'd be sort of asking just kind of  
22 for general approval on the continued --

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We'll incorporate it in  
24 the outreach plan and repost the outreach plan.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. And, so, in terms of -- I

1 see at this point there's no need for any kind of vote, or  
2 anything like that. This is just part of your  
3 recommendation and -- does the group -- would the group  
4 like to do a vote on this particular thing, or I believe  
5 we're already -- this is just an update on the outreach.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I mean it seems like we  
7 have consensus among the group, and so we'll just go  
8 forward at this point, unless anyone objects, and update  
9 the outreach document.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I certainly would not like us  
11 going in this direction, but that's --

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. It seems like  
13 the consensus of the group, though, is to go in this  
14 direction.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct. And with that in mind,  
16 are there any other questions for the subcommittee? Then  
17 thank you very much. Oh, I'm sorry, yes, Commissioner  
18 Turner.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. I wanted to know how  
20 we were going to proceed. I had also suggested that we  
21 capture questions that's coming from the meetings, a little  
22 bit of a different vein of the same question. I was not  
23 clear with what was the result of that. Are we doing that  
24 or not?

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner --

1           COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm asking specifically  
2 about the frequently asked questions, questions that are  
3 coming up from the presentations. Are they being captured,  
4 and will we receive that information on a regular basis  
5 going forward?

6           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sinay.

7           COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think that's a great idea,  
8 and I did put it on our to-do list to circle back with  
9 staff and figure out how to do exactly that. Thank you.

10          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. And just to continue  
11 on that same vein, in terms of adding groups to who we're  
12 considering in this -- in our outreach, specifically like  
13 county offices, those sort of things. Do we just add that?  
14 Do we just get in touch? Anyone can submit their  
15 suggestions to the subcommittee who will be addressing  
16 those. Commissioner Sinay.

17          COMMISSIONER SINAY: Because you can't -- we  
18 can't talk directly with each other when we're not in  
19 meetings we've set up crowd sourcing documents so that you  
20 can put it in there, and ideally, you would add a link in  
21 there to make it a little easier who will do the research.

22          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Perfect. Also, of course, you  
23 may submit that to our Deputy Outreach Director as well,  
24 any ideas. So, thank you very much, both of you, for this  
25 update, and I think with that, we'll move forward to Item

1 G, 9G, the Language Access, which is Commissioner Akutagawa  
2 and Commissioner Fernandez.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, thank you. So,  
4 just briefly on that one. We're still working on a number  
5 of open items, specifically the language interpretation,  
6 and then, secondly, I want to just report to the Commission  
7 that we are proposing to translate the Redistricting Basics  
8 PowerPoint into the 12 languages so that it would be  
9 available for use by any organization or any person who  
10 might want to utilize the PowerPoint to organize their own  
11 presentation.

12 Commissioner Fernandez, is there anything else  
13 that you might want to add to that?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just that we're  
15 finalizing the contract for a couple of the -- I think we'd  
16 planned to have three or four different vendors for  
17 translation interpreter services.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Yee, then  
19 Commissioner Fornaciari.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Thank you to the  
21 subcommittee for the progress on this.

22 I'm wondering if we could, maybe even on our  
23 website have some kind of schedule of when what different  
24 materials will be available and which language, because I'm  
25 sure they won't all come out at once. So, for instance,

1 I'm in conversation with a Punjabi Sikh group right now,  
2 and so, I could tell them, well, that will probably be  
3 coming out in May, you know. That would help, you know.  
4 There might be a lot of TVDs in it, you know, for now, but  
5 just so we can have some idea what to tell people. Thanks.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fornaciari.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: That was my question.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think there's going to  
9 be some TVDs right now because we're still trying to  
10 finalize the contracts. I think our hope is that we'll  
11 have the -- at least the first of the three or four  
12 translation interpretation company contracts finalized  
13 within the next -- maybe this is something that I should  
14 ask either Director Hernandez or perhaps Director Ceja to  
15 comment on if they are aware. But my guesstimate is within  
16 the next couple weeks, but I'm only saying it's a  
17 guesstimate because I don't know if there's any other  
18 additional reviews that the contracts have to go through  
19 with other departments within the state.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Director Hernandez.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I will follow up  
22 with Raul just to confirm the timeframes for you.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Then if -- I'll just  
25 make one other comment. It'll -- well, actually, no. I'll

1 just save it for the COI tool update.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sinay.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The contracts, these are  
4 vendors that we already have a relationship with, correct?  
5 Not that we, that they have a relationship with the State  
6 and, therefore, we can move quicker, and that's why we  
7 haven't done an RFP, or an RFA, or an RFI, or whatever.  
8 Yes?

9 I was asking this because, you know, our  
10 subcommittee in putting together some of the information  
11 was made privy to kind of the cost of that, and it seemed  
12 like the bids are really, really high compared to my  
13 experience locally.

14 And, so, I did ask local translators and  
15 interpreters what they charge, and their rates were about  
16 \$65 an hour, and, so -- and these are professionals. And,  
17 so, I was just curious on how we came into partnership  
18 with, you know, why we're using some of these groups that  
19 seem to be so high. And I guess we have three bids so they  
20 compete against each other, but anyway, I was just kind of  
21 shocked by that.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just to clarify, I  
23 believe some of them are ones that the State is already  
24 using, but I think a couple of others may have been ones  
25 that we got recommendations from others. But, Commissioner

1 Fernandez, you might know more details on it.

2           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I actually don't. I  
3 know that they are certified small businesses, and maybe,  
4 Director Hernandez, if you could also follow up with Raul  
5 on that. I was under the assumption that they were already  
6 either on the multiple award schedule, California Multiple  
7 Award Schedule, or a certified small business, and that's  
8 how we found the different contractors and then requested  
9 bids from them. So, if we could just look into that as  
10 well. Thank you.

11           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. One item also for  
12 the committee. You did hear one of our comments this  
13 morning, and that's come up several times before, is the  
14 actual translation of our meetings. Is that something that  
15 the committee is looking into, and is there progress on  
16 that, or --

17           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, it is something  
18 that we are looking into. It's a lot costlier than we had  
19 imagined, so we're trying to maybe put some parameters on  
20 it versus -- once we get into the input meetings maybe  
21 translating or interpreting those meetings versus our  
22 business meetings that I would consider like these type of  
23 meetings. So, we're continuing to research that to see --  
24 to bring different scenarios forward.

25           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. I encourage that

1 particularly given that, you know, the AB339 will sort of  
2 mandate that, so I'd like us to be ahead on that as that's  
3 something we have talked about from I think July. I'm  
4 looking at Commissioner Kennedy nodding his head on that,  
5 so if we could move forward on that I'd really appreciate  
6 that. Thank you.

7           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: If I could make  
8 clarification on that AB339. I haven't had a chance to  
9 fully look at that yet, but perhaps, Marian, does that  
10 pertain to just translation of materials, or does that  
11 include simultaneous interpretation of all meetings?

12           MS. JOHNSTON: It includes meetings, but right  
13 now it's just a proposal. It was just introduced. I have  
14 no idea if it's going to go anywhere.

15           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So, I just want to also  
16 piggyback on what Commissioner Fernandez did say. We are  
17 -- we have, actually, since even before we made our  
18 proposal to the Commission we have continued to look at the  
19 question of simultaneous interpretation. We had been very  
20 cognizant, and we've had many conversations, but as with  
21 many things, you know, as we speak about one thing, we also  
22 ran into other questions that I think in -- for the sake of  
23 a more focused discussion we're just trying to investigate  
24 and make sure that we have answers to many of the other  
25 kind of questions that are most possibly going to come up,

1 and so there's still, because of the contracting process  
2 and everything like that, it's just taking us a little bit  
3 more time, but that's why I just wanted to let everybody  
4 know that we are very diligently looking into all of this,  
5 and we're very cognizant of the request.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, thank you, and I  
7 appreciate the work that the subcommittee has been doing.  
8 Commissioner Fernandez, go ahead.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: In respect, because  
10 right now, Marian, you just said it's a proposal and  
11 normally as a state agency you would provide information or  
12 feedback as to what the costs of the proposal would be, so  
13 would it behoove us to -- I'm not thinking clearly right  
14 now, so I apologize. Would it behoove us as a Commission  
15 to maybe come up to provide some sort of, I don't want to  
16 say opposition to it, but just some information so they  
17 actually understand what the cost would be to just  
18 translate in one language for all of the meetings that we  
19 are projecting to have? Because it's a huge number, and  
20 we're just looking at it right now with one language versus  
21 if we have to do multiple languages.

22 So, is there an avenue for us to do that, because  
23 I really do think as part of any passage of any bill or any  
24 legislation they really need to understand the back end in  
25 terms of what that means in dollars.

1 MS. JOHNSTON: I would suggest working with the

2 --

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, I can't hear.

4 MS. JOHNSTON: I'm sorry. I would suggest  
5 contacting the staff of whoever the person is who submitted  
6 the bill, and I don't recall it. I'll find out and get it  
7 to you. I assume that is something that they're going to  
8 be considering. Budget considerations always come up with  
9 State agencies giving new duties.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. So, I'm trying  
11 to think procedurally would that be our subcommittee or  
12 would that be Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner  
13 Toledo? But I'm also thinking that the initial contact may  
14 need to come from Director Hernandez to try to facilitate  
15 that conversation. I'm just trying to figure it out.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Procedure-wise I would recommend  
17 the subcommittee go to Director Hernandez who could then  
18 address, you know, the appropriate group. I do agree that  
19 this is something we should give a heads up to the  
20 Government Affairs Committee on, as they are working with  
21 different parts of the government groups on this.

22 I would also like -- so, that's for the process.  
23 I would also like if anyone has ideas about translating  
24 meetings, if they could go ahead and give this information  
25 to Director Hernandez for the subcommittee in terms of

1 possible other venues, like what do other state agencies  
2 do, it would be very interesting, Commissioner Fernandez.  
3 I like your approach of this is how much you're saying it's  
4 going to end up costing. What other state agencies are  
5 doing this and how are their projections? How are they --  
6 how are they doing this at this time, and, you know, what  
7 are their costs? So we could have also similar numbers,  
8 but possibly other ideas which we were not aware of.

9           So, thank you very much for your work on this  
10 item.

11           Any other questions? We have Commissioner  
12 Fornaciari.

13           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Just to let you know, in  
14 conversation that -- conversations that Commissioner Sinay  
15 and I have had with the Outreach Committee, this topic has  
16 come up and specifically the topic of how to do it within  
17 Zoom, because Zoom offers these Zoom rooms. So, Marcy and  
18 Patricia Vazquez Topete is looking into this, too. I don't  
19 know if you've talked with them about it. Okay. So, I  
20 just didn't want to make sure we weren't going down two  
21 different paths here.

22           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner  
23 Akutagawa.

24           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. I do want to also  
25 assure that as we -- as I've said, we've been looking into

1 this since our initial proposal to the Commission.

2 I think one of the things that we have requested,  
3 but we're still gathering further information, I know that  
4 we've gotten suggestions about the Zoom rooms, you know,  
5 where I will say that looking into the Zoom translate, it's  
6 not as easy as just saying, okay, you know, the current  
7 meeting that we're on, let's just have, you know, these  
8 translations rooms available.

9 First off, there's a limit of five rooms, so,  
10 we're looking at only five languages. So, if there were,  
11 you know, a request, either an open request for any  
12 language that there's a request, or if we can say we're  
13 only going to do the 12, you know, the Zoom technology as  
14 far as we've seen is limited to five. Then it gets into  
15 other questions around, you know, how we then accommodate  
16 multiple languages.

17 I believe that -- and perhaps this is a further  
18 conversation that we need to have with the staff, but we  
19 have tried to -- we're in the process of trying to gather  
20 as much information as we can to make a recommendation to  
21 everybody, part of which includes, you know, what the  
22 technology is, part of which includes, frankly, the cost.  
23 And I will say that as Commissioner Fernandez mentioned,  
24 some of the initial costs are pretty shocking. Honestly, I  
25 mean, I'll just say that. I just thought, you know, hey,

1 how bad can it be, you know, and it was a little bit more  
2 shocking than I had even imagined.

3           And I think that's why we want to just be careful  
4 before we come forward and before we say anything to  
5 anybody because, you know, on the one hand I am very  
6 cognizant about a couple things. One is, you know, should  
7 cost be an issue to stop us from, you know, providing this  
8 when it should be an important part of, you know, people's  
9 civic participation and civic engagement in this process.  
10 I hear that, you know, I think there can be a case that  
11 could be made to say, you know, people, you know, may not  
12 be participating because they are not able to because  
13 English is -- you know, they're limited English proficient,  
14 and so, therefore, it's difficult for them to participate.  
15 And I think both Commissioner Fernandez and I, you know,  
16 very much had a robust conversation about that as well,  
17 too. It's kind of a little chicken or egg, right.

18           We also did talk about, you know, what has been  
19 brought up in terms of, you know, if you're providing  
20 public comment, you know, we should provide a whole  
21 meeting.

22           I think that there's some other things that we're  
23 trying to make sure that we have an understanding of, so  
24 that then when we come to the Commission and for the public  
25 to also, you know, hear as well, too. We're coming to it

1 with as much of a strong understanding of what the options  
2 are versus just the what ifs, and we still have to continue  
3 to go back and shape it. I would rather shape from having  
4 a place where this is what we understand as of right now,  
5 and then if we have to shape more, we will, but right now  
6 we're still in a very much like -- there's a lot of  
7 unknowns that we're still just trying to figure out and to  
8 get costs for and to the what ifs, and once we have that I  
9 think we can come -- I think we could have a more focused  
10 discussion as a Commission.

11           Also, I will just say this as well, too. I  
12 believe that when you look at most government agencies  
13 there are limited simultaneous translation provided. I  
14 believe part of it is because of the requirements of what  
15 the both Bagley-Keene and other government statutes require  
16 in terms of accessibility, and so, it's not just as simple  
17 as let's just set up the Zoom room or telephone line. I  
18 think there's some other things that we're just trying to  
19 make sure, you know, we're crossing our t's and dotting our  
20 i's on all of this so that we're taking into account all of  
21 these, you know, potential factors so that we're not taken  
22 by surprise later on that could exponentially, you know,  
23 maybe drive up costs and maybe other kinds of factors that  
24 could surprise us. So, I'll just stop there.

25           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, thank you very much for

1 telling us a little bit of the actual details that are  
2 involved in this, because on the surface some of these  
3 things sound very easy, and obviously they are clearly not.  
4 The subcommittee has done a great deal of work and the  
5 Commission really appreciates that. Thank you.

6 Any other questions on this before we -- I don't  
7 see us at that point, so we'll move ahead to Item 9H, which  
8 is the Materials Development. Commissioners Fernandez and  
9 Kennedy.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Let's see. Since last  
11 week I think Communications Director Ceja did bring up the  
12 fact that I believe all commissioners participated last  
13 week to do their video slides. I think we're continuing to  
14 work on the document that Commissioner Kennedy drafted.

15 I think that's pretty much it so far. Anything  
16 else, Commissioner Kennedy?

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: The only thing that I would  
18 mention is that I gave a very brief presentation to the  
19 Inland Empire Media Roundtable last week. They actually  
20 allotted me four minutes. So, I came up with a radically  
21 compressed version of the script and shared it with the  
22 outreach staff, so if any of you is invited to give a five-  
23 minute or even 10-minute presentation of Redistricting  
24 Basics, we at least have a starting point that you can use.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. I'm sure

1 that -- actually we're all smiling, but I think that's  
2 probably going to be way more helpful than we realize, so  
3 thank you for that.

4 Any other comments from either the subcommittee  
5 or any questions? Director Ceja.

6 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR CEJA: I just wanted to  
7 add that all the updated versions of documents are on our  
8 website under the Outreach Material section, including the  
9 presentation on the script in order to avoid different  
10 versions going around or having older versions. Always  
11 make sure to go onto our website for the latest versions of  
12 presentations or any other documents. Thank you.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for that. Seeing no  
14 other comments, we'll move on to number 9I, Data  
15 Management. Commissioner Ahmad and Turner.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I'll  
17 present -- start out for us today. So, for the Data  
18 Management Subcommittee we have three updates that we'd  
19 like to provide, and also give you back our time later on  
20 on the agenda. We believe we can just present here.

21 First of all, wanting to let you know that we did  
22 have our meeting, our regular standing meeting with USDR,  
23 and wanting to bring to this Commission's attention, in one  
24 of our earlier meetings it was determined that we would try  
25 to move forward with an MOU, and as we tried to kind of

1 research that without staff, we've determined that really  
2 an MOU is not plausible in that there is -- it's a no money  
3 exchange agreement.

4           And, so, as they try to research that, that does  
5 not appear to be the right direction, and so, before we  
6 totally, you know, moved with that, we wanted to at least  
7 bring it back to the full Commission and let you know that.  
8 An MOU no longer seems to make sense in this case. No  
9 money exchanged. There's nothing really to hold them  
10 accountable to. And, so, if there are any reactions to  
11 that, let me know, but our staff is recommending no MOU for  
12 this agreement.

13           The other piece is that we are moving forward  
14 with our data manager. Staff is working on a duty  
15 statement right now, and we know there is more clarity  
16 about the interaction between our data manager and the line  
17 drawer, but until they're on board we won't be able to gain  
18 some of that clarity, but we are going to move forward  
19 still with our data manager and get the duty statement  
20 completed and then be able to get that requisition out.

21           And then the last piece is, is in the meantime  
22 USDR has been asked to support our staff with a new project  
23 which is like a new database creation that will be able to  
24 track and display our presentations. Earlier we saw that,  
25 of course, demand is increasing right now for all of what

1 our staff is having to do to make sure that's available to  
2 the public, where the meetings are occurring, et cetera.  
3 It's getting to be a little bit of a larger project than  
4 need be, and so, USDR, we have put them into contact with  
5 our Outreach Manager, Marcy Kaplan, and they have  
6 graciously I believe, agreed to consult with her and see  
7 how they're able to support that effort as well, which will  
8 be totally separate, a totally separate project from the  
9 database that they're creating for us. And, so, they're  
10 willing to do that. We're excited about it, and that is  
11 our update. Any questions?

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I see some right away.  
13 Commissioner Kennedy.

14 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, thank you. I wanted to  
15 get a better understanding of the guidance not to put in  
16 place an MOU. I mean in the professional world that I come  
17 from there are MOUs all the time between organizations that  
18 involve no exchange of funds in either direction, so I'm  
19 just a little confused and just to understand this better.  
20 Thank you.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Before you jump into that, could  
22 you please for the public and everybody, what is an MOU?

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. An MOU is a  
24 memorandum of understanding, also some use MOA, memorandum  
25 of agreement, but it's the same. And I'm wondering if

1 staff wants to chime in here on any greater details.

2           Basically, I walked away with the understanding,  
3 and I hear you, Commissioner Kennedy, that you're used to  
4 having MOUs even when there is no money exchanged. But,  
5 basically, I think as we attempted to research, and there  
6 was wording that was provided for us from USDR should we  
7 need to have an MOU. It was us that initially brought it  
8 up. They thought, okay, we can do it. Let's research, and  
9 they provided words for us. We started with those words.  
10 But I think on our side in trying to make that happen in  
11 the channels that we have is where there got to be a  
12 sticking point.

13           So, I ask, let me ask, first of all, Commissioner  
14 Ahmad, do you have any additional detail other than that,  
15 or staff can chime in.

16           COMMISSIONER AHMAD: No, Commissioner Turner, my  
17 understanding is the same as yours. Director Hernandez  
18 explained it much better than I could in terms of the state  
19 process used and what flags arose when talking about a no  
20 monetary exchange MOU, so I'll defer to his expertise.

21           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Please answer, Commissioner --  
22 I'm sorry, Director Hernandez.

23           EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.  
24 So, eventually in creating the document we would be asking  
25 for someone to review it, and when they start to do the

1 review of this memorandum of understanding, a lot more  
2 questions would come up, some of the legal language. And,  
3 so then, they would lead us down the path of maybe this  
4 should be a more formal agreement that goes back to the  
5 contracting process. Now we have additional delays, we  
6 have additional requirements that USDR might not want to  
7 participate in those requirements because they are required  
8 by the contracting guidelines.

9           And so, trying to get away from having to do that  
10 part because of the oversight piece, someone would have to  
11 take a look at that, and in doing so it's going to ask,  
12 well, what is the money being exchanged. There isn't any  
13 money being exchanged. What are we agreeing to? They're  
14 going to provide a service to help us do our work, and so,  
15 that may lead to more questions and lead us to a different  
16 path in creating more of a contractual type of an agreement  
17 which we don't need essentially for the services that  
18 they're going to be providing.

19           CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, Marian, do you have an input  
20 on this one? I'm sorry, Ms. Johnston.

21           MS. JOHNSTON: I was not involved in this.

22           (inaudible)

23           EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yeah, he was. I  
24 can bring him on board if you'd like, for Raul to explain,  
25 or get back to you.

1           CHAIR ANDERSEN: This is an item that, you know,  
2 we -- as long as this is not -- right now it seems a bit  
3 like, you know, well, we don't want to put a contract --  
4 put a memorandum together just for time, and certainly  
5 that's not where the thoughts are. There must be a little  
6 more of doubt to it than that.

7           EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Sure. There's  
8 more to that than just the time factor, but essentially,  
9 you know, what is being exchanged, the service, the  
10 monetary part of it. There is no monetary part of it, and  
11 so, that's where I want to make sure that we're clear.  
12 We're not required to have an MOU for that type of service.  
13 If we do go that route, then it opens up the other  
14 requirements that we may need to now follow.

15           COMMISSIONER TURNER: And while we're waiting to  
16 see if Raul is going to come on or we'll have to table it,  
17 because we're often asked, so I just want to respond on  
18 behalf -- yes, I want you to have your answers.

19           In addition to that, from the conversations that  
20 we've had with USDR from the beginning, the recommendation  
21 of the subcommittee is that we are willing to not have an  
22 MOU. It does not seem to be anything that would be a  
23 driver of USDR. They're very committed to the process and  
24 ensuring that they carry this all the way through, so it is  
25 our recommendation that we don't have one. And, so, if we

1 did not say that or I did not say that before, I wanted to  
2 also put that on the table, so as you're waiting for other  
3 response.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.  
5 Commissioner Fernandez.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner and  
7 Commissioner Ahmad, is there already correspondence between  
8 the two, like written correspondence in terms of who is  
9 going to do what? I mean that could also be a statement of  
10 understanding that is an internal document versus something  
11 that we process through like the Department of General  
12 Services. So, if we already have something like that that  
13 details out kind of what the responsibility is on both  
14 sides, I think that, in my opinion, would be sufficient to,  
15 you know, it's just something showing what the  
16 responsibilities are.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Ahmad.

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you. I believe we've  
19 had conversations about exactly what you're talking about,  
20 but until we have our own data analyst on board and that  
21 clarity between the line drawer role and what our internal  
22 data processes will be housing, the fine details to that,  
23 is to be determined. And we're really excited to get that  
24 line drawer on board so we can ask a million questions,  
25 but, don't worry, Commissioner Andersen, we're holding off.

1           But at the end of the day I think this comes down  
2 to the monetary exchange. Even if we have a statement of  
3 agreement in place, or some type of agreement in place, if  
4 in the case that USDR does not follow through, then what?  
5 We don't pay them? Well, we weren't paying them anyway.  
6 So, it really comes down to that exchange of monetary  
7 goods, and in this case, USDR, like Commissioner Turner  
8 said, is super, super dedicated to this particular project.  
9 They've been committed week by week.

10           So, again, I'm with Commissioner Turner on this.  
11 Our recommendation is just to continue moving forward as we  
12 have been, and if we do as a Commission want to go the  
13 route of the formal contract, then we can do that. We can  
14 go solicit services, have that monetary exchange and get  
15 that in place. But as of right now, this is what we have,  
16 and if we as a Commission want to change course, we are  
17 certainly open to having that conversation.

18           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Would the subcommittee be  
19 amenable to the idea of continuing on as we are with the  
20 idea being to -- as the line drawer comes aboard and it  
21 becomes a little more specific to then just having an  
22 internal written understanding of who is -- the roles? I  
23 think as Commissioner Fernandez says, the Commission, I  
24 believe, would feel more comfortable with certainly  
25 something in a bit of writing.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct. And we don't  
3 necessarily -- it isn't the contract per se because there  
4 is no money. So --

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair, and there  
6 is and has been written conversation on, again, USDR. We  
7 meet with them every week, and every week we kind of  
8 capture what the agreements are. They've led many of those  
9 conversations and set up the calls, and, you know, who's  
10 going to be on the call, et cetera, and so, there is a  
11 trail. There is an email trail of what has transpired so  
12 far, what the expectations are. Their willingness to work  
13 around us as a subcommittee and then as the Commission  
14 waiting for next direction before they move.

15 So, I think internally, of course, once we  
16 receive our data manager, data analyst, once they're on  
17 board and the agreements are set, I know we all heard the  
18 presentation from Haystaq and Q2 as far as the role that  
19 their data people will play. And, again, that just has to  
20 be refined before we can give USDR any more detail. And  
21 then when we work it out, yes, there will be more email  
22 exchange. We are capturing it. And probably more comfort  
23 level if you all were directly dealing with them, but take  
24 it from us, we're extremely comfortable with USDR. They  
25 are going to get this done for us. They're committed to

1 doing so. And, yeah, we're willing to stake our  
2 conversations with them and confidence in them to be able  
3 to just say to you that internal emails, we have that  
4 captured, MOU, don't see a need for it or concern for not  
5 having it.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. I see  
7 Commissioner Fornaciari.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm good with the  
9 recommendation of the subcommittee.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I could not agree more. Do we  
11 want to have a -- would the subcommittee, are they looking  
12 for further actual vote on this or is this just a --

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I don't believe so. If you  
14 can recall to mind, I don't think we voted to get the MOU,  
15 it was just kind of move thing, and, so, I don't think we  
16 need a vote.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. No, I believe. This is  
18 great. Thank you very much. And are there any other  
19 questions?

20 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Chair, just to close the  
21 loop, I wasn't sure since I'm not in the room, if Raul was  
22 going to come forward and provide that additional  
23 explanation.

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I was going to  
25 touch base with him and respond back to the Commission

1 after lunch.

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay. Sounds good. Thank  
3 you.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And at this point does the --  
5 you know, additional information is always good. Does the  
6 Commission feel we need to have that additional  
7 information? Does anyone feel very strongly that we do  
8 need to have a discussion? No, okay. Thank you very much.  
9 Tell Mr. Villanueva that he does not need to be present.  
10 Thank you.

11 Any other points from the Data Management  
12 Committee?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No, we rest. Thank you.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. That was a  
15 great update.

16 At this point I believe -- I did get a message.  
17 We were supposed to be doing something with the language  
18 access. We might actually go back to them.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Chair. My  
20 apologies. I think we got so much into the other  
21 conversation around interpretation that we forgot to  
22 request a vote for approval from the Commission about  
23 translating the PowerPoint, the Redistricting Basics  
24 PowerPoint deck because it is not in the Outreach Plan, so  
25 we do need to seek and request formal approval from the

1 commissioners, all of the commissioners.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, do we have a proposal on the  
3 floor?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So, I guess if I can  
5 make the motion. I move to translate the current  
6 Redistricting Basics PowerPoint presentation into the 12  
7 languages that we are providing translations for for the  
8 other materials, specifically about the Redistricting  
9 Commission and the FA2s.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Do we have a second?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'll second.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Any discussion? Commissioner  
13 Yee.

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Just to clarify, is this  
15 simply the PowerPoint, itself, not the audio version of it?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, just the PowerPoint.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's just the written  
18 materials, yes, and not the script, either, just for  
19 clarification. It would only be the PowerPoint.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, at this point we want call  
21 the vote.

22 MS. JOHNSTON: Public comment, Chair.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Public comment.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. Public comment,  
25 please. Kristian, would you mind, just read the

1 instructions for public comment.

2 MR. MANOFF: Sure thing. In order to maximize  
3 transparency and public participation in our process, the  
4 commissioners will be taking public comment by phone.

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6 the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted,  
7 enter the meeting I.D. number provided on the livestream  
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9 prompted to enter a participant I.D., simply press pound.

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11 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star  
12 nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When  
13 it's your turn to speak you'll hear a message that says,  
14 "The host would like you to talk. Press star six to  
15 speak."

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17 spell it for the record. You are not required to provide  
18 your name to give public comment.

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20 livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion  
21 during your call.

22 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for  
23 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn down  
24 your livestream volume.

25 And there are no callers at this time, Chair.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. We will rest for a  
2 few minutes to allow the live feed time to catch up and  
3 allow people a chance to call in.

4 MR. MANOFF: And we do have someone in the queue,  
5 Chair. Stand by.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

7 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead, caller.

8 MS. DIAZ: Hi, good afternoon, Commissioners, and  
9 thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I would like  
10 to speak in regards to Item 9F.

11 My name is Karen Diaz and I'm here on behalf of  
12 the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, also known as  
13 CHIRLA, an immigrant rights organization with national  
14 presence in California.

15 We appreciate the Commission is providing  
16 interpretational requests for when non-English want to give  
17 public comment or provide community of interest testimony.  
18 Today we ask the interpretation be extended to the  
19 Redistricting Basics presentation.

20 As an organization that has helped hundreds of  
21 limited English speakers in town communities on the census,  
22 and has been part of the redistricting process from the  
23 start, we want to remind the Commission that in order to  
24 create our process that is accessible to all, including  
25 creating maps that are equitably reflecting the voice of

1 California's diverse population that should not be a  
2 requirement to speak and understand English. Redistricting  
3 is a very (indiscernible) topic that can be difficult to  
4 understand, even when it is discussed in language one is  
5 fluent in.

6           There are 6.7 million limited English proficient  
7 Californians, and they should be able to attend educational  
8 meetings and follow public hearing content in language that  
9 they're comfortable in to maximize their ability to  
10 understand the proceedings. Being able to hear the  
11 Commission's Redistricting Basics in language will allow  
12 English as second language speakers to learn about the  
13 redistricting process and invite everyone to participate.  
14 Removing language access barriers will play a crucial role  
15 in the redistricting process and will shape the  
16 Commission's engagement with the public and the final maps  
17 that will be in place for the next decade.

18           Thank you for your time, and we look forward to  
19 having Commissioner Sara Sadhwani join with us this  
20 Saturday to present to CHIRLA members and staff on the  
21 Commission Redistricting Basics.

22           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for your comment. Are  
23 there any other people in the queue? Kristian?

24           MR. MANOFF: We have no other callers, Chair.

25           CHAIR ANDERSEN: We have waited a few minutes. I

1 believe that's sufficient. Thank you so much. Can we call  
2 the vote?

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Okay. The motion  
4 is to translate the PowerPoint into the 12 languages like  
5 the other collateral materials have been or are going to be  
6 translated into.

7 Fernandez -- Commissioner Fernandez.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. You caught me off  
9 guard.

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I'm sorry.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was never first.  
12 Okay, yes. Sorry.

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner  
14 Fornaciari.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner  
17 Kennedy.

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le  
20 Mons.

21 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner  
23 Sadhwani.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner

1 Sinay.  
2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.  
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner  
4 Taylor.  
5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.  
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner  
7 Toledo.  
8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.  
9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner  
10 Turner.  
11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.  
12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner  
13 Vasquez.  
14 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yes.  
15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.  
16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.  
17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner  
18 Ahmad.  
19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.  
20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner  
21 Akutagawa.  
22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.  
23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner  
24 Andersen.  
25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. Thank you  
3 for having us come back to that item and taking care of it.

4 So, now, was there anything else for this  
5 committee? I don't see anything, so now we'll go on to  
6 Item Number 9J, Grants, which is Commissioner Akutagawa and  
7 Commissioner Le Mons.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Le Mons, do  
9 you want me to just go ahead and start?

10 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes, please.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So, I do want to  
12 say that the Grants Subcommittee did meet. We are -- at  
13 this time right now I just wanted to give a heads up or  
14 kind of a -- just give a -- I don't want to call it a  
15 warning, but just a heads up that currently right now the  
16 staff is working through the details of the RFA. However,  
17 there is a possibility that it may switch from an RFA to a  
18 RFP. So, an RFA is a request for application. It may  
19 switch to request for proposal, so more of a contracting,  
20 primarily because we're finding some contradictory kind of  
21 guidance on which is the proper route to go, and so, we're  
22 still working through those details.

23 At this time right now I think we are looking  
24 most likely at a timeframe that is probably going to be  
25 late April when we'll be actually putting it out for

1 organizations to apply for the funds as an intermediary and  
2 then, therefore, there may be, you know, from a rough  
3 timeline perspective it's probably going to be in May when  
4 organizations that will be applying to the intermediary to  
5 apply for those funds, mainly because of the clarification  
6 that we're seeking out in terms of some of the guidelines  
7 around which is the proper way we felt we were going in the  
8 right direction but there's now been some additional  
9 questions. So, there's a possibility that we're just  
10 trying to make sure that we're clear that we're utilizing  
11 the right direction.

12           And that is it for our report right now, unless,  
13 Commissioner Le Mons, if you want to chime in on anything  
14 else?

15           COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No, I don't have anything  
16 to add.

17           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Any questions about that? Well,  
18 okay. Thank you very much for the presentation. It is  
19 unfortunate, but obviously it's extremely important to get  
20 things done properly, so we appreciate the subcommittee's  
21 work.

22           Moving on to Item 9K, the Community of Interest  
23 tool, which is Commissioners Akutagawa and Kennedy.

24           VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Akutagawa,  
25 would you like to start?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Go ahead, Commissioner  
2 Kennedy.

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: We are now getting regular  
4 reports from the Statewide Database. The latest report was  
5 there was nothing significant to report.

6 As Director Ceja mentioned, we do have indication  
7 that we can expect some additional languages to come on  
8 line, perhaps by the end of the week, so, once we have  
9 confirmation on that. We're already working with Director  
10 Ceja on getting press releases ready for that event, and we  
11 certainly look forward to rolling those out for the  
12 community.

13 Commissioner Akutagawa.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Specifically I will  
15 mention that traditional Chinese, simplified Chinese and  
16 Tagalog, and both the Communities of Interest tool and the  
17 tutorials will become available by mid this week. They're  
18 estimating Wednesday.

19 I do want to just mention that a press release  
20 will be issued in English. We did have the idea initially  
21 of trying to also issue press releases in the languages in  
22 which the Communities of Interest tool would become  
23 available, but due to the fact that we don't have the  
24 interpretation contracts in place yet, we're not in a place  
25 to provide press releases in those languages. So, I guess,

1 Director Ceja, if it's appropriate for me to say if any  
2 ethnic media outlets are going to be translating the press  
3 release into either simplified or traditional Chinese  
4 and/or Tagalog and they want to share that with us, we will  
5 be I think more than happy to amplify through our own  
6 website as well -- or our own social media and website.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: One quick question. Can you go  
8 ahead and tell us what language the community of interest  
9 tool is available in right now?

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Right now Spanish and --  
11 Spanish is currently available, and then this week both  
12 forms of written Chinese, simplified and traditional  
13 Chinese will be available, and also Tagalog, which is one  
14 of the Filipino languages, and then they are working --  
15 continuing to work on the other languages. As far as  
16 Commissioner Kennedy and I know that the Statewide Database  
17 is estimating to have the remainder of the 12 languages  
18 already to go by the end of this month.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. Any  
20 questions? Thank you to the subcommittee.

21 Moving on, Item Number 9L, which is  
22 Cybersecurity.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Nothing significant to  
24 update.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Number 9M,

1 Incarcerated Populations. And that is Commissioners  
2 Fernandez and Sinay.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, you or me? We are  
4 still waiting for one more conversation with the final  
5 third piece to our puzzle, and we have that scheduled  
6 either next week or the week after, and then once we have a  
7 conversation with them, we'll gather the three agencies  
8 together to then come up -- brainstorm and come up with  
9 some recommendations on how we move forward to engage the  
10 incarcerated population. Anything else, Commissioner  
11 Sinay?

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. So, next  
13 is Item Number N, 9N, Lessons Learned.

14 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: As always, please keep them  
15 coming. Commissioner Ahmad and I are keeping a running  
16 list, adding our own and looking forward to the time next  
17 year when we sit down and review all of this. So, please  
18 keep them coming.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. One item I do note  
20 that we should all be paying attention to is we do have  
21 this extended time, so all of our subcommittees need to  
22 keep in mind what -- moving forward we hope that these  
23 things are not occurring for them, and so, what portions  
24 would be affected. So, make sure that we kind of keep that  
25 in mind as we make our suggestions to the Lessons Learned

1 Subcommittee. Thank you very much.

2           Let's see. I'm looking at our next item. When  
3 we put our agendas we must post them two weeks beforehand,  
4 and Item O is our Executive Director Recruitment.  
5 Commissioners Fernandez and I think it was Ahmad. I think  
6 they've done a very good job. Thank you very much for your  
7 services and we'll retire that subcommittee.

8           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We were done before we  
9 started. Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

10           CHAIR ANDERSEN: And we are certainly glad to  
11 have Director Hernandez as our executive director moving  
12 forward.

13           I'm looking at the time here. We do have one new  
14 subcommittee that we have created and has been added to our  
15 list, and it was created at our last February 24 to 26  
16 meeting. It is 9P. It might move up now. It's called the  
17 Public Input Meeting Design Subcommittee. That is a  
18 mouthful. They have a very interesting charge, and it's a  
19 lot of -- it's a very involved statement.

20           I think at this point I would like to -- at the  
21 subcommittee's approval I would actually like to put that  
22 off until after lunch. We might go ahead and take lunch  
23 early. It's now 9:24 (sic.) unless we have other  
24 discussions about that. And I see Commissioner Toledo.

25           COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Not a discussion about

1 that. I'm fine with delaying it until after lunch, but I  
2 was just curious if you would like to establish the Chief  
3 Counsel Recruiting Subcommittee.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, thank you very much. Good  
5 catch. Yes, we do need to reactivate the Chief Counsel  
6 Subcommittee, and to reactivate that, that is Commissioner  
7 Toledo and myself. So, that is reactivated just now.  
8 Thank you very much.

9 So, at that point I'd like to adjourn for lunch,  
10 and we'll come back at 1:25, continue with Public Input  
11 Design or -- actually, we might jump right into -- move  
12 that to the end because I think that's a very fruitful  
13 discussion. We might end up jumping right into number 10,  
14 Legal Affairs Committee update and then come back to our  
15 new subcommittee.

16 So, with that in mind, just to give everyone fair  
17 warning of what we'll be starting with. When we come back  
18 from lunch we'll obviously be going into public comment,  
19 and then we will jump into Legal Affairs Committee update.

20 So, would everyone please be back at 1:26.

21 (Off the record at 12:26 p.m.)

22 (On the record at 1:30 p.m.)

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, good afternoon. Welcome  
24 back after lunch to the 2020 California Citizens  
25 Redistricting Commission.

1           And in the agenda we are on -- we're going to  
2 jump into Item Number 10, which is Legal Affairs Committee  
3 update with Commissioners Yee, Toledo and Sadhwani.

4           COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, thank you, Chair. So,  
5 Russell Yee here. I'm the rotating chair for the Legal  
6 Affairs Committee for March, and Commissioner Toledo will  
7 be the vice chair. The immediate past chair, Commissioner  
8 Sadhwani, has kindly continued to follow up some of the  
9 items that were live when she was chair last month, and so,  
10 we'll let her go ahead and update you on those items.

11           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you, Commissioner  
12 Yee. As you all know, we chose to postpone the interviews  
13 for the hiring of VRA counsel and outside litigation. We  
14 have moved forward in rescheduling those interviews, and a  
15 separate meeting of the Legal Affairs Committee, which will  
16 take place on the 22nd and 23rd. The 22nd will primarily  
17 be interviews of the Voting Rights Act counsel, and the  
18 23rd will be our outside litigation interviews, with the  
19 24th being reserved for any additional deliberation, should  
20 we need that day.

21           In addition, as we reported back last time, we  
22 had received public comment suggesting that there was a  
23 need for additional review of our applicants in terms of  
24 their lobbying activities and political donations. We have  
25 asked Tina, our legal -- excuse me, paralegal, to assist us

1 in ensuring a full review of all of the applicants,  
2 including all of the team members listed on any of the  
3 applications. So, we are actively doing that and hope to  
4 have a report back from her.

5 My question, actually, Alvaro, do you know, were  
6 we able to finalize the agenda? I know we have a couple  
7 more days, I think, before that has to go live. I don't  
8 think it's posted yet; is that correct?

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Let me double  
10 check for that, Commissioner.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay, no problem. I  
12 guess just for folks watching that should go live fairly  
13 soon. Thank you. And thank you to our new chair,  
14 Commissioner Yee.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you for that good work,  
16 Commissioner Sadhwani.

17 The committee will be meeting this Wednesday  
18 morning, March 10th, to prepare for those interviews,  
19 finalizing our evaluation approach and making other  
20 arrangements.

21 I should also note on the agenda, the fourth  
22 bullet item, discussion of advice on use of closed  
23 sessions, that item has actually been settled since the  
24 agenda was assembled, and we have taken the advice not to  
25 do any of the deliberations in closed session, so our

1 meeting will be in open session.

2 Anything else for our Legal Affairs Committee,  
3 Commissioners Toledo or Sadhwani?

4 Okay. We do have numerous irons in the fire and  
5 we'll keep you updated as we proceed.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Any -- Commissioner  
7 Sinay.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Are we going to talk about  
9 the search for the legal counsel -- for the CRC legal  
10 counsel? Is that -- I thought it was under this and it  
11 doesn't make sense for it to be under here, so I apologize.  
12 But I didn't know when we were getting an update on that.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, that's a --

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: The bullet item in the agenda  
15 refers to counsel during the interviews, not the overall  
16 need for counsel. I'm sorry if that wasn't clear.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I think just as way  
18 of an update, the Chair just appointed -- reignited the  
19 subcommittee for the hiring process. I don't know if they  
20 have a timeline or not yet, but my understanding is that  
21 it's separate from Legal Affairs.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. That's an issue we'll  
23 address at our next meeting.

24 Any other questions for the subcommittee? I  
25 would like to, given HR1 and its potential implications

1 with the Voting Rights Act, I think that might be a good  
2 topic for additional questions to run by the applicants,  
3 how they would -- if they're following this and how that  
4 might impact their work and their work with us. So, if you  
5 could -- just a suggestion in terms of questions, which I  
6 know you've might have already put the list together. I  
7 just don't quite know what the status is, but I thought I  
8 would bring that -- mention that.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Excellent.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Any other items? Okay, great.  
11 Thank you.

12 At this point, I did sort of jump into Legal  
13 Affairs. We did not actually do public comment, and I  
14 delayed that a little bit purposely. Some people often  
15 expect us to return from lunch about 1:45, so I didn't want  
16 anyone to miss our public comment period. But it is time  
17 to -- typically after lunch come back and we have public  
18 comment. So (inaudible).

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, chair. In order  
20 to maximize transparency and public participation in our  
21 process, the commissioners will be taking public comment by  
22 phone.

23 To call in, dial the telephone number provided on  
24 the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted,  
25 enter the meeting I.D. number provided on the livestream

1 feed. It is 98938125973 for this week's meeting. When  
2 prompted to enter a participant I.D., simply press the  
3 pound key.

4           Once you have dialed in you'll be placed in a  
5 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star  
6 nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When  
7 it's your turn to speak you will hear a message that says,  
8 "The host would like you to talk and to press star six to  
9 speak."

10           If you would like to give your name, please state  
11 and spell it for the record. You are not required to  
12 provide your name to give public comment.

13           Please make sure to mute your computer or  
14 livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion  
15 during your call.

16           Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for  
17 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn down  
18 the livestream volume.

19           And the Commission is taking general public  
20 comment after lunch at this time, and we do have one caller  
21 in the queue with their hand up. I will allow them to come  
22 in. And the floor is yours.

23           MS. HOWARD: Thank you. Hi. This is Deborah  
24 Howard with the California Senior Advocates League.

25           I have a couple of comments and I think they all

1 fall under the umbrella of transparency. I submitted a  
2 public records request for the Barreto analysis this past  
3 week, and it was responded to really quickly, but it was  
4 also responded to pretty unsatisfactorily.

5           Essentially, the report said we don't have it; it  
6 was created by the old Commission, and this was the  
7 information that was available publicly by the old  
8 Commission in 2010, and this is what you can have now.

9           And, so, my question is does the 2020 Commission  
10 just simply wash their hands of this now and say, no, not  
11 my deal? Would it be appropriate to follow up with the  
12 Legal Subcommittee? I mean really what is the next step  
13 here? I don't think it's an acceptable answer to say it's  
14 not in our possession and it's not our duty to find it for  
15 you, because I'm pretty sure I have no standing as a simple  
16 member of the public to reach out to the law firm and ask  
17 Gibson, Dunn for it. So, I have that as my question.

18           And then this is really following along the lines  
19 of the comments that Renee Westa-Lusk also made this  
20 morning about the videos from 2010 not being available.  
21 I'm actually looking more towards the more current  
22 transcripts of 2021. I know you make the videos available,  
23 but the likelihood that anyone has the time, or the  
24 capacity, or the interest, actually, to go through hours  
25 and hours and hours of those videos to find a decision

1 point. It seems to me that it might also be valuable to  
2 the commissioners, themselves, to keep a track, while it  
3 just could be simple I do want the transcripts, the written  
4 transcripts, which I know you're working on, but it could  
5 be facilitated a little more quickly, I'm hoping. But also  
6 just the decision tree of what did we decide with which  
7 vote, because I notice in your conversations you're  
8 questioning yourselves. Oh, do we need to vote on this?  
9 Did we vote on this last time? We're changing our  
10 direction now. Is that a vote or do we just need a nod of  
11 the head? I mean, I think operationally you guys as a  
12 team, you're staffed up. You've been operating. Some of  
13 this can work a little bit better.

14           And then on the outreach calendars, this is  
15 obviously an area where you've spent a lot of time. I just  
16 want to say to you in context of that whole discussion you  
17 had this morning, transparency is your friend. Speak to  
18 any group that invites you, and do it in public, because  
19 that will protect you from any -- you and the public from  
20 any accusations of partisanship.

21           But the question is when you're doing those, this  
22 morning Commissioner Sinay reported out very quickly  
23 several of the groups that she had reported -- or had  
24 presented to. I wasn't able to catch them all.

25           I think your heart is in the right place about

1 transparency, but the systems really aren't building that  
2 capacity for you.

3           And I realize I'm going over my time, but if you  
4 could address the question about how to pursue the request  
5 for the Barreto analysis, I would like to know that, and  
6 also, I guess it raises the question to me of where would I  
7 know what other public record act requests were coming into  
8 the Commission, since that was not reported out by the  
9 chief counsel this morning.

10           And, actually, I have one more comment that also  
11 falls under the headline of transparency, and that is I  
12 believe when you take action in executive session you  
13 actually have to report out what action you took, not just  
14 simply that you took action.

15           And based on the comments before you left for  
16 lunch, I'm guessing that part of your personnel decision  
17 was that Kary Marshall no longer works for the Commission.  
18 I don't expect that I have a right to know why that  
19 decision was made, but if that decision was made or she  
20 resigned and that decision was made in executive session, I  
21 think that the public needs to be notified of that.

22           So, those are all my comments. I'm sorry for the  
23 machinegun approach. I did try to call in this morning and  
24 my phone was just simply not cooperating with me. So, my  
25 apologies to that, and I will just stop talking with the

1 caveat that I know you're doing really hard work in really  
2 difficult circumstances and I appreciate that most of all,  
3 so, thank you.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. There are a few  
5 items as we're switching the location of our websites, some  
6 items have not been crossed over yet, and we are still  
7 working out all the bugs on that, which we will certainly  
8 get around to. In terms of the records, what is being  
9 posted, that certainly is there.

10 The outreach, there is a list on under outreach  
11 in terms of where the meetings have been, so you can always  
12 look there in terms of what -- if you didn't quite catch  
13 where the commissioners have been, you can always go back  
14 to the website and have a look at that.

15 We're working on several different items. We  
16 appreciate your coming back to that. And I will have to --  
17 in terms of the request for information, I'll have to go  
18 back to our staff, and they will follow through on that.

19 Yes, Ms. Marshall is no longer with the  
20 Commission. That was just one of the -- we did report on  
21 actions, that we took action.

22 But thank you very much for all your comments,  
23 and we'll work on the transcripts as well. Thank you, and  
24 is there anyone else in the queue?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, your counsel.

1 MS. JOHNSTON: Just a response on the public  
2 records request. The answer was actually that the 2010  
3 Commission never had the Baretto report. It was prepared  
4 for the 2010's counsel, Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, and all  
5 the Commission ever got was the summary that was provided  
6 to Ms. Howard.

7 I don't know what the process would be for  
8 getting it from Gibson, Dunn, since it's not the lawyer for  
9 this Commission. There's nothing you can do to get that  
10 released. It was maintained by them as attorney work  
11 product.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much, Counsel.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we do have other  
14 people in the queue.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Invite them in, please.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. And the  
17 floor is yours.

18 MS. SHELLENBERGER: Good afternoon. This is Lori  
19 Shellenberger, L-O-R-I, S-H-E-L-L-E-N-B-E-R-G-E-R. I'm the  
20 redistricting consultant for Common Cause.

21 And I also want to echo thanks for your service  
22 and your commitment.

23 Also, I'm calling in about the Outreach Report,  
24 Item 9F. But before I go into that, I did want to give a  
25 shout out from the public to congratulate you on the hiring

1 of your line drawer. That is a really big milestone, and  
2 it was a little anticlimactic when you announced it and  
3 there's no one in the room to clap and cheer for you, so,  
4 congratulations to the subcommittee that put so much work  
5 into that process.

6 I just wanted to flag something regarding those  
7 criteria that you discussed before lunch. I appreciate all  
8 the work that you're doing to do these outreach  
9 presentations. It's really incredible how much time you're  
10 putting into that, and also the need to seek some  
11 parameters that may make it a little bit more manageable.

12 I just wanted to -- there wasn't much discussion  
13 about the criteria that Commissioner Fornaciari put on the  
14 screen regarding "some groups that you may not find  
15 appropriate to present to live." And that is incredibly  
16 ambiguous language, and it wasn't clear to me what that  
17 meant or what groups might fall into that category, and  
18 that was concerning.

19 And, secondly, and more importantly I think,  
20 something like this, it wasn't clear to me from your  
21 discussion what exactly the charge was to staff on this. I  
22 think you said it could be incorporated into your outreach  
23 plan. It seems like something that really should be more  
24 of a formal policy, that it shouldn't be up to staff  
25 discretion, or even to individual commissioner discretion

1 as to who they'll present to and formalizing the policy  
2 that will insulate and protect you and make sure that any  
3 policy you adopt or apply, or any criteria that you  
4 articulate or applied is equitably as possible and in the  
5 most transparent way possible.

6           So, again, that's my comment. I thank you, as  
7 always, for your receptiveness to public comment and for  
8 the opportunity to speak to you. Thanks.

9           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Shellenberger,  
10 for the comment. Obviously, the Outreach Committee will  
11 certainly look into it.

12           Do we have any other?

13           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair, we do. We  
14 have one more. And the floor is yours.

15           MS. WESTA-LUSK: Hello. This is Renee Westa-  
16 Lusk. I'm calling about the Subcommittee Outreach  
17 Engagement Report, 9F.

18           I agree that you should present to political  
19 parties because you'll probably get better public input at  
20 the virtual hearings and the written public input for the  
21 redistricting process, especially if you can educate the  
22 political parties that you're not looking for partisan  
23 political comment, that you're looking for community of  
24 interest comment.

25           And I think it also helps allowing political

1 parties to ask you to present, you know, educational  
2 outreach in the geographically hard to reach areas as well,  
3 because in some areas there aren't a whole lot of  
4 organizations available to communities, and maybe they're  
5 not informed. If they do get contacted, they might not  
6 divulge the information to the community, and maybe the  
7 community may be totally cut off, other than maybe through  
8 some political party organizations communicating on  
9 redistricting, because like a lot of organizations they  
10 don't care about redistricting, and it may not be, you  
11 know, germane to their subject area. So, that's why I  
12 think it's a good idea to reach out to all groups that  
13 contact you.

14           And the other thing is I'm sure that the 2010  
15 Commission, if you have any way to look up records, I'm  
16 sure that they did reach out to the political partisan  
17 organizations in the state. I'm almost sure they did that.  
18 Thank you.

19           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.  
20 Interesting point. And do we have anyone else in the  
21 queue?

22           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No, that was it,  
23 Chair.

24           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. So,  
25 getting back to the agenda, Item Number 11, which would be

1 the next item, obviously, in order is our Education  
2 Outreach Panel which will be tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

3 We have -- number 13 has been removed from the  
4 agenda as Commissioner Ahmad and Turner they said that  
5 their committee report was certainly sufficient on that.

6 You've already heard -- oh, thank you very much  
7 for the shout out about congratulations to us for signing  
8 the contract with the line drawer. And we will not have  
9 them on board, so they will not be doing a presentation.  
10 So, we could talk about a little timeline in there.

11 But basically what I'd like to do at this point,  
12 as you can see, we're running short on the agenda for this  
13 time period, and what I'd like to do is go back to and sort  
14 of open it up a little bit. At the February 24th to 26th  
15 meeting we established a new subcommittee, which is called  
16 the Public Input Meeting Design Subcommittee. And I'm  
17 going to invite them to speak, kind of give a bit of an  
18 idea.

19 Please introduce what the purpose of the  
20 subcommittee is, just a bit of a rough idea of what it's  
21 going to cover, and get some input on ideas or issues that  
22 some of the commissioners might have thought about and  
23 where we might go on this one. I see I have Commissioner  
24 Fernandez with a question.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Actually, I think

1 we need to clarify what the membership was made up of  
2 initially because it's different than what the agenda is  
3 for next week. And then there are other concerns that I  
4 had which I had forwarded to you, so I'm sure we'll talk  
5 about that later. I just want to make sure that we are  
6 clear on what the membership is now and then moving  
7 forward.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, thank you. And with that,  
9 I'd like to turn over to the -- Commissioner Sinay and  
10 Fornaciari.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So, let's see.  
12 As we talked about at the last meeting, you know, the  
13 purpose of this subcommittee is to design the public input  
14 meetings and to talk about different novel approaches that  
15 we can take, or think about different approaches we can  
16 take to designing these meetings, you know, considering we  
17 were in the -- the COVID environment we're in.

18 So, one of the things that we talked about --  
19 Commissioner Sinay and I had a meeting with the outreach  
20 staff. We talked to them about looking into different  
21 approaches that other public institutes are taking at this  
22 time to post public meetings, how they're managing input in  
23 those public meetings, how they're setting up a queue, for  
24 instance, so people would, you know, have a specific time  
25 to provide public input, and how all that is being managed.

1           So, we asked Marcy and Patricia to look at a few  
2 specific places or a few specific organizations to kind of  
3 see how they're doing it, the Ventura County Board of  
4 Supervisors. They came up with a few more organizations to  
5 look at, to, you know, come up with different ideas about  
6 that.

7           You know, and obviously the things we're thinking  
8 about are language access and how we're going to manage  
9 language access, how we're going to -- you know who are we  
10 going to interact -- you know, how we're going to work with  
11 the -- we'd like to work with the line drawing team to kind  
12 of come up with ideas from their perspective and how they  
13 could manage this input most effectively in real time, and,  
14 of course, our outreach staff, you know, they've given this  
15 some thought already, you know, partner with them. And who  
16 am I missing here?

17           So, I didn't write down what the membership --

18           COMMISSIONER SINAY: I have it.

19           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: If the final people  
20 will raise their hand. Go ahead.

21           COMMISSIONER SINAY: So, what we wanted to do --  
22 the way this all came about what the idea that there's a  
23 lot of different moving pieces, and because of the way  
24 things work, and we're only two people committees and we  
25 can't talk to each other, we're at a junction point where

1 we need to bring us together. And, so, this is considered  
2 a public subcommittee, so we will be meeting in public  
3 meetings so the outside as well as other commissioners can  
4 participate.

5           We brought up -- you know, the initial idea was  
6 to have four subcommittees -- a representation from the  
7 four subcommittees that are open to anybody who wanted to  
8 participate. We did take names because we need to know  
9 who's in the subcommittee to know if we have a quorum, but  
10 anyone can attend the meetings.

11           So, again, all commissioners can attend the  
12 meetings, but those who signed up, meaning that we need to  
13 have five people to make a quorum, were Sinay, Taylor,  
14 Fernandez, Akutagawa, Yee, Fornaciari, Ahmad, and Andersen.  
15 And, so, the idea is so far there will be a meeting at our  
16 next meeting, and what we really were hoping for now is to  
17 get thoughts on what information or what questions people  
18 have that are -- that need to be answered by each other.

19           We -- the other piece that has come up was that  
20 question of hosting external -- no, hosting -- CRC hosted  
21 public sessions where anyone can come, and we would have it  
22 agendized, and people would know when we're having it.  
23 And, so, that will be one of the first projects for this  
24 committee to kind of look at because there's pieces of  
25 everything that were doing, that each of these

1 subcommittees is doing. But we are collecting cost  
2 analysis and things like that, so that when the committee  
3 comes together they can make decisions on what is the  
4 opportunity costs or does this fall into what we had in  
5 mind before, and what not.

6 Neal, did we lose you?

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, you have to  
8 excuse me for a minute.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So, Commissioner Fernandez,  
10 you had some questions.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, can we jump into --  
12 so, the four committees are? Are you going to tell us?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: My apologies. No, he had  
14 already said it. Am I still on mute? I'm sorry.

15 So, it is language access, the line drawing,  
16 outreach and engagement and VRA.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And data management?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And data management, so we  
19 have -- we have representation from all of them.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I believe -- was  
21 Commissioner Taylor on that for representing the Gantt  
22 chart?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, we left it at eight with  
24 anybody else could come and be involved, because we didn't  
25 want to make it too big of a committee because then we need

1 to make sure that -- for quorum it gets harder and harder  
2 for quorum.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So, then, the item that  
4 -- Commissioner Fernandez. I will let you go ahead and  
5 describe this.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, I did -- in  
7 the finalists I did have Commissioner Taylor, so I guess my  
8 -- well, my main concern was out of the eight -- the list  
9 that I had, out of the eight commissioners there's five  
10 Republicans. So, I really do feel that it needs to be more  
11 of a bipartisan.

12 So, maybe we need to relook and rethink of who  
13 the committee members should be so that it's more balanced  
14 than it is right now. So, that was the main issue that I  
15 had when I went back to look at who was on the committee.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That's a great point because  
17 we didn't really look at that. We just kind of went by who  
18 wants. And I did have Taylor. I don't know why I skipped  
19 it, but I do have eight -- Sinay, Taylor, Fernandez,  
20 Akutagawa, Yee, Fornaciari, Ahmad and Andersen. So, sorry,  
21 Commissioner Taylor.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And, so, what I had  
23 thought of, and, of course, I may be way off, was to have  
24 the subcommittees from the language access, the outreach  
25 and engagement and also data management because I feel that

1 initially these are the ones that will provide more input,  
2 and we can obviously bring more in as we go further down  
3 the line.

4           And by doing that it brings us up to a more equal  
5 balanced committee where it's no political preference, two  
6 Democrats and two Republicans.

7           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. So, it's a public  
8 input meeting and obviously one of the crucial people is --  
9 I think we should define what are these meetings?  
10 Certainly if the line drawers are there, you'd have the  
11 line drawing subcommittee involved. I don't see -- and in  
12 terms of what types of meetings, you have the public input.

13           There's one question in my mind is where is the  
14 education crossover here between when are we educating,  
15 when are we doing COI tool education or input, and what  
16 public input are we talking about, because there are  
17 several types of public input meetings, so --

18           COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think because a lot of  
19 that has been fuzzy, that was the reason why we -- we  
20 wanted to bring together this group, and so that will be  
21 one of the areas we'll be discussing.

22           Also, my understanding, and I could be wrong,  
23 that the line drawing committee was to hire the line drawer  
24 that we don't have, that it was always kind of outreach and  
25 engagement, and it had been up in the air for a long time,

1 and then Neal joined the Outreach and Engagement  
2 Subcommittee, and said, okay, we can continue doing with  
3 the engagement, and that's where we came up to this deal to  
4 bring more people together.

5           So, my understanding, and I saw Commissioner  
6 Sadhwani nod like an accepting nod was that the line  
7 drawing committee was brought together, and I could be  
8 wrong, but we had asked it several times, so who's taking  
9 on that piece, and so, what we said was let's bring in all  
10 the people we need finally and let's move forward on the  
11 different types of input and public education, because  
12 you're absolutely right. Public education is broader than  
13 just what is redistricting.

14           I agree completely with Ms. Renee who said, hey,  
15 when are you going to talk about the communities of  
16 interest and let people know more about communities of  
17 interest. And I haven't wanted to bring that up because we  
18 just finished getting our public education materials  
19 together for redistricting, but we do need that piece now,  
20 too, because some will want -- and that was always in the  
21 marketing plan -- I mean in the outreach plan was always  
22 that there's different -- and so that's what this group  
23 will be coming together to get a lot of that different work  
24 together -- then together.

25           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Any other suggestions

1 there? In terms of -- you know, I appreciate that the line  
2 drawing, that is, indeed, we originally were going to be  
3 hiring. The hiring process isn't quite finished yet, and  
4 then the -- I guess is there -- there needs to be a follow  
5 through on that in terms of technically, you know, I guess  
6 for legal affairs like the VRA counsel, that has sort of  
7 morphed into then a legal affairs group so that that charge  
8 is moved over.

9 I guess what I'm looking for, so what mechanism  
10 will we have for the continuation of assisting the line  
11 drawer, the connection here throughout the contract of it.  
12 And that's certainly integral with the line drawing -- the  
13 input process.

14 So, I would certainly like to be -- in terms of I  
15 would believe I -- the membership, I think, the purpose of  
16 the committee is to understand the process as opposed to  
17 just in terms of appearance of who's on the committee for  
18 political reasons. I think we need to make sure that we  
19 have the people involved in terms of making it operate  
20 effectively, whoever those people are.

21 But I'd really appreciate more input from the  
22 Commission and the committee involved.

23 Commissioner Sadhwani.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. I don't have a  
25 strong preference one way or another, and I think this is a

1 great topic for the full Commission to weigh in on. You  
2 know, I think -- my impression when we formed the line  
3 drawing subcommittee was that it was simply around that  
4 hiring, and the creating of the RFP, and walking us through  
5 that process. We're nearly complete with that. Of course,  
6 we're still waiting on that contract to be finalized.

7 I think that the line drawer probably does need  
8 to have a point of contact, but I don't know that it needs  
9 to be any specific subcommittee. I think that's something  
10 that the -- that we should discuss as a full Commission. I  
11 certainly don't think that the line drawing subcommittee  
12 needs to necessarily scope out, you know, the path forward  
13 in terms of community of interest input in meetings. We  
14 received that plan from Q2 and Haystaq which I think was  
15 really excellent.

16 There's lots of fodder in there for great  
17 conversation, and it seems to me that this new public  
18 facing subcommittee would take on that plan and kind of  
19 think through like, well okay, what from here do we want to  
20 use, what do we not want to use. So, that all makes  
21 perfect sense to me.

22 And I think if the point of contact is a staff  
23 member, and my understanding is that's what it was in 2010,  
24 I think that's one option. It could be someone from, you  
25 know, this new committee. I think there's a lot of options

1 there and its worth having a discussion, you know, with the  
2 full Commission on that.

3 I don't even know if we can answer that right  
4 now. We might want to figure out what they would want in  
5 terms of how to best communicate with the Commission, and  
6 certainly we'll want to think about that from a Bagley-  
7 Keene perspective. In that sense it might make sense for  
8 there to be a staff member involved in those  
9 communications.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. Along those lines, there  
11 is a -- the contract does require both. It does require  
12 staff member contact that is Raul, or Mr. Villanueva, as  
13 far as the administration of it all. It does actually  
14 require several contacts. It's strongly suggesting several  
15 contacts, which is in the entire plan, and it is actually  
16 appropriate that the Commission needs to decide how -- we  
17 are presented with a plan. What kind of plan do we want to  
18 agree to? That's exactly entirely appropriate, and how we  
19 go forward with that.

20 And, so, this is an area where even on an  
21 organizational chart where we had to be missing a piece.  
22 You know, how does this fit together? How does it -- how  
23 does the VRA fit in, how does the management fit in, you  
24 know, how is this going to flow with the Commission and  
25 with the staff, because there's the administration part of

1 it, and then there's the functional part of it.

2           So, this is certainly a -- it's a timely  
3 committee, and it's sort of brought upon by actually  
4 looking at the whole timeline. Because, you know, what can  
5 get strength, what can't get strength, what are we using  
6 with our extra two months, what goes where, and that is  
7 where we are which is certainly why the Outreach Committee,  
8 who was impacted first by, you know, so what are we doing  
9 and when are we doing it has certainly been handling this.  
10 Certainly, I think the whole Commission appreciates this.

11           So, moving forward it's just a question of where  
12 we go from here and which we sort of brought up this  
13 subcommittee.

14           So, I actually would advocate we just leave it as  
15 the group of eight knowing that, therefore -- Marian, I  
16 believe is that five we need to have a quorum then?

17           MS. JOHNSTON: If you're membership is eight, you  
18 need five, yes.

19           CHAIR ANDERSEN: That way we can get full input  
20 and possibly pare it down as the meeting goes on. We have  
21 Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Akutagawa.

22           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Of course, I disagree  
23 with it only because it's so heavily Republican, but  
24 regardless of that piece of it, ideally I would like to see  
25 like two separate committee membership of both the legal

1 and this one so that we can actually hold meetings at the  
2 same time instead of having to do the legal committee first  
3 or us first, so that's another concern maybe is if we have  
4 overlapping commissioners, then we have to spread out the  
5 meeting time further. So, that's just something we need to  
6 think about also.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Akutagawa and then  
8 Kennedy.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I guess I do want to  
10 just ask the question. I think Commissioner Fernandez does  
11 bring up a good point, especially given some of the earlier  
12 conversations we had about appearing, or at least being  
13 somewhat impartial. You know, it may seem like it  
14 shouldn't matter in the public input design, but I think  
15 I'll just say that based on public input that the public  
16 comment that we get, I mean sometimes members of the public  
17 do see things maybe we may not be currently seeing, and I  
18 am curious as to whether or not there is a concern that all  
19 five of the Republicans that are on the Commission are  
20 currently on this particular committee.

21 I think, if I'm correct, I think there is -- I  
22 think Commissioner Fernandez pointed out that there is only  
23 one Democrat on this committee and two independents or no  
24 party preference, so I'm just kind of putting this out for,  
25 you know, perhaps comment from the others on the Commission

1 around this topic.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner  
3 Kennedy.

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. If we could see  
5 on screen either now or at some point a list of these eight  
6 and which subcommittees they represent. Right now it's a  
7 bit of a blur. Thank you.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, that's a very good point.  
9 One of the --

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I can do that while we  
11 continue to take questions and comments.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Any questions,  
13 comments? Commissioner Turner.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Is there a desired number  
15 of representations, so for where there is concern, what  
16 would we like to see as far as party representation? What  
17 is the goal of the conversation?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The goal of the conversation  
19 is to quit talking within our silos and say, oh, that's a  
20 really good question for that committee, or that's a really  
21 good question for that committee so we can start  
22 formulating plans that have a little bit more meat on it,  
23 and we can bring forward to have everybody kind of bring it  
24 up. There might be questions that come up that you'll need  
25 to back to your subcommittee and bring it back.

1           But it's just we were finding that our -- that in  
2 2010 they did a lot of subcommittees and they all met like  
3 in the morning before the meeting started. They all -- the  
4 subcommittees were broken into three different rooms, and  
5 people would go to those rooms, and then they would come  
6 back together for public -- for the business session. We  
7 can't do that as well right now because we're all virtual.  
8 So, you did have to choose where you wanted to go, and the  
9 public also had to choose which meeting they wanted to  
10 attend. But you get to a point where two people isn't  
11 enough to really go forward. And, so, we were really  
12 feeling stuck, and I think, you know, we kept running and  
13 talking to one person from another subcommittee, and it  
14 felt like a lot of us were stuck, and sort of like, you  
15 know, Commissioner Sadhwani said to us, you know, the Legal  
16 Affairs Committee has worked pretty well with three people.  
17 You guys might want to look into the public session, and  
18 that's how we thought about doing a public facing. So, I  
19 don't know if that answered your question, sorry,  
20 Commissioner Turner.

21           COMMISSIONER TURNER: It was helpful. Thank you.  
22 What I'm asking specifically is there are concerns about  
23 the political representation being heavily Republican. I'm  
24 asking before we start making changes, is there a  
25 suggestion, because I understand that the subcommittee was

1 formed through our, you know, trying to pull together  
2 representatives from different subcommittees. But now, in  
3 addition to that as another layer, what would we be  
4 comfortable with?

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez and  
6 Commissioner Kennedy.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yes, Commissioner  
8 Turner, I'll respond directly to you, well, to everyone,  
9 not to just to you. When I mentioned it earlier, I want to  
10 provide more of a partisan balance for the Commission, and  
11 I did recommend having the membership of this public  
12 meeting to be the Language Access Subcommittee members, the  
13 Outreach and Engagement and the Data Management. And if  
14 those six, total of six, that would give you a two, two,  
15 and two, so that would -- in my eyes is pretty balanced.

16 So, again, the more commissioners you have on a  
17 committee, we also have to be cognizant of at what point do  
18 we just make it a regular agenda item on our regular  
19 meeting if it's too many, right.

20 So, it's like you don't want to make it too  
21 large, but you also want to make sure you include the  
22 appropriate parties that should be included. So,  
23 hopefully, that helps.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Kennedy and then  
25 Commissioner Sadhwani.

1           VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. My only question  
2 on the two, two, and two is which is the subcommittee that  
3 gets left out? I mean two, two and two is obviously  
4 balanced. Another option is basically something that would  
5 reflect the partisan balance of the first eight  
6 commissioners which would be three, three and two. Just an  
7 idea.

8           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sadhwani.

9           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I apologize because I  
10 must have missed that part of the suggestion previously,  
11 Commissioner Fernandez. I think that's an excellent idea.  
12 I mean I think it kind of solves this issue of, you know,  
13 the partisan mismatch. So, I'm fully in support of that if  
14 all of those commissioners are willing to serve. So, it  
15 looks like it would be Fernandez, Akutagawa, Ahmad, Turner,  
16 Sinay and Fornaciari.

17           So, I guess, to me, it's a question if you all  
18 are willing to do that. And then, of course, we can all  
19 watch, we can all participate -- you know, we can all chime  
20 in. And at the end of the day it's advisory that you would  
21 be bringing recommendations to the full Commission in any  
22 case. Just like Legal Affairs, we have no power to  
23 actually do anything or make any final choices, but simply  
24 to bring back to the full Commission. I think this is a  
25 very reasonable, you know, suggestion, and I would

1 certainly support that, if those involved are comfortable.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Le Mons.

3 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: The members that  
4 Commissioner Fernandez is recommending, are they a subset  
5 of the eight that are already there?

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Not quite. I guess Commissioner  
7 Turner is added in, and --

8 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Oh, okay.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- I'm gone and then Commissioner  
10 Taylor is gone.

11 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay. I'd support  
12 Commissioner Fernandez's recommendation as well with the  
13 same caveat as Commissioner Sadhwani suggested. People who  
14 -- the reason I asked the subset question is I wasn't sure  
15 who was added who wasn't a part of it initially, so, with  
16 that caveat, of course.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'd be on, too. This is fine.  
18 Oh, I'm sorry, I --

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, one item is -- what I'd like  
20 to know is which public input meetings are we designing? I  
21 mean all the way through the line drawing process? Those  
22 are public -- so, okay. I mean --

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: The idea would be to  
24 start moving forward on all of them and getting some inputs  
25 and thoughts and seeing what the best practice is out

1 there.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. And, so, how are we  
3 getting the line drawing -- the line drawers, themselves,  
4 there? Do we have a mechanism? Did you think about that  
5 yet?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: The line drawer would be  
7 part of the subcommittee. I mean they would -- staff is  
8 part of this, and line drawers are part of it, and would  
9 bring in people as we need them, but the main reason we  
10 created this was with the idea that the line drawer was  
11 coming and we needed to be more strategic now on how we  
12 were going to design both our public education and our  
13 public input sessions.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I see. And, so, okay,  
15 yeah, so you're saying now we need to put together the  
16 contact team for the line drawer as well, and this is the  
17 people involved.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sorry, I should not have  
19 volunteered to do this list for Commissioner Kennedy. It's  
20 hard to do that, so I apologize.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Le Mons.

22 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I have a question and a  
23 comment. The question would be with the six what would the  
24 new quorum be? Four? Okay.

25 MS. JOHNSTON: Four would be a quorum, yes.

1           COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay. And then the  
2 comment is it's pretty apparent that Chair Andersen would  
3 like to be a part of this committee, so maybe there's a  
4 Republican that would like to yield their seat to her.  
5 That might be a way to solve this. That's an option, too.

6           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. I kind of like the  
7 idea of bringing initially a couple other people and then  
8 pairing down the committee, maybe modifying the committee  
9 list after that. You know, I certainly don't want to bump  
10 anyone who wants to be on this or has ideas about how  
11 things should proceed. I certainly would like to be on the  
12 committee, yes. I've been working with you on how these  
13 meetings should go together in my mind quite a bit, but,  
14 you know, I guess I can attend.

15           In terms of -- I don't want us to lose because to  
16 make sure we look partisan. I don't want us to lose the  
17 functionality and not include people who have been working  
18 on the whole process just because it's for appearance sake.  
19 You know, I think functionality here is vital instead of  
20 just strictly what it looks like. But, again, it's a full  
21 Commission. Commissioner Fernandez and Sinay.

22           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's a committee, but we  
23 will obviously take input from all of the commissioners. I  
24 think all of us have been thinking about how we, you know,  
25 are looking forward in terms of the public input meeting.

1 It's similar to how the Legal Affairs did it. If we had  
2 any concerns or questions we forwarded it to -- they  
3 forwarded to that committee. So, I would assume it would  
4 function the same way. Again, we're an advisory committee.  
5 We're not making decisions, and we obviously would ask for  
6 input from everyone in terms of how they envision these  
7 public meetings would be held.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, this will -- I'm sorry, go  
9 ahead because it was Sinay and then Turner.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: For me it's just I think I  
11 have it. I have it all typed up. I don't -- probably it's  
12 not perfect, but I can share it whenever you're ready.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner Turner.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Just because I did  
15 not respond verbally, but I am totally in agreement with  
16 the recommendation and, yes, I am willing to serve on the  
17 subcommittee.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner Ahmad

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. Just a  
20 quick clarifying question. Is the purpose to set up a  
21 subcommittee to alter the number of people needed to meet  
22 because quorum would be less? Is that the specific  
23 difference between -- because I'm hearing that any  
24 commissioner can participate, and to me that makes it  
25 blurry from a regular Commission meeting and having an

1 agenda item versus a separate subcommittee. I think I  
2 might have triggered a legal perspective for Marian.

3 MS. JOHNSTON: If I may, the members who are not  
4 on the subcommittee can participate as members of the  
5 public.

6 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Got it.

7 MS. JOHNSTON: They cannot participate as  
8 commissioners.

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay, thank you.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, I believe that was why at  
11 first it was a volunteer in terms of putting the whole  
12 group together, and then paring it down from there in terms  
13 of -- because originally it was just going to be part of  
14 the full commission, and then it was getting smaller and  
15 smaller. Now we're just reducing it again.

16 I have Commissioner Toledo and then it's -- I'm  
17 sorry, Commissioner Akutagawa. Sorry, Commissioner  
18 Akutagawa.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry, I thought I was  
20 waiting for Commissioner Toledo.

21 I think perhaps -- I have a clarification  
22 question, and I feel like it was discussed, but I think my  
23 brain is not registering it.

24 So, question about -- if I heard correctly,  
25 question about the Line Drawer RFP Subcommittee because I

1 think the word "RFP" is the question that I have is that  
2 now that the line drawer has been hired and, you know,  
3 short of ushering the line drawer through the final  
4 contract stages, my understanding is that then the work of  
5 the Line Drawer RFP Committee is going to conclude, and  
6 that then, if there is going to be additional work with the  
7 line drawer or required need for -- or need for a  
8 subcommittee to work with the line drawer, that a new  
9 subcommittee would need to be formed. Is that correct? Is  
10 that the process? Did I understand that correctly?

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I believe that's sort of a  
12 roundabout way of exactly, yeah, what's happening here.  
13 Yes, the Line Drawing RFP Subcommittee, which is myself and  
14 Commissioner Sadhwani, it was formed to get the line drawer  
15 on board and make the smooth transition to whatever it's  
16 going to.

17 And what the Commission basically is deciding  
18 right now is that basically what that venue is going to be  
19 is this new subcommittee. I don't know if that was the  
20 original plan of the subcommittee, but that's what it's  
21 turning into.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, and I guess maybe  
23 that's why I'm a little -- I'm asking this clarification  
24 question because I guess, for me, that's not how I'm seeing  
25 it. I'm seeing this as a completely separate function that

1 is bringing together the various I guess interconnected  
2 committees -- subcommittees because I think in the last few  
3 meetings we've had these conversations where we've talked  
4 about the intersections of different subcommittees because  
5 of what it's addressing.

6 But with that said, as we go forward I guess --  
7 and I don't know if this is -- if this would resolve maybe  
8 where we are at right now, but would it be a problem, then,  
9 to just add Commissioner Andersen, make it a committee of  
10 seven instead of six, and add her onto this subcommittee I  
11 guess as maybe the kind of representative, you know,  
12 representing the transition from the Line Drawer RFP to,  
13 you know, whatever that will morph into. Perhaps that may  
14 also alleviate things.

15 I'm not sure if Commissioner Sadhwani wants to  
16 volunteer for an additional subcommittee; she's on several  
17 already, and she didn't initially, you know, express a  
18 desire for this particular one. So, you know, perhaps we  
19 just go with a subcommittee of seven. It will mean that  
20 we'll have four out of the five Republicans on the  
21 Commission, you know, and I don't know if that -- it's  
22 better than all five, I guess. I don't know if four is any  
23 better or any worse.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That would only be  
25 three, Commissioner Akutagawa, three Republicans.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, okay, okay. So,  
2 just another suggestion, another option.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: There we go. We have the group  
4 here. Okay. So, here we have sort of a bit of everything  
5 here as we're looking at it.

6 Back to the -- well, we can just go ahead and  
7 look at it this way. And, so here we're talking about who  
8 the people are.

9 The Outreach is basically Sinay and Fornaciari.  
10 It was originally Vasquez, but now Commissioner Fornaciari.  
11 They switched. So, that's the Outreach.

12 Language Access, as you can see, is Akutagawa and  
13 Fernandez, which is the -- there we have an Independent,  
14 Republican, on the first one. Now we have a Democrat and  
15 Republican, was two Democrats.

16 And then we have the Data Management which is  
17 Ahmad and Turner. So, we have a Democrat and Independent.

18 Then we had representing the VRA and the Legal,  
19 again, the idea being -- this was to get all the different  
20 committees together because the VRA has in terms of line  
21 drawing how the VRA portion will affect the line drawing  
22 meetings, not the sort of input, though. And that's  
23 Republican.

24 And Security, Taylor also represents the Gantt  
25 Chart in terms of the entire -- sorry, I'm missing a few

1 words here -- the timeline, the timeline.

2           So, that's how the original is put together. So,  
3 losing -- I guess if we do the three we would have  
4 essentially two, two and two would be how it would work.  
5 We would lose -- well, you do lose input if you're not on  
6 that meeting, itself. You'd just have to call in.

7           And one thing I would think, rather than reducing  
8 it at this point, since the meeting is next week, why don't  
9 we just talk about the plan, because -- well, the line  
10 drawer's plan did actually sort of make strong suggestions  
11 about how they envisioned working kind of with the  
12 Commission, and it did kind of have, you know, little  
13 connections all the way along for specific items. I don't  
14 know, we didn't necessarily go over that, and I don't know  
15 if we were planning on when we want to do that. Obviously,  
16 we're kind of probably waiting until the line drawer came  
17 on board to actually go through the plan and compare the  
18 two.

19           But I believe what Commissioner Akutagawa said  
20 about this seems like one portion and not -- it's like all  
21 of a sudden we're using this subcommittee to do two  
22 different things, or take on two different roles when  
23 originally I think it was just the whole input. But,  
24 anyway, that's how we have it, so what would people like to  
25 -- where do we want to go with this?

1           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Should I stop sharing or  
2 keep it?

3           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, Commissioner Kennedy, you  
4 were the one who did request it. Would you like to say,  
5 you know, we're fine with looking at it? Does anyone else  
6 want to keep on looking at it?

7           COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'd like it to stay.

8           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So, at this point, I  
9 would so love to be on the committee just in terms of the  
10 functionality of it. I think that would be very valuable.  
11 That would be then you'd have three Republicans, two and  
12 two.

13           COMMISSIONER SINAY: You have Fernandez and  
14 Sadhwani raising their hands.

15           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. Thank you,  
16 because I can't see the board now.

17           COMMISSIONER SINAY: And Le Mons.

18           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So, who do we have? We  
19 have --

20           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Fernandez, Sadhwani and Le  
21 Mons.

22           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.  
23 So, Commissioner Fernandez, please.

24           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would prefer to start  
25 out smaller, and then if we need to add people, additional

1 commissioners, we could. I just feel like we really need  
2 to get a head start, come up with some options and then  
3 move forward if we're missing some pieces to it.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner  
5 Fernandez. Then we have Commissioner -- I'm sorry, was it  
6 Akutagawa and then Le Mons?

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think it was me.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It was Sadhwani.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I just wanted to  
11 -- that's fine, Commissioner Akutagawa. You know, it  
12 wasn't that I'm not interested in community input sessions.  
13 I'm interested in all of the aspects of the Commission. I  
14 think we all are.

15 You know, for me, and this is something that I  
16 use with my students also. I'm blessed at Pomona with  
17 students that have a lot to say and lots of input, and it's  
18 okay, right, to have moments when you step up and other  
19 moments when you step back. And, so, that's just like a  
20 principle that I truly believe in, and so, it's not that I  
21 wasn't interested in community input, but I just felt like,  
22 you know, I've given my time and talent and it's okay for  
23 me to step back and let others kind of take this on.

24 So, you know, I fully support the recommendation  
25 that's on the table, however, you know the majority want to

1 proceed.

2           And again, I just feel like, you know, these are  
3 advisory committees. We'll all get to provide input. I  
4 think community input and outreach is important and is a  
5 shared goal for all of us, you know, so I look forward to  
6 continuing to be a part of that broader discussion, and I  
7 look forward to receiving the recommendations of the  
8 committee.

9           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. And we have  
10 Commissioner Le Mons.

11           COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes. I want to echo again  
12 Commissioner Sadhwani's comments. I think in the original  
13 request I did raise my hand, and same thing. I can step  
14 back. I don't need to be on that committee.

15           I think Commissioner Andersen would really like  
16 to be on the committee, and so, I feel like we're -- I  
17 personally feel like we're spending a whole lot of time  
18 rather than just getting right to it. I thought I got to  
19 it a few minutes ago. I'd like to just get to it. If we  
20 don't have any objection to her being on the committee  
21 let's just -- if we do, then let's address that. We're  
22 like, okay, three Republicans is too much. Fine. But if  
23 it's not, then can we just say okay and let her be on the  
24 committee and move on? I mean I've been trying to spin it  
25 as, you know -- all of this stuff we're trying to do to get

1 to really where we're trying to get to one specific thing,  
2 and I think she is very passionate about it. She has made  
3 it very clear from the beginning, going back to July, that  
4 this is something that's really important to her and she  
5 really wants to be a part of that.

6 And, so, I either say one of the Republicans step  
7 up and yield the seat to her, or the Commission say let's  
8 make it seven and let there be three Republicans. That's  
9 my recommendation.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. I suppose I really  
11 should have just held the vote and did something. Yes, I  
12 do feel not so much in terms of the -- it's the overall  
13 frame and make sure, you know, which types of meetings  
14 we're having and how they'll lay out. I do feel that I've  
15 been following the line drawer through this. But I can  
16 take a different role, too, so at this point I will just --  
17 we do -- actually, would someone like to make a proposal?

18 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'll make a proposal. I'm  
19 sorry, go ahead.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I can't --

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Vasquez is  
22 trying to say something.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: It's my -- I'm sure  
25 counsel will step in and correct me if I'm wrong, but since

1 our advisory committees are appointed by the Chair, do we  
2 need a vote on this, or can the Chair just decide what the  
3 committee is right here and now?

4 MS. JOHNSTON: The Chair can decide.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Could we stop sharing, please?

6 MS. JOHNSTON: But now I have four Republicans on  
7 there if I saw it correctly.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, I believe it would be -- the  
9 Outreach is Fornaciari, in terms of Republicans. Language  
10 has Fernandez, which is a Republican. And then Data  
11 Management, which is a Democrat and an Independent. And we  
12 have Sinay and -- wait --

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Turner.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- and Turner are the Democrats.  
15 That's the six. Actually, you know, I might ask, where is  
16 Commissioner Toledo? He did appoint this committee as  
17 chair last time, so what we are proposing now is changing  
18 that, and I don't see Commissioner Toledo. He might have  
19 stepped out for a few minutes.

20 So, Commissioner Sinay.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was thinking the same  
22 thing, but there have been changes in subcommittees all the  
23 way through, and whoever the chair is makes the changes.  
24 So I think we're fine either way.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: We have Commissioner Ahmad and

1 Commissioner Le Mons.

2           COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I expressed interest in this  
3 subcommittee from the get-go. My name has carried through.  
4 I welcome you, Commissioner Andersen -- Chair Andersen to  
5 join us. This is an advisory committee. We won't be  
6 making any decisions. I, personally, am okay with the  
7 distribution of representation as the committee will be  
8 bringing forth any and all material to the full Commission  
9 for consideration and future action.

10           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner Le  
11 Mons.

12           COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I want to echo  
13 Commissioner Ahmad's position. I'm comfortable with their  
14 being whatever the configuration is with you joining the  
15 commission. And as the chair, I feel it's important to say  
16 this because we're going to put you in the position of  
17 because you have the power to appoint yourself to the  
18 subcommittee, I wouldn't want to put you in that position  
19 to have you do that. So, I'll go on record as saying I'm  
20 completely comfortable with it and would love for you to  
21 join that committee also.

22           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. That is, indeed, the  
23 issue. I do feel a little awkward appointing myself if the  
24 Commission does not want it to be a six person, wants to  
25 change it.

1           Commissioner Toledo, I see you with us again. As  
2 the previous chair do you want to change the original, or  
3 do you have an opinion about this?

4           COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think -- I mean my only  
5 opinion is that it's really up to you as the current chair  
6 to -- if there are any changes to it. I'm not married to  
7 the composition of it either way.

8           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Then I will --  
9 Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Yee, the three of us  
10 were essentially removed from this committee. Do either of  
11 you have strong feelings about the work on this portion of  
12 the committee?

13           COMMISSIONER YEE: I have strong feelings to  
14 support your strong feelings to want to serve.

15           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner Taylor.

16           COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah, I think we all would,  
17 you know, welcome the opportunity to serve, but again, you  
18 show a passion for it, so I would yield to your desire to  
19 be on that committee.

20           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay.

21           COMMISSIONER SINAY: In looking at it, I  
22 purposely put everything in there when I shared it with you  
23 all, and I did put it in the order -- I went from south to  
24 north since everything else we're supposed to do is north  
25 to south. I wanted to give the south some love. But we

1 are pretty representative along the state as well as  
2 politically.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: With which combination?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: With the new combination.  
5 I'm just saying that you've all made, you know, good -- it  
6 works with the seven that -- in the latest seven.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Then I propose there is  
8 the seven and we move on. Well, actually, I'm sorry, so  
9 that portion is done. Does the subcommittee have any other  
10 items that they want to discuss?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, but we would ask -- we  
12 are trying to get the legal interpretation of what has to  
13 take place in input sessions, because that was one of our  
14 frustrations when speaking with staff in the past. It  
15 would be like this is how, and it's like is that how it has  
16 to be, or is that what the legal is.

17 So, we're collecting information to help us all  
18 have it all in one place to be able to have a conversation  
19 around legal costs and we will have the line drawers'  
20 recommendations, as well as, let's not forget, we've gotten  
21 a lot of community input. The first session panel that we  
22 had kind of saying, hey, think about community input in a  
23 whole new way.

24 So, we will be putting all that together so that  
25 everybody has it, and we can build from there.

1           Our idea of the first meeting, it's a shorter  
2 meeting, would be to get input from everybody on -- to  
3 build consensus among all of us on what it will look like  
4 and -- not what it will look like, what information do we  
5 need, what type of experts do we maybe want to come and  
6 speak to us, what additional -- so, it will build the  
7 agenda collectively when we're all together.

8           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. And then that  
9 meeting is scheduled right now for Thursday, the 18th, just  
10 for the public's general information. That's correct,  
11 right?

12           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. And I think you said  
13 it was 4:00 to 6:00 did you say that one was?

14           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, thank you very much. Yes,  
15 this meeting has been -- it's from 4:00 o'clock to 8:00,  
16 actually, I believe. I think it was a four-hour window. I  
17 don't know if that will take that long, but it is agendized  
18 for a four-hour window. That was one of the things that  
19 got a little bit off in the original posting is the first  
20 sheet had some wrong days and wrong times on it. And so  
21 for that meeting, the 16, 17, is at our usual 9:30 in the  
22 morning. That's full commission 16, 17. It is a Tuesday  
23 and a Wednesday. And then this new subcommittee, its  
24 subcommittee meeting, it is actually on the 18th from 4:00  
25 in the afternoon until 8:00 in the evening. So, that's to

1 accommodate any people who are just getting off work and  
2 can't wait to participate.

3 Commissioner Vasquez.

4 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yeah, thanks. Congrats to  
5 the committee. I just wanted as you're heading into that  
6 sort of agenda setting meeting, just did want to encourage  
7 you folks to think and be mindful about sort of digital and  
8 in-person hybrid models, especially given, you know, ever  
9 changing guidance from the CDC.

10 I just wanted to acknowledge; we have an opportunity.  
11 We've shifted things so much with technology in the last  
12 year, and we have a huge opportunity to preserve the  
13 current level of access we have for folks who are not  
14 mobile, disabled, and just want to make sure that the  
15 committee is mindful that we don't lose access for folks  
16 who can't otherwise attend in person, even once we've  
17 reached herd immunity.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. That's a very, very  
19 good point, and I believe it is one that was sort of  
20 mentioned in the line drawers plan, and I certainly --  
21 we've heard that from our reaching out to some of our far-  
22 reaching zones in terms of our outreach zones. Some of  
23 them have realized that we can actually access more people.  
24 There is, of course, the digital issue about broadband, but  
25 on some people now we're getting -- they're getting much

1 more participation because of this, so we definitely want  
2 to keep that in mind. Thank you very much.

3 Any other comments before we sort of tidy this  
4 one up? Commissioner Akutagawa.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just a clarification  
6 question. What is now the new quorum that is needed for a  
7 committee of seven?

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I see number four being put up,  
9 and I'm getting a nod from our counsel. Yes, it is four.  
10 Thank you.

11 Okay. Well, I think we are -- looking at that, I  
12 believe we're going to jump to -- we're not having a closed  
13 session at this particular time. Thank you very much for  
14 everyone.

15 At this point let's talk about the discussion of  
16 future meeting dates and agenda items. Oh, actually, hang  
17 on. Let's do that now, and then I see we're running a  
18 little bit long. Kristian, how are we in terms of our  
19 timing?

20 MR. MANOFF: Our next break is at 3:00 o'clock,  
21 Chair.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, great. Thank you.

23 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, then, let's jump to Item  
25 Number 15, because that is an issue. Obviously, we're

1 trying to get things on the agenda.

2           And, Commissioner Fernandez, do you happen to  
3 have that which you could possibly share, or does anyone  
4 have a -- I'm sorry, go ahead. Commissioner Fernandez,  
5 could you --

6           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Give me a second and  
7 I'll pull it up, okay. Sorry. You wanted the chart,  
8 right? Sorry, I should have thought of that ahead of time.

9           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, please. Yes. So, while  
10 Commissioner Fernandez is doing that, if you could please,  
11 everyone, get out their calendars and let's talk about  
12 this. We've just talked about the meeting which is  
13 scheduled for -- our next meeting after this, today and  
14 tomorrow, is the 16th, 17th, with the -- actually, I'm  
15 sorry, I'll actually talk about absolutely all the  
16 meetings.

17           And the next one coming up is on Wednesday, the  
18 10th -- ah, here we have the chart -- which is the Legal  
19 Committee. Then we see the two full days of our committee  
20 -- I'm sorry, the 18th is not legal. That's actually the  
21 -- we need to come up with a short name for this, Public  
22 Input Meeting Design Group. Just put public input, or, I  
23 don't know, P.I., something like that, is on the 18th.

24           And the 22nd to 24th is Legal, and then the ones  
25 that we currently have on our agenda are March 29 and April

1 1st as full meetings. The April 17th is also on there.  
2 It's considered like a training meeting.

3 At this point I'm going to turn this over to  
4 Commissioner Fernandez. She has collected everything and  
5 will walk us through this, please.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, what I did  
7 put in the email that went out to everyone was I had just  
8 about everybody's availability. What I was trying to do  
9 was to have a two-week break so it would coincide with the  
10 week before Easter and the week after. I'm cognizant that  
11 there are some that we have children in school that have  
12 spring breaks, and I think we could all look forward to a  
13 two-week break at this point.

14 So, what I was thinking of for March because  
15 right now we have March 29th and the 1st. We could either  
16 decide to have a full meeting on the 25th and 26th. Again,  
17 that would be hard on our Legal Affairs team because that  
18 would be a week-long of meetings for them. Or another  
19 option is to schedule it on the 29th and 30th. If we  
20 schedule on the 30th, Commissioner Vasquez would not be  
21 able to attend, and actually, she wouldn't be able to  
22 attend any of those changes, right, because I think that  
23 whole week was blocked out. As far as I could tell, all  
24 the other commissioners were able to attend.

25 So, I don't know, Chair Andersen, if you want to

1 go just like one at a time or do you want me to go through  
2 the whole thing?

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. What I would like to  
4 do is just talk about do we want -- that would be a change  
5 into what's up there right now. Let's address this issue  
6 right now and then look at filling and projecting forward.

7 So, could I have -- would anyone like to do the  
8 move to essentially -- I'm sorry. Commissioner Fernandez,  
9 are you saying it will eliminate the 29th and the 1st and  
10 move those full Commission days to the 25th, 26th?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, that would be  
12 one option, and then that would free up that week, the  
13 following week. If we did it on the 25th and 26th of  
14 March, it would clear up the next week and the following  
15 week.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So -- go ahead.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But as you know, as we  
18 go further in, I did put mostly on Tuesdays -- on the off  
19 week I did put in a one day just in case we needed it for  
20 something. But, if not, for April and May I just tried to  
21 do it every other week instead of every week type of  
22 meeting. And what I did, for April and May I did three  
23 days, assuming that two would be full Commission and then  
24 the third day would be our like Legal Affairs or the Public  
25 Input meetings.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. I'd like us to look  
2 at just the first -- you know, these ones that are posted  
3 here. And I'm going to say let's say option one is keep as  
4 is. Option two would be change the 29th, 1st, eliminate  
5 those, go to the 25th, 26th. Option three would be go 29,  
6 30.

7 Commissioner Kennedy.

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: If I could ask, you know,  
9 Legal Affairs or Director Hernandez, I mean what do we  
10 need? Does Legal Affairs need a meeting at any particular  
11 point in time for us to do something? Does the executive  
12 director have any point in time where he needs us to have a  
13 meeting? Let's deal what's needed before we launch into  
14 something that may not work for us.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's a good point. I do know  
16 there is -- let's see, I'm going to see if I can see. Who  
17 is on the Legal Affairs Committee that wants to say  
18 something, and go ahead because I can't actually see you?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I can jump in. I can't  
20 see everyone either, so I'm not if I should go first, but,  
21 you know, we will be interviewing and developing a  
22 recommendation during the 22nd to 24th. We actually might  
23 not need the 24th, you know. We kept that day in case we  
24 need additional deliberation. But by the end of the 24th,  
25 the idea is that we will present to the full Commission our

1 recommendation for hiring. So, we will need the full  
2 Commission to take action and make a hire, or an intent to  
3 contract during that time. Personally, I'm comfortable  
4 with having that be on the 25th and 26th. I would probably  
5 need to step away a little bit on the 25th, but I can make  
6 it work, if we want to have -- you know, keep those two  
7 weeks free. I think that sounds like a nice break.

8           COMMISSIONER YEE: That's right, the 22nd and  
9 24th, as it happens I didn't realize that the 25th and 26th  
10 were still in play, and actually I will be away those days.  
11 But, you know, you wouldn't have to have me to report back.  
12 But, yeah, two weeks off would be nice.

13           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Since we know what days we're  
14 talking about here could we go ahead and stop sharing the  
15 screen? Because we know we're talking about this  
16 particular week right now. Commissioner Fernandez. Oh,  
17 well.

18           Commissioner Vasquez.

19           COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yeah. I'm not thrilled at  
20 option two, having me miss so many meetings. My schedule  
21 in March is not at all flexible. However, the April dates  
22 that I indicated I wasn't available, I'm just not available  
23 during business hours. So, again, I'm going to urge us in  
24 our collective thinking to think about moving some of our  
25 business meetings to the later evening hours or the late

1 afternoon to both accommodate some of our schedules that  
2 are left flexible during 9:00 to 5:00, but also, much of  
3 the public also has 9:00 to 5:00 restrictions and would  
4 probably like to at least listen into some of our business  
5 meetings.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner  
7 Kennedy.

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Can I point out that between  
9 the first and the 17th we have more than two full weeks, so  
10 if we're looking for two weeks off, we already have two  
11 full weeks off in the calendar. The dates that we have  
12 have been out there for a while for everybody to have in  
13 their calendar, and I think that, you know, maybe we just  
14 stick with what we've got for as far out as we have, which  
15 is the 17th of April, unless there's a need to do something  
16 earlier and that we be talking about how do we schedule  
17 after the 17th of April.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, one option was like to --  
19 well, in terms of on the 29th, it's clear that we certainly  
20 need to have a meeting, if not the 25th or the 26th,  
21 certainly then the 29th, because we need to have a vote on  
22 getting the VRA counsel on board.

23 Yeah, basically, we do have the 29th and the 1st,  
24 and, you know, who votes just to stick with that, the way  
25 it is right now? Just a show of hands, just a rough show

1 of hands. One, two, three --

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Commissioner Andersen, did  
3 you say in that ask, though, that we already have the 29th  
4 through the 1st? Is that what you said?

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry, no. Thank you  
6 very much, Commissioner Turner.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: The meetings that are scheduled  
9 right now are March 29 and then April 1st, not through, not  
10 all four days, just the two separate days.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Thank you.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Kennedy.

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: My hand was still up to the  
14 count.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry.

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: But I don't know that you  
17 finished counting.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I did not. I stopped for a  
19 question. Thank you very much. Okay. Who -- well,  
20 actually I should say, I did put three options down.  
21 Option one was keep it as is. Who's for option one? Okay.  
22 It looks like -- I think was that 12 I counted roughly  
23 there. It looks like we're just staying with that and  
24 there's no point in continuing this. We can move onto the  
25 next item which is -- so we will not be doing the 25th,

1 26th. Thank you very much for that idea, Commissioner  
2 Fernandez, and I appreciate that. It looks like there will  
3 be two days of meetings during the 29th and the 1st.

4           So, now I know that we only have then the 17th  
5 after that. I feel that we should go ahead and move things  
6 in, don't just wait until after that because certainly  
7 we'll have, hopefully, the line drawer on board, and then  
8 the VRA counsel, I believe. Actually, the Legal Advisory,  
9 do you have any timeframe in terms of should we say, yes,  
10 we're really excited and we want these guys on board? Do  
11 you have any idea how long before that could actually  
12 happen, the counsels, the VRA and the litigation counsel?

13           COMMISSIONER YEE: I mean we can certainly hope  
14 to have a clear, you know, singular recommendation after  
15 that's done, you know, possibly by the 23rd, but definitely  
16 by the 24th, so any time after that.

17           CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, my question is in terms of  
18 contracts, you know, the Commission says yes and we make a  
19 decision. In terms of contracts with the line drawer there  
20 is a time lag. Is there a time lag with the legal counsel?

21           COMMISSIONER YEE: We have not even thought about  
22 that yet.

23           CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. Thank you.

24           COMMISSIONER YEE: Sorry.

25           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: How does that bear on our

1 meeting dates?

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: In terms of if we want to have  
3 input and have a quick meeting with them, have them present  
4 something, is there anything valid about that in terms of  
5 getting things going. I can tell by your looks here that,  
6 no, there is not.

7 So, I'm trying to see, as Commissioner Kennedy  
8 sort of suggested, look, we have those two weeks. Do you  
9 want to just start with the 17th and move forward from  
10 there and leave those blank? And I'm gauging is there a  
11 need to have a meeting in that week of the 13th to the 15th  
12 of April.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Not for Legal Affairs, no.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Then, with that in mind,  
15 let's look at the calendar again. Oh, I'm sorry,  
16 Commissioner Fernandez.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: You know, the only  
18 contract I'm thinking of, but I don't know if it has to  
19 come -- Director Hernandez, would the videographer contract  
20 need to come forward for approval?

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I believe it  
22 would, yes.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Is that about the time  
24 -- well, you know what, we're going to meet on that later,  
25 so, okay, we'll come back with that information.

1           CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm just seeing -- got a bit  
2 carried away with the whole idea here. Could we all have a  
3 look at this calendar now, because I know some of us, we've  
4 given our information but haven't really taken it in. So,  
5 could we go ahead and look at this calendar, and we  
6 actually have two options. We can, at this point, adjourn  
7 for today, and, you know, we actually wouldn't adjourn. We  
8 would recess for today and then continue tomorrow, or do we  
9 want to come back after a 15-minute break to discuss and  
10 set the time -- the future meeting dates? Do we have an  
11 opinion here? We have Commissioner Akutagawa.

12           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I do have an  
13 opinion. I'll be frank. I mean if we can finish it up  
14 with the remainder of the time today instead of ending  
15 early, it just means that we have that much more time  
16 tomorrow rather than trying to work through this tomorrow  
17 after the panel presentation. So, I would rather have a  
18 larger block of time tomorrow than to get, you know, just  
19 an extra hour or so today. So, my preference is to go to  
20 break.

21           I would like to, if we can, set our dates for  
22 April. I also want to just add in, and I'm going to also  
23 ask Director Hernandez to help on this, but from a Grants  
24 Committee at some point we are going to need the condition  
25 to review the RFA or RFP, depending on where we'll be, and

1 I think ideally we were hoping that everything would be  
2 ready for an initial review by mid-April. We would give  
3 everybody, you know, time to review, soak it in, the public  
4 to make comments before we do a formal vote, which would be  
5 estimated to be around the end of April, and then at which  
6 point then, you know, we would make it available for the  
7 intermediaries -- potential intermediaries to apply. So,  
8 that's just from that perspective that's something that I'm  
9 thinking of.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Just right now,  
11 because we need to break. So, it sounds like there is  
12 request for, let's take a 15-minute break, come back,  
13 resolve this, so then tomorrow we could actually just --  
14 and we need to take public comment as well at the end of  
15 the day, so with that in mind let's break now for 15  
16 minutes. I have 3:07, and we'll come back 3:22)

17 (Off the record 3:07 p.m.)

18 (On the record 3:22 p.m.)

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Welcome back to the  
20 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission meeting.  
21 And at this point we are actually going over -- we have  
22 really zoomed through the agenda, and while we still have  
23 the item for our Education Outreach Panel tomorrow at 10:00  
24 a.m. Our meeting will be at 9:30 tomorrow morning.

25 At this point we're actually discussing Item

1 Number 15. It's the discussion of future meeting dates and  
2 agenda items, and so that's where we are.

3 And at this point what we are discussing is our  
4 March 29, 1st, in terms of where we go, our meetings in  
5 April, and the question that has been brought forth is what  
6 are the actual needs in terms of when we having meetings  
7 and when we do not have meetings.

8 And as I see it, there are a couple of -- I might  
9 ask Director Hernandez. There are a couple of contracts  
10 that we certainly have to won and approve and scope of  
11 work. Could you please walk us through because I'm just  
12 looking at that? I see the VRA and the litigation,  
13 obviously, after they make a proposal to the full  
14 commission. The other items are the data management. Are  
15 they doing a kind of their scope of work or anything, does  
16 that need to come forward, and also the grants? Those are  
17 the ones that I see. Are there any other subcommittees  
18 that also feel there's an item being -- Commissioner  
19 Fernandez.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: With that, too, I would  
21 ask Director Hernandez to see if there are any staffing  
22 that would need to come forward for approval as well, and  
23 then also for the -- let me see if I got this correct --  
24 Public Input Design Committee, if on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th  
25 do we want to meet on one of those days as our second

1 meeting as we go forward? So, just take a look at that  
2 just looking forward, because as of then we would only have  
3 one meeting on the 18th, so I'm just throwing that out  
4 there just to mix things up.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner Yee.

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: For Public Input Design, if  
7 you do want to go forward with that, you need to get the  
8 agenda out today. So, I just note.

9 As we think about scheduling, I have a possible  
10 proposal. If there -- if we don't think we have more than  
11 an afternoon's worth of Commission where if the Legal  
12 Affairs had a good clear recommendation to make by then, by  
13 the end of the morning of the 24th, what if the Commission  
14 met the afternoon of the 24th to act on Legal Affairs  
15 Committee's recommendation, act on these other things, and  
16 then we possibly wouldn't have to meet at all the 29th and  
17 the 1st. Just a thought.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner -- I'm sorry,  
19 Director Hernandez, I've sort of thrown that on you a  
20 couple of times in terms of things that you see coming  
21 forth that we definitely will need to address. Could you  
22 bring some of those forward, or could you discuss those,  
23 please? Director Hernandez.

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I just wanted to  
25 chime in here. As far as staffing needs, we may have some

1 staffing either considerations at that point for field  
2 staff if we get the duty statement out in this short period  
3 between this meeting and next meeting. As far as the data  
4 manager, we're still waiting on that one. The RFP for the  
5 videographer, that's one that definitely we need to get  
6 that one taken care of within that time frame.

7 So, those are the things that are on my list of  
8 potential items that can come up after the next meeting.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, for people who already have  
10 their schedules planned, it looks like we're trying to talk  
11 about you. Do we need the 29th and the 1st? We certainly  
12 do need a meeting since we have several things we need to  
13 go through.

14 There is a proposal to have it possibly on the  
15 24th. Could everyone make that kind of a change? Does  
16 anyone see right away that they could not make one of those  
17 changes? Commissioner Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Are we talking about it  
19 would be in the late afternoon?

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. So, Legal Affairs will  
21 meet through the morning, come up with a recommendation,  
22 and then you can act on it in the afternoon.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think for me I just  
24 have a dentist appointment, and sometimes you know how hard  
25 those appointments are to get, so --

1           CHAIR ANDERSEN: I think we still have the need  
2 of the -- if we did not have the 29th and the 1st, would  
3 the proposal be then -- I guess the issue is the April  
4 dates that have been proposed are essentially three days  
5 during the week of the 12th, one day the week of the 19th,  
6 and then three days the week of the 26th.

7           If we skip the 29th and the 1st, which are the  
8 ones that were currently scheduled, that seems to make  
9 sense. If we leave the 29th and the 1st, would we then  
10 actually want to just have a one-day meeting the week of  
11 April 12th in case and have the three-day essentially be  
12 when we look at our calendars of what was sort of proposed.  
13 If we stagger those, instead of the one and three, switch  
14 it. That would have to mean a rejiggering of everyone's  
15 calendar, and I know Commissioner Fernandez sort of has  
16 that information where we don't.

17           But I'm not comfortable, given the things we have  
18 and the things that are coming up with essentially creating  
19 three weeks of nothing, except maybe one day on the 20th,  
20 which is how it would look if we just move everything to  
21 the 29th, because there are things that do come up. Any  
22 ideas on that?

23           COMMISSIONER TURNER: Can we put the schedule  
24 back up?

25           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, certainly, certainly. And

1 then Commissioner Ahmad, Commissioner Sadhwani.

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I just wanted to make a  
3 request if we can refer to the dates as March 29th or April  
4 29th. Now I'm getting confused which month we're talking  
5 about.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

7 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: No, no, no worries. Thank  
8 you.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I jumped quickly into that.  
10 Okay, now that we have this up, we're talking about the  
11 March 29th, do we want to make some sort of switch? We're  
12 still talking about now switching between March 29th, April  
13 1st, maybe switching those dates to say the 24th, and then  
14 I guess maybe not having the 1st. We could leave the 1st  
15 as a tentative, if we're thinking and then go with the  
16 proposal sort of as is, or address the -- if we skip that  
17 essentially the week of March 29th, April 1st, then that  
18 would be essentially almost three weeks open, which I'm not  
19 comfortable with.

20 I'm sorry. Maybe I'm misinterpreting that. I  
21 see Commissioner Fernandez. That would be two, okay. Oh,  
22 I see. I see. Okay. And Commissioner Sadhwani, you had  
23 something to say.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just a clarifying  
25 question. When we've scheduled the 29th and the 1st, are

1 those two separating meetings in which --

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, pretty much.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So, we're going to go  
4 through all of the subcommittee reports two times in the  
5 same week?

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ah, that's a good question.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Or is it one meeting and  
8 we recess for two days and come back on the 1st?

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: As rotating chair for that  
10 set, I will tell you it's the latter, not the former. I  
11 have no appetite to go through everything twice if we don't  
12 have to.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you.  
14 That's helpful to know.

15 So, I mean I'm open to whatever the whole group  
16 wants, but I'm perfectly fine with Commissioner Yee's  
17 suggestion of leaving the 24th afternoon to take action on  
18 advancing the contract for the VRA and litigation hires. I  
19 think that would allow us to move that process forward more  
20 quickly. I mean, honestly, I could get behind whatever  
21 suggestions we want.

22 For April I'll just note that we'll probably --  
23 hopefully we'll have interviews of chief counsel applicants  
24 at some point in time, which might take a little longer.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. We also need to be

1 coming around to that discussion of switching the 29th to  
2 the 24th. That would be proposing the afternoon of that,  
3 so I might make a -- let's see a show of hands -- lets go  
4 back to -- because we're still working on that last week of  
5 March, so if we could take this calendar down again so I  
6 can see the whole group, and let's just do a sort of show  
7 of hands, who would like to move the meetings of the 29th  
8 and the 1st, essentially move that to is it the afternoon  
9 of March 24th, have that be an afternoon meeting. All in  
10 favor of that?

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sorry, clarification  
12 again. I apologize. I thought that we were talking about  
13 a meeting in which we would just meet to take action, or  
14 are we talking about a full meeting with all of our  
15 subcommittee reports and all of everything on the 24th?

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. I see Commissioner  
17 Fernandez wildly waving her hand. Thank you, go ahead.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thinking of the shorter  
19 meeting my recommendation would be it would be purely those  
20 items that require action, so if there's a staffing issue  
21 or there's a contract or RFP, it would just be for that.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And Commissioner Yee,  
23 Commissioner Turner.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: That was my thinking, too.  
25 We're not required to have all subcommittees report every

1 meeting, right. Also, we do have -- let's say we have  
2 several contracts to act on, it could go later into the  
3 evening perhaps, possibly. I think that would be worth it  
4 for folks to get the next week off probably. So, if it is.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner Turner  
6 and then Commissioner Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Just in case a super  
8 majority was needed, I will not be in a meeting on the  
9 24th. I'm unable to join a meeting on the 24th.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Who would not be able to meet on  
11 the 24th?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: What time are we talking  
13 about? That's a little unclear to me. I'm sorry if I  
14 missed it.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, we weren't all that  
16 specific. We just said afternoon. So I'm assuming it  
17 would be, say, 1:30 on, something like that.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I would not be available  
19 then.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That would be two people. And  
21 on the 29th, who is not there on that day? Okay,  
22 Commissioner Vasquez. Any other commissioners who is not  
23 there on the 29th? Okay.

24 I think the strong feeling, and it would fit well  
25 with our proposed ideas for April and May calendar if we

1 try to move things off that 29th, 1st and move it back to  
2 that 24th week, and then we can do something the week of  
3 the 12th to the 14th of April.

4 I would like to see a show of hands of who would  
5 like to move, essentially not have the meetings on the 29th  
6 or the 1st and just have an action meeting only on the  
7 24th? Who is in favor of that one? Sorry. Could you  
8 raise your hands so I can do a hand count? One, two,  
9 three, four, five, six. Okay, that could be six or  
10 possibly seven. Who is not in favor of that?

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Can I just ask another  
12 question? I mean can we just do the same thing on the 29th  
13 since I think most of us already have it calendared? And  
14 we don't have to meet on the 1st. We just meet for a short  
15 time, if we need to, on the 29th and then just -- because  
16 otherwise I think we're trying to shoehorn in the 24th, and  
17 you don't even have the majority of the Commission at this  
18 point.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right, done. So, I'm just  
20 going to say we're doing as is on the 29th and the 1st, if  
21 necessary, and if we finish everything on the 29th it will  
22 be up to the chair at the time, Commissioner Kennedy, to  
23 say -- to wave that off.

24 In which case I'd like to go back to the shared  
25 screen, and let's talk about the two weeks of April, the

1 beginning of -- as we can see now, the proposed is the week  
2 of April -- we're talking Mondays here so it's the 12th  
3 through the 14th.

4 One thing I did notice on this, is you're doing  
5 -- each one that gets proposed is essentially the Monday to  
6 Wednesday, Monday to Wednesday, and we had been staggering  
7 that.

8 And then I do notice the single days that are  
9 always needed have all been Tuesdays, which that could be  
10 an issue.

11 Commissioner Fernandez, could you sort of --

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I tried to pick the days  
13 that we would have the most attendance, because even though  
14 if I try to stagger it, we may not have as many, if that  
15 makes sense.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. All right.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I tried to stagger it  
18 when I could, and then I tried to just based on  
19 availability.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. All right. Then does  
21 anyone have any issues with the way it is proposed as we're  
22 looking at it in terms of now -- I'm sort of jumping.  
23 Would you rather I just do the entire -- just April, or do  
24 you want me to do all of it? I see Commissioner Kennedy.

25 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Just a reminder that at this

1 point we're holding dates. We're not doing anything else.  
2 When we get to the point of seeing whether we have items  
3 that need to be addressed, we can decide to proceed with  
4 the meeting or not. But at this point we're holding dates.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Akutagawa.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I would rather --  
7 it's easier for me to hold the date and remove a date than  
8 it is to try to, you know, put in a date later on. And I  
9 think some other commissioners have said something some  
10 more in the past before. It doesn't cost us anything to  
11 just put the note on the calendar so --

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. At this point I'm  
13 inclined to just say let's -- oh, I'm sorry, Commissioner  
14 Vasquez.

15 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yeah. Again, I'm not wild  
16 about missing one, two, three potentially meetings  
17 intentionally, so I mean I guess the 28th is -- I don't  
18 know. Okay. Really trying to push us to think about late  
19 afternoon or evening meetings. It's just more  
20 (indiscernible).

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm sorry, I should have said  
22 I'm just talking about the days themselves. We have,  
23 indeed, talked about shifting timeframe.

24 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Right, but my availability  
25 is fully dependent upon the time in which we hold the

1 meetings.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So, question. Since you  
3 brought it up, thank you. I'm going to put you on the  
4 spot. Are you available on like -- I'm just looking at the  
5 12th and 14th. So, you are not on the 14th regardless.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That's Commissioner  
7 Turner.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: T-T is Commissioner  
10 Turner. But I did look for Commissioner Vasquez for the  
11 28th. I was thinking maybe on the 28th we could have a  
12 committee meeting, and so the actual meeting for the full  
13 Commission would be the 26th and 27th so that you could  
14 attend, and then the same thing for the 14th when  
15 Commissioner Turner could not attend, I was thinking we  
16 could have -- oh, no, she's on that committee. Never mind.  
17 I'm going to take that back.

18 So, I was trying to work it out so there would be  
19 an attendance, but I mean it's hard. A 14 people schedule  
20 is a little challenging, but I completely understand  
21 wanting to be at every meeting, which I truly appreciate  
22 and definitely want to try to work it (audio skips).

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. I see Commissioner  
24 Akutagawa's hand.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I know that the

1 last meeting we had begun a conversation about trying to  
2 shift the meeting times and kind of mixing up the times a  
3 little bit more so that every single business meeting is  
4 not 9:30 to what's essentially has become 5:00 o'clock  
5 versus 4:30. We've talked about trying to do later start  
6 times. We tried it for I think one of the March meetings  
7 and then that wasn't going to work because people's  
8 schedule, but I want to also echo what Commissioner Vasquez  
9 is saying. If we could also determine, you know, do we  
10 want to make perhaps all of the meetings in April evening  
11 meetings, or late afternoon meetings, or which ones we  
12 would try for, that would, I think help all of us maybe  
13 give a more definitive answer as to what other dates might  
14 be available because I hear what Commissioner Vasquez is  
15 saying because, you know, my availability would also differ  
16 and we may be able to stagger a little bit more easily, you  
17 know. But I know that when I responded it was based on the  
18 9:30 start versus a late afternoon start, so --

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. I know that we do,  
20 indeed, intend to do that. My one issue with -- I don't  
21 know in terms of presentations what has already been  
22 scheduled, which is my only issue in terms we can already  
23 have conflicts with anything scheduled in the evenings on  
24 these dates. That would be another puzzle piece here.

25 But at this point I'm thinking if we work on --

1 I'm sort of -- I'm inclined -- I see the whole issue with,  
2 you know, we don't want one person missing them, and there  
3 are few days that I see we could, indeed, as Commissioner  
4 Fernandez was envisioning here have committee meetings on  
5 those days. It could be different committee meetings. I'm  
6 still sort of inclined to say let's try this and then work  
7 on timing as we go. Which if we want to talk about, let's  
8 pick a time right now, say for the 12th or 14th meet week  
9 the 26th, what -- if I propose let's just accept it as is  
10 with the time of the meetings to be determined, how is  
11 that? Or does the group actually want to go week by week?

12 So, option one is let's talk about a mass group  
13 and then working on timing. Option two is we actually  
14 print it out week by week? So, who's for option one? I  
15 can't see this. Looks like everybody wants us to just go  
16 week to week. Okay.

17 So, April 6th is our in case day, yes? Okay.  
18 And in case days, do we just want to have those -- those,  
19 I'm assuming, would be action days, so we say those are  
20 just regular 9:30 in the morning days. Can we go ahead and  
21 -- well, let's see. Does anybody have the dates kind of  
22 written down?

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. It's hard to see the  
25 group and do this at the same time.

1           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Chair Andersen, if you  
2 already have the dates, you could just expand your screen  
3 so you can see everything, so you can see everyone in the  
4 Zoom and not see the share.

5           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, that's interesting, oh.  
6 Thank you very much. I haven't had much luck doing that.  
7 Okay, I'm just going to make sure I have everything on mine  
8 and not -- okay. It's not working. All right. Well, I  
9 have part of the group, most of the group.

10           Okay. So, the single day -- actually, okay, the  
11 single days we want to keep those the regular timeframe.  
12 Let's go April 6th, regular timeframe, late timeframe?  
13 Option one, option two. Option one is regular timeframe.  
14 Option two is say what, 4:00 to 8:00, something like that.  
15 What would be a -- Commissioner Vasquez?

16           COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yeah, especially for  
17 action items, again, we've heard from a few public comments  
18 that folks want -- I'm hearing more from the public about  
19 wanting to participate more meaningful in action items and  
20 give public comment. So, I propose, especially if that one  
21 is going to be -- if we need it for action items I propose  
22 we schedule it from 4:00 to 8:00.

23           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

24           COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: And not have it be  
25 committee reports, et cetera, that it is just for action

1 items and discussion.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. I think that is actually  
3 a very valid point. That would be -- the proposal on the  
4 table right now is, the single days are April 6th, April  
5 20th, May 5th and May 18. They're three Tuesdays and a  
6 Wednesday.

7 The proposal is let's make those in case  
8 meetings. All the timeframe would be from 4:00 in the  
9 afternoon until 8:00 in the evening. Who is in favor? I  
10 have one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight. Okay  
11 that's eight and --

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Question.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Question, Commissioner Kennedy.

14 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Is that 4:00 to 5:30, take  
15 an hour dinner break and come back for another hour-and-a-  
16 half from 6:30 to 8:00?

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, that's a good question.  
18 Do we all have to eat before 4:00? We would need a break.  
19 We would have to think. Let's see. Logistic wise, so how  
20 about 4:00 to 8:30. We do a like a two hour -- we can only  
21 do 90 minutes. How about dinner time will be 5:30 to 6:30,  
22 and then it would be a three-hour meeting essentially. So,  
23 it would be a three-hour meeting with the fourth hour --  
24 so, essentially, the meeting would be 4:00 to 5:30, dinner  
25 5:30 to 6:30, and then 6:30 to 8:00. So, we'd have -- it

1 would be essentially three hours' worth of meetings, two  
2 90-minute sections with an hour of dinner in the middle.

3           So that would be the proposal for the 5th, the  
4 18th -- I'm sorry. April 6th, April 20, May 5th, May 18.  
5 With that clarification, all in favor raise your hands.  
6 One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine. I  
7 have nine.

8           Now, does anyone have a very hard time with that  
9 or a particular day of that?

10           COMMISSIONER TURNER: No.

11           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. All right. So, that's  
12 what we're doing for those single days.

13           Now, let's talk about the week of the 12th to the  
14 14th. It's a three day. It is a Monday to Wednesday. Do  
15 we want to -- since we're doing an evening on the 6th, do  
16 we want to do like a couple of the days regular time, the  
17 third day late? Is that sort of an acceptable model or --  
18 Commissioner Sinay.

19           COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think that makes sense  
20 since you said that the third day may be for subcommittee  
21 meetings versus the regular meetings, so if we do the  
22 subcommittee meeting late, that makes sense.

23           CHAIR ANDERSEN: It does. Do we like the 4:00 to  
24 8:00 time slot? Otherwise, it would be 5:00 to 9:00 and  
25 dinner would be 6:30 to 7:30. I think on that one why

1 don't we wait. We'll pencil this in and when we get some  
2 public comment, let's see if the public really has  
3 something to say, particularly about the input meetings.

4           So, the proposal on the table right now is for  
5 the April 12th through 14th meeting the 12th and 13th would  
6 be our regularly scheduled time. The 14th would be from  
7 4:00 in the evening until 8:00 in the evening. All in  
8 favor? Oh, I'm sorry, do I have questions first.

9 Questions before. Anyone have any questions or  
10 clarification? Linda -- I'm sorry, Commissioner Akutagawa.

11           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Just a question.  
12 So, is then our practice going to be only when we're taking  
13 action or I guess a committee meeting will be done in the  
14 late afternoon into the evening versus any business  
15 meetings will always be a start time of 9:30? Or are we  
16 going to look to vary also the business meeting times, like  
17 I think there was conversation about maybe starting at like  
18 1:30 or 2:00 for the business meetings.

19           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Right now we're just  
20 taking it week by week.

21           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Okay.

22           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well not exactly week by week.  
23 We're taking it the weeks of three days at a time. And,  
24 so, for this particular one the proposal is we have regular  
25 business meeting times from 9:30 in the morning on the 12th

1 or the 13th, and then the third day is the 4:00 to 8:00 for  
2 this set, for the April 12th to 14th.

3 And Commissioner Fernandez, question?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, I'm just thinking if  
5 the subcommittee on whatever, the 14th, like let's say  
6 Legal can only meet during the day so for them to meet  
7 during the day and then maybe the public input design would  
8 be in the evening. I don't think necessarily they both  
9 have to be at the same time, but I'm just throwing that out  
10 there, too, so that it's not -- we're not obligated to meet  
11 in the evening if they're not available.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Does Legal have any input  
13 on that yet? Commissioner Sadhwani.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I'll just say I  
15 cannot meet Wednesday nights in general. I teach Wednesday  
16 nights. But, yeah, I agree, I think once we have this set  
17 up for, you know, ASL and the videographer, et cetera, it  
18 could -- you know, we could do earlier in the day and then,  
19 if not, the other subcommittee could use the same setup  
20 later on in the day. So, that works for me.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Akutagawa.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I know that -- I think  
23 that Commissioner Fernandez said that Commissioner Turner  
24 was not available on the 14th. Maybe -- sorry to mix this  
25 up, but perhaps it might help to have the committee

1 meetings on the 12th and then have the business meetings on  
2 the 13th and 14th. That's one idea.

3           And then the other idea is could we have one day  
4 of the business meetings start at 9:30 and then maybe a  
5 second day start at 1:30, just to mix that part up as well,  
6 too?

7           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Just a quick question. I'll ask  
8 it right now before I take Commissioner Turner. If the  
9 regular business meeting starts at 1:30, what time does it  
10 finish? Would that be just --

11           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Nine o'clock.

12           CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, nine at night. Just to put  
13 everyone's --

14           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Or we could even start  
15 at 1:00, or we could even just make it a point that we're  
16 going to finish by 8:00 o'clock.

17           CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'd have to have a quick look at  
18 that. That is an idea. Commissioner Turner.

19           COMMISSIONER TURNER: I was just going to say  
20 with the changed time on the 14th beginning at 4:00 p.m. I  
21 definitely will be there on the 14th.

22           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, okay. So, then, for this  
23 particular set. Oh, well, we lose Commissioner Sadhwani on  
24 Wednesday evenings, but if that is a committee meeting for  
25 the input, we don't lose her. Okay.

1           So, does anyone else have a -- Commissioner  
2 Vasquez.

3           COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yeah. Are people open to  
4 trying for these meetings then, maybe starting at 1:00 and  
5 concluding at 8:00?

6           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry, you're going back  
7 to the --

8           COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: On April 12th and April  
9 13th are people open to starting at 1:00 and going until  
10 8:00?

11          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Having all of them. I'm seeing  
12 some head nods. I'm seeing yes. Who would, rather than  
13 doing the 9:30 on the -- for the start time on the 12th and  
14 13th, who would like to go to the 1:00 or 1:30? We're  
15 actually going to work out the specifics with the 90  
16 minutes in there. Who would prefer doing the -- going to  
17 the switching of the later time? We have, one, two, three  
18 -- wait, okay. I have one, two, three, four, five, six.

19          COMMISSIONER YEE: I don't prefer, but I'm open  
20 to it, yeah.

21          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. That's me. I have to  
22 work this out with the family. Okay, so, we can certainly  
23 try that this -- raise your hands one more time for going  
24 to the later time on that. Okay. So, the no's -- we have  
25 three commissioners who are not interested in doing that.

1 So, we'll give that a try. We will try for that.

2 Now the current thing is let's go on the 12, 13th  
3 we will start a 1:00 or 1:30. The actual exact time of  
4 that, let's work out the logistics in terms of, you know,  
5 the 90-minute breaks and talk with the videographer here.  
6 And then on the 14th would be the 4:00 to 8:00 for that  
7 particular set of meetings. That's an agreement. Anyone  
8 who oppose, speak now or we're moving on. Okay. That is  
9 the plan for those sets of meetings.

10 Now, we're going to do April 26th to the 28th.  
11 Do we want to do the same -- no, this one we want to so we  
12 don't lose Commissioner Sadhwani, do we want to do the  
13 Monday as the 4:00 to 8:00 and do the Tuesday, Wednesday as  
14 the -- oh, Commissioner Sadhwani, on Wednesdays what is  
15 your cutoff time?

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Six-thirty.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Six-thirty, okay.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think it's okay to  
19 proceed. I don't think I have to, you know --

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, we don't want to exclude  
21 someone if we don't have to, so, I was just saying, let's,  
22 you know, mix up the Mondays as the late day. But we could  
23 try the 28th as the late day.

24 All right. So, what are we trying to do? The  
25 26th to the 28th is the same timeframe as the 12th through

1 the 14th. So, that would be the one 1:30 time, going until  
2 9:00. Why don't we see how that goes and see how awake all  
3 of us are? But let's pencil that in and then we might --  
4 it would be too late at that point. We locked in the  
5 timeframe. But let's try it. Try the 1:00, 1:30 on the  
6 Monday, Tuesday, and the 4:00 to 8:00 on the Wednesday, the  
7 28th. All in favor, raise your hand. I see one, two,  
8 three, four -- who is not in favor of doing it that way?  
9 One, two. I'd rather not. I think we're -- Commissioner  
10 Fernandez.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I appreciate wanting to  
12 do this, but I also know that once we get into our public  
13 input meetings they will be evening meetings, so I would  
14 prefer to have the day meetings now and then once we get  
15 into the public input in our other meetings, because I know  
16 that eventually it's going to be all evenings -- not all  
17 evenings. It will be mainly evenings and late (inaudible).

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That is true. We will be  
19 having sort of business a lot during the day and then all  
20 the input in the evening. That is true.

21 Well, why don't we try, just to try it, these two  
22 -- the April. Let's do the April and try it on this  
23 schedule, see how that works, and then the May, that's  
24 going to give us enough time to switch back if it turns out  
25 it's not working for the business part. Because in May we

1 switch to Wednesday to Friday situation, so we would have  
2 time if we're finding that that is not working.

3 So, at this point I'm proposing that the April  
4 26th - 28th be on the same timeframe as we discussed and  
5 accepted for April 12th through the 14th. Anyone object to  
6 that? Commissioner Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Would it get too  
8 complicated if we made one day 9:30 and the other day 1:00  
9 o'clock?

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: At this point it's easy.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's okay. I thought  
12 I'd do that, just trying to find a compromise for  
13 everybody, so that's all. But it's okay. I'm totally fine  
14 with the 1:00 o'clock meetings. That's totally fine.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Any opinions on this one?  
16 Commissioner Fernandez.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was kind of thinking  
18 the same thing as Commissioner Akutagawa. I was thinking  
19 the first day we can do a morning meeting, and that second  
20 day is later afternoon so it gives those of us wanting a  
21 morning free. So, I don't know, that's just another  
22 because we don't have anything else to talk about right  
23 now. No other options.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, yes. All right. It's a  
25 valid idea. Let's -- April will be our attempt. We left

1 the -- we have the 12th through the 14th set. So, how  
2 about on the 26th and 28th -- actually do we want to switch  
3 it? Do we want to do rather than Monday morning first  
4 thing at 9:30 in the morning, do we want to go on 1:00 on  
5 Mondays and then go late, early, late? I'm sort of kidding  
6 on that, you know. Actually I'm -- well, at this point  
7 let's go the 9:30 -- well, okay.

8 Two options, here we go. Option one, 9:30 on  
9 Monday, the 26th, 1:00 or 1:30 on the 27th, 4:00 on the  
10 28th. That's option one.

11 Option two, the 26th and the 27th are the same.  
12 They're the one or 1:00 or 1:30 in the afternoon, and the  
13 28th is the same in both options.

14 So, who is for option one, the staggered  
15 mornings? We have one, two, three, four, five, six, seven,  
16 eight. Oh, okay. Looks like we're going to do staggered  
17 mornings.

18 Is anyone for the option of just everything going  
19 to 1:30? We do have one, two. Okay. It looks like we're  
20 going to go with the staggered on the 26th.

21 Commissioner Ahmad, did you have a question or  
22 was that a vote?

23 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: That was a vote for both  
24 because I'm flexible.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. All right. So, for the

1 12th to the 14th we have that 1:00 o'clock, 1:00 o'clock,  
2 4:00 o'clock, or 1:00, 1:30.

3 On the 26th to 28th it's the 9:30, 1:00 or 1:30  
4 and then the 4:00.

5 Okay. We've decided on May 5th. That is the  
6 4:00 to 8:00. So, now we're talking about -- ah, the 12th  
7 to the 14th. Now Ramadan begins on the 13th. I don't know  
8 if that -- it starts in the evening. Yeah, that's an  
9 evening, and that will be the first day, so there are  
10 usually some celebrations involved in that.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Jane, I think -- sorry,  
12 Chair Andersen, I think Ramadan ends on May 13th. I have  
13 it noted.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ends, sorry. Actually, wait a  
15 sec., so that actually is a big celebration then at  
16 sundown, yes. So, that would have to be a morning meeting  
17 on the 13th.

18 So, for that one we want to do the -- actually,  
19 do we want to switch it because I don't think we want to be  
20 Friday evening. Do we want to do a switch on -- have our  
21 Wednesday be the 4:00 to 8:00 on the Wednesday? The 13th  
22 is the 9:30 in the morning, and -- actually we could just  
23 do the 13th and the 14th. This is the only Friday that we  
24 actually have -- do we want to do Friday as just regular,  
25 9:30 in the morning, so it ends, we have our weekend?

1 Yeah, I'm seeing thumbs up on that.

2           So, a switch for the May 12, 13, 14. The  
3 proposal is the Wednesday would be the 4:00 to 8:00, the  
4 Thursday and the Friday would be regular 9:30 morning start  
5 time.

6           So, who is not in favor of that? Seeing no  
7 hands, we'll move on. That's what we're doing. I'm sorry.  
8 I'm trying to sort of move us through this. I do not mean  
9 to not allow anyone to express their opinions, and please  
10 feel free to jump in. It's just I know we've been spending  
11 a lot of time on these, so -- and I appreciate everyone's  
12 patience on it. We're trying to accommodate everybody.

13           Okay, so we just have the 24th to the 26th.  
14 Ideas here? Do we want to do the 1:30, 1:30, 4:00 on the  
15 24th to 25th (sic.)? Getting thumbs up. Thumbs up. Or do  
16 we want to do that stagger thing.

17           Okay, I know. We'll do option one the 24th and  
18 25th is the 1:00 o'clock. We'll do the 26th as the 4:00 to  
19 8:00.

20           Option two is the morning of the 24th at 9:30.  
21 On Tuesday, the 25th, it's a 1:00, 1:30, and then the 4:00  
22 to 8:00.

23           So, option one, both late, option two, staggered.  
24 Who is for option one? Oh, I'm sorry, Commissioner Turner,  
25 do you have a question?

1           COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Isn't that a  
2 Wednesday evening again that conflicts with -- I thought we  
3 were trying to avoid the Wednesday evening.

4           CHAIR ANDERSEN: What we're doing -- yes, you're  
5 right, but I believe what we're doing here is doing that as  
6 the Wednesday evening one is the 4:00 to 8:00, and it's a  
7 --

8           COMMISSIONER TURNER: Committee.

9           CHAIR ANDERSEN: It's a committee, correct, thank  
10 you, a committee meeting.

11           Now, as we progress through this and something  
12 changes and we actually need the full day for the full  
13 committee meeting, we will know ahead of time, you know,  
14 like we get a bunch of contracts or something, think, uh  
15 oh, we need those three days, we can have -- right now  
16 we're trying to hold dates.

17           Well, I guess if we go in the evening that does  
18 eliminate that. Anyone, I think this is the idea of the  
19 Commission, right. Do we want to have these three working  
20 days, or is it two working days and a possible -- we can  
21 always do an action. I'm trying to give us a bit more  
22 flexibility here.

23           So, the proposal would still be the two days,  
24 24th, 25th, and the 26th is the meetings -- I'm sorry, the  
25 26th is a subcommittee.

1           So, who now is for -- option one was the vote for  
2 1:00, 1:30. Option two is the staggered. So, who's for  
3 option one? One, two. Who is for the staggered? One  
4 two, three, four. Okay. Who is just not voting and sick  
5 of it all? Ah, here we go. Just checking to see if anyone  
6 was paying attention here.

7           Okay. At this point I say let's do the staggered  
8 because the staggered was wildly successful on that last  
9 one, right. So, let's do the staggered. On the 24th is  
10 the 9:30, the 25th is the 1:00, and the 26th is the 4:00 to  
11 8:00.

12           Any other questions? Any objections? No, okay.

13           Then at that point, I don't even know what time  
14 it actually is. Oh, those are the end of the dates that  
15 you had proposed for us, Commissioner Fernandez. Great.  
16 Thank you. Could you stop sharing your screen? And that  
17 should make us all come back -- oh, I'm sorry, Commissioner  
18 Vasquez and Commissioner Sinay.

19           COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Just wanted to say thank  
20 you to the Commission for trying new timings out. I very  
21 much appreciate that folks have families and other things  
22 in the evenings, and so, just wanted to express some  
23 gratitude. Thank you.

24           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Certainly. Commissioner Sinay.

25           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can I just ask that staff

1 send us out what was finally approved, what times and all  
2 that so we're all on the same page, maybe even do a  
3 calendar invite and invite us so it's in our calendars.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, Commissioner Ahmad.

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. Great  
6 idea, Commissioner Sinay. However, I think we should  
7 reiterate it, because if we're confused, then staff might  
8 also be confused. So, I would want to give them a fair  
9 shot at getting us the information accurately.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Do you want me to do that at  
11 this time or shall I put this out and we'll sort of send  
12 out a quick, you know, this is the understanding. Is this  
13 what everyone agrees on? I can just do a quick walk  
14 through. We have some nods, quick walk through right now.  
15 Okay.

16 Going back to the -- so, let's start in April.  
17 Open up your calendars for -- we've left the 29th and the  
18 1st as is. Didn't touch anything.

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Can we -- sorry to interrupt  
20 you. Can we actually start in March?

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: From the meeting that is not  
23 already agendized.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Got it.

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: That would be helpful.

1 Thank you so much.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Certainly. Just to back up on  
3 that, the meeting that is agendized is the 16, 17 and a  
4 committee meeting on the 18th. That is what is agendized  
5 at this point.

6 What is not, that following week of the 22nd, we  
7 have Legal Affairs for the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, the  
8 22nd to the 24th, and that, I believe, an agenda will be  
9 posted by the end of the day as Commissioner Yee already  
10 indicated, because that's the timeframe of it.

11 The following week is the 29th. We have a full  
12 -- a full -- full-day meeting, regular 9:30 in the morning.  
13 We also have one of those on Thursday the 1st, 9:30 in the  
14 morning. However, those are not separate meetings, as  
15 Commissioner Kennedy is indicating. Those are essentially  
16 two days of one meeting with just two days staggered off in  
17 between. So, that's for March.

18 Moving to April -- well, I'm sorry, the 1st is  
19 April 1st, so then we're moving to the full calendar of  
20 April, and on Tuesday, the 6th, we have a 4:00 to 8:00  
21 meeting, and that's -- those are all considered more like  
22 action meetings. It's full Commission, but it's basically  
23 action items.

24 Then the week of the 12th of April we have a  
25 meeting on the 12th, 13th, 14th, also on the 17th, the

1 Saturday. On the 12th we have a 1:00 or 1:30 start time.  
2 That will be determined. We have the same on the Tuesday,  
3 the 13th. Wednesday the 14th is a 4:00 to 8:00 committee  
4 meeting.

5 On Saturday the 17th we have that tentatively  
6 (indiscernible) workshop is from 10:00 in the morning until  
7 6:00 in the evening on that, Saturday, the 17th.

8 The next week is April 19. We actually start on  
9 -- I'm sorry, we only have the one day on Tuesday, the  
10 20th. It is a 4:00 to 8:00 in the evening. That is also  
11 an action meeting.

12 Then going to the week of April 26th, we have  
13 meetings on the 26th, 27th, 28th, which is a Monday,  
14 Tuesday, Wednesday. On the Monday we have a 9:30 in the  
15 morning start time. On the Tuesday we have the 1:00/1:30  
16 start time. Those are full committee meetings. On the  
17 28th we have a subcommittee meeting from 4:00 to 8:00.

18 Moving to May, on Wednesday the 5th, that is a  
19 4:00 in the afternoon until 8:00 in the evening meeting,  
20 action, full committee meeting.

21 Then we have the following week is May 10th. We  
22 have from the -- the meeting is from the 12th, 13th and  
23 14th. On the 12th actually a (audio skips) meeting  
24 starting from 4:00 until 8:00 in the evening. Both the  
25 Thursday, the 13th and Friday, the 14th, those are regular

1 full Commission meetings. They start at 9:30 in the  
2 morning.

3 Then the following week we have Tuesday, the  
4 18th. That is a 4:00 in the afternoon until 8:00 in the  
5 evening. That's an action meeting.

6 And then finally for May, the week of the 24th we  
7 have meetings on the 24th, 25th, 26th. The 24th is a full  
8 day, 9:30 in the morning. The 25th is a full day, 1:00 or  
9 1:30 in the afternoon, and then the 26th is, again, a 4:00  
10 to 8:00 committee meeting.

11 That's what I have on the agenda. We're getting  
12 thumbs up everywhere. Okay.

13 There was just one thought here. We have May the  
14 5th is an action meeting from 4:00 to 8:00 on a Wednesday  
15 evening. Commissioner Fernandez, that is definitely -- we  
16 do know that Commissioner Sadhwani cannot be there for  
17 that. Do we have evening availability on either the  
18 Tuesday or the Thursday if we know that's an action? I'm  
19 just thinking here in terms of -- originally all these  
20 dates were given out as though those were in the morning  
21 meetings when those exclusions came about. I'm just  
22 wondering if at this point if there's any reason to go  
23 ahead and try and move that to either the 4th or the 6th.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think we could move it  
25 to the 4th. I'm looking at everybody's schedule right now

1 -- schedules. I think the 4th may work.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Also, Cinco de Mayo.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I know I'll be  
4 celebrating at home.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Exactly.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It could be a working  
7 meeting. We can do chips and, you know, whatever.  
8 Everybody will be home; they'll be safe.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I would propose that we move  
10 that action meeting 4:00 to 8:00 from the 5th to the 4th.  
11 All in favor? I'm seeing several hands up. Anyone  
12 seriously oppose that? No, okay.

13 So, a change. The May 5th meeting is off. It's  
14 moved to May 4th from 4:00 to 8:00 in the evening as an  
15 action meeting.

16 And with that, we are certainly at time. We've  
17 done way more on this and worked out things that I was not  
18 anticipating, but at least it's down on the books now.

19 Commissioner Fernandez.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I only wanted to reach  
21 out once more to the public -- what do we call it -- public  
22 input design meeting to see if we wanted -- like now we  
23 only have the one meeting in March, the 18th, so I wasn't  
24 sure if we wanted to tag onto one of them, like the March  
25 22nd, 23rd, or 24th.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: My thought on that is the  
3 first meeting we're going to kind of figure out what  
4 information we need and we've got to go out there and get  
5 the panels and get the information, so we might be okay not  
6 having a second meeting, but I'd be eager to hear from  
7 others.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Only because there  
10 wouldn't be another opportunity until almost the month --  
11 later on the 12th, April 12th through the 14th, so it would  
12 be a month later. That's the only reason I'm asking at  
13 this point.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, it is a -- it's a  
15 committee, so they could actually say at this point they  
16 could go ahead and put one on Wednesday the 31st. They  
17 still have time to agendize that.

18 So, Commissioner Fornaciari or Commissioner  
19 Sinay, did you want to go ahead and jump in on the 24th or  
20 do you want to think about it for a little bit? You would  
21 have to schedule that before you actually have your 18th  
22 meeting. I would recommend that you do. Wait, I'm on the  
23 committee. I recommend the committee does because we do  
24 lay out some of them at this point. But if you don't want  
25 to jump on it the 24th, I think there will be things to

1 talk about. There will be a lot of items to come back  
2 with, but I believe you can always cancel the 24th. I  
3 would pencil it in now, and then look at penciling in more  
4 when you can -- you and Commissioner Fornaciari can get  
5 together on that. That would be my recommendation.

6 And if you want to do that, just let Director  
7 Hernandez know before 5:00 o'clock -- oh, let him know now.

8 Commissioner Sinay.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I hate to ask this, but  
10 we're being pressed to do the 24th, which is only a few  
11 days after the first meeting, which is the 18th. Does it  
12 not make more sense to go to the 31st?

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fornaciari.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: There's only seven of  
15 us, and we're probably going to do these in the evening, so  
16 it's probably going to be a bit easier to schedule them.  
17 But, you know, I mean if we meet on the -- well, I mean we  
18 could do something on the 31st or on the 1st.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, the first is the meeting,  
20 unless it gets cancelled. That is a regular meeting.  
21 Okay, so at this point you're not inclined to say anything,  
22 Commissioner Fernandez, so -- but you have -- the Chairs of  
23 that committee have been sort of mentioned. Those are your  
24 possibilities as of today, and certainly it's up to you to  
25 come back.

1           Thank you very much, Commissioner Fernandez, for  
2 bringing that up. Any other items of business? Seeing  
3 none, at this point I would like to recess the meeting, and  
4 we will start again tomorrow morning --

5           MS. JOHNSTON: Public comment.

6           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. Thank you.  
7 Public comment.

8           MR. MANOFF: Yes, Chair, I can take care of that  
9 for you.

10          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

11          MR. MANOFF: In order to maximize transparency  
12 and public participation in our process, the commissioners  
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7 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn down  
8 the livestream volume.

9 And there are no callers in the queue at this  
10 time.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Kristian. We will  
12 wait a couple of minutes because it temporary to have some  
13 public comment.

14 Thank you very much, Commissioners, for your  
15 participation today and for staying with us through that  
16 process of determining our future meetings. That is a bit  
17 arduous, but we have them on the table.

18 And tomorrow we will be having our brief meeting  
19 in the morning and then we'll have our education outreach  
20 panel, and I believe we will be ending the day -- unless  
21 something else comes up, we'll be ending the day certainly  
22 before lunch.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yay.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Was that Marian that

1 said yay?

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, it was Commissioner Turner.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Is today  
4 International Women's Day? Yes?

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: It is.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So, to all of us strong  
7 women, I commend all of us. I commend all women. Thank  
8 you for all you do.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Indeed. Yes, this is, actually,  
10 I realized this is Women's History Month. That's like last  
11 month was considered, you know, Black History Month. I  
12 can't remember what the official title is. I think those  
13 months should be all year, quite frankly. I mean history  
14 shouldn't be reserved for one particular time, one  
15 particular month, or for one particular period. History  
16 needs to be shared for everybody. But thank you very much  
17 Commissioner Fernandez, for bringing that up.

18 MR. MANOFF: It has been two minutes since we  
19 completed the instructions on the livestream and there are  
20 no callers in queue, Chair.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. Well, with  
22 that I will call the meeting into -- well, I don't call the  
23 meeting. I will recess the meeting until tomorrow morning.  
24 Thank you very much, Commissioners.

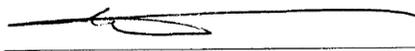
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