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Jane Andersen
Alicia Fernandez
Neal Fornaciari
Sara Sadhwani
Patricia Sinay
Derric Taylor
Pedro Toledo
Trena Turner
Russell Yee

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Also Present

Mappers:

Andrew
John

Public Comment:

1. Bill Ruh
2. Christina M. Gagnier
3. Nino Lopez
4. Speaker Number 4

Public Comment (Cont'd.)

5. Michelle Sabino
6. Speaker Number 6
7. Speaker Number 7
8. Janice Elliott
9. John Monsen
10. Bobbie Butts
11. David Morgan
12. Natasha Brown
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14. Rachael Johnson
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18. Bobby Halily
19. Yesenia Diaz
20. Jimena Dominguez
21. Speaker Number 21
22. Ben Anderson
23. Olani LaBeaud
24. Ben Benoit
25. Speaker Number 25
26. Monserrat Gomez
27. Barbara Acosta

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28. Elizabeth Leon
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P R O C E E D I N G S

Monday, August 30, 2021 4:00 o'clock p.m.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY (via Zoom): Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome and thank you for joining us for today's California Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest Input Meeting. I'm Commissioner Ray Kennedy. I'll be co-chairing today's meeting with Commissioner Angela Vazquez, who will join us at 5:00 o'clock.

Today we're offering one language line in Spanish, so that Spanish speakers can listen to that meeting in that language.

Could I please have our interpreter provide our call-in numbers, the Spanish Interpreter?

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes, Chair. This is Margarita, the Spanish Interpreter. I will do -- is it the language line instructions?

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Okay.

[Instructions read in Spanish]

Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias, Margarita.

Now we go to Ravi for roll call.

MR. SINGH (via Zoom): Thank you, Chair.

Commissioner Le Mons?

Commissioner Sadhwani?

1 Commissioner Sinay?
2 COMMISSIONER SINAY (via Zoom): Here.
3 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?
4 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR (via Zoom): Present.
5 MR. SINGH: "Present."
6 Commissioner Toledo?
7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO (via Zoom): Present.
8 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?
9 COMMISSIONER TURNER (via Zoom): Here.
10 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez?
11 Commissioner Yee?
12 COMMISSIONER YEE (via Zoom): Here.
13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?
14 COMMISSIONER AHMAD (via Zoom): Here.
15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?
16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA (via Zoom): Here.
17 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?
18 Commissioner Fernandez?
19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ (via Zoom): Presente.
20 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?
21 Commissioner Fornaciari?
22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI (via Zoom): Here. Can
23 you hear me? Okay.
24 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy? Commissioner
25 Kennedy?

1 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. Sorry. My laptop
2 crashed.

3 MR. SINGH: No problem. Roll call is complete.

4 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: So we're back -- very good.
5 Thank you, Ravi.

6 MR. SINGH: You're welcome.

7 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Before we begin, we want to
8 acknowledge all of those who are being impacted by the
9 Caldor, Dixie, Monument, South, and other wildfires burning
10 now in California. Know that we're thinking of you, your
11 families and your communities.

12 We understand that you may not be able to
13 participate today, but we encourage you to do so later.
14 Remember that you can call in to any of our communities of
15 interest input sessions, not only the one focusing
16 specifically on your area of the State. Your voice and the
17 voice of all Californians is important to ensure fair and
18 representative maps.

19 We'll start by sharing a little bit about the
20 Commission. Every 10 years after the Federal Government
21 publishes updated Census information, California must
22 redraw the boundaries of its Congressional State Senate,
23 State Assembly and State Board of Equalization Districts,
24 so that the districts correctly reflect the State's
25 population.

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

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

15 The Census redistricting data was released the
16 week of August 9th. Once the Official California
17 Redistricting Database is available to us in late
18 September, the Commission will begin drawing maps using
19 those six line-drawing criteria set out in the State
20 Constitution. One of these is minimizing the division of
21 counties, cities, neighborhoods and community of interest
22 to the extent possible.

23 We can obtain the city and county information
24 from those jurisdictions, but we need the neighborhood and
25 communities-of-interest information from Californians

1 directly. That's why we launched these Communities of
2 Interest Input sessions back in June, to get the valuable
3 information from you directly. We encourage all
4 Californians to participate in this process.

5 If you would rather submit your communities-of-
6 interest input over the internet, you can do so from our
7 website, or by visiting our on-line tool at
8 drawmyCAcommunity.org. You can skip the line and go on-
9 line.

10 Now I'll call on the Commissioners to introduce
11 themselves and to say hello. To see the biographies for
12 all 14 Commissioners, for additional information, or to
13 sign up for our e-mails, please visit our website at
14 wedrawthelinesCA.org.

15 Commissioner Vazquez will join us at 5:00
16 o'clock. We'll go next to Commissioner Ahmad.

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair, and hello
18 to everyone, and good afternoon. I am very excited to
19 continue to learn about the communities in San Bernardino
20 and Riverside Counties and surrounding areas, and anyone
21 else across California who may want to call in and provide
22 their input. I'm looking forward to a great meeting.

23 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.

24 Commissioner Akutagawa?

25 Commissioner Andersen?

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN (via Zoom): Good
2 afternoon, California. And welcome to all those in San
3 Bernardino and Riverside Counties. I look -- I'm coming to
4 you from Berkeley, California, up in the north, and I'm
5 looking forward to hearing all about your communities and
6 how -- what makes them special today. Thank you very much.

7 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
8 Andersen.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Buenos tardes,
11 California.

12 [Introduction in Spanish]

13 Good afternoon, everyone, all Californians. I'm
14 Alicia Fernandez from Yolo County, and as a Commissioner,
15 all of the Commissioners are saying, I'm looking to hearing
16 more about communities. I learn a little bit more each
17 time. So, thank you for joining us, and for forwarding the
18 information.

19 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
20 Fernandez.

21 Commissioner Fornaciari?

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Good afternoon,
23 California. I'm Neal Fornaciari. I'm coming to you from
24 Tracy in San Joaquin County, at the northern end of the San
25 Joaquin Valley. Looking forward to hearing more about

1 what's important to you all when it comes to redistricting.

2 Thanks for joining us.

3 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
4 Fornaciari.

5 Commissioner Sadhwani?

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI (via Zoom): Good
7 afternoon. Apologies. I was still running a little late
8 this afternoon. Very happy to be here. My name is Sara
9 Sadhwani. I am calling today from Claremont, California,
10 just on the border, almost into San Bernardino County,
11 where I am a professor at Pomona College. So I'm looking
12 forward to hearing more about your communities of interest
13 this afternoon. Thank you.

14 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Great. Thanks, Commissioner
15 Sadhwani.

16 Commissioner Sinay?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair.

18 [Introduction on Spanish]

19 Hello, neighbors. I'm so happy to start my
20 Monday hearing about your communities. It's an honor to
21 serve you from San Diego.

22 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias, Commissioner Sinay.
23 Commissioner Taylor?

24 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Afternoon. My name is
25 Derric Taylor. I'm joining you from Los Angeles County, so

1 I'm your other neighbor from Commissioner Sinay. I look
2 forward to your testimony, learning more about your areas,
3 your communities of interest. Without you our work in not
4 possible, so keep it coming. Thank you.

5 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
6 Taylor.

7 Commissioner Toledo?

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Chair.

9 I'm Commissioner Toledo from Petaluma,
10 California, up on Sonoma County and wine country. I'm
11 looking forward to hearing all about your communities of
12 interest and learning more about your areas and what makes
13 it unique.

14 Back to you, Chair.

15 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
16 Toledo.

17 Commissioner Turner? Commissioner Turner, I
18 heard you earlier.

19 Commissioner Yee?

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Good afternoon, California,
21 and especially those in San Bernardino and Riverside
22 Counties. I'm Russell Yee, here at my home in Oakland.
23 And many years ago for a time I was going to school in
24 Dallas, and drove back and forth from Oakland to Dallas.
25 And each time had to decide, would we take the northern

1 route on 40 through San Bernardino, or the southern route
2 on 10 through Riverside? And it was pretty much a process,
3 so I spent quite a bit of time on both. Beautiful country.

4 Also, thank you, San Bernardino, for hosting the
5 Big Bear Marathon, which I ran a couple years ago. It was
6 my best race ever. Really enjoyed it. It's such a
7 beautiful run down Highway 38 down into Redlands, Redlands
8 Sports Park, the finish line. I just had a happy, happy
9 day there and thank you for that.

10 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.
11 Back to Commissioner Turner?

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Thank you so much. I
13 missed my entry call. And I'm Commissioner Trena Turner,
14 and I would like to welcome you. I have other things going
15 on in the background today, so you won't be able to see my
16 amazing face, but I am looking forward to seeing all of you
17 all.

18 Welcome to this series. We're looking forward to
19 hearing from you, what is special for you, what's important
20 for you. We are absolutely enjoying every time you call
21 in. And just want to say, welcome. I'm in the San Joaquin
22 Central Valley, bringing you greetings from Stockton,
23 California. Thank you.

24 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
25 Turner.

1 I'm Commissioner Ray Kennedy. I was a Palm
2 Springs resident for 15 years before moving up to Morongo
3 Valley, which is on the rural Joshua Tree gateway
4 communities in Southern San Bernardino County, a little
5 over a year ago. Enjoying my life up here with my friendly
6 roadrunners and rabbits, all the other wildlife up here.

7 Really looking forward to hearing from neighbors
8 in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. I understand
9 that we have not only a full list of appointments, but
10 we're expecting plenty of call-ins as well. So, I'm
11 anticipating that once again, San Bernardino and Riverside
12 will show everybody else how it's done as far as
13 participation in this process. Really looking forward to
14 hearing from everyone. Thank you so much.

15 We are active on social media, so please also
16 follow the Commission on social media. You can find us on
17 Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube at
18 wedrawthelinesCA. Following us on social media is another
19 way to get useful information about redistricting and
20 updates from the Commission.

21 Before we continue, could I please have our
22 Spanish Interpreter provide our language line numbers one
23 more time? That's the Spanish language line instructions.

24 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes, Chair. This is
25 Margarita, Spanish Interpreter. I will provide the Spanish

1 language line instructions in Spanish.

2 [Instructions read in Spanish]

3 Thank you.

4 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias, Margarita.

5 We'll move on to our housekeeping rules.

6 This meeting is primarily for communities-of-
7 interest testimony, focused on Riverside and San Bernardino
8 Counties and surrounding areas. As I said earlier though,
9 anyone in California can call in to provide input on their
10 community of interest. We will also invite general public
11 comment at the end of today's meeting.

12 Although the Commission has divided California up
13 into 11 zones, that is in no way related to or reflective
14 of redistricting lines or boundaries. The Commission
15 created the zones to assist us and our staff in our
16 outreach efforts only, not as any indication of planned
17 district boundaries.

18 Today, we are joined by our line drawing team,
19 Haystaq DNA and Q2 Data & Research, LLC, who will be
20 displaying a map of the area that attendees describe.

21 Please start with the area you would like to
22 discuss, and be as specific as possible about the
23 boundaries of where your community of interest is located.
24 It is our goal to find the area on the map that you would
25 like discuss prior to the start of your testimony. If you

1 are within a specific neighborhood of a large city, please
2 mention it by name. Once we are able to locate your area,
3 your timer will begin. Attendees will not be able to share
4 their screen.

5 We are joined by our Spanish Interpreters and by
6 Katy, our Comment Moderator, who will be introducing
7 attendees when it is their turn to speak. When you join
8 the meeting, please use the raise-hand button at the bottom
9 of your screen to enter the queue. If you have registered
10 for a timeslot, we encourage you to call in during your
11 appointment timeslot. When it is your turn to speak, Katy,
12 the Comment Moderator, will be identifying you by your
13 assigned, unique I.D. number. You will be reconnected to
14 the session with the ability to enable your own video
15 and/or audio.

16 We want to remind folks that registration is not
17 required to participate in this public input meeting. The
18 public has the option of calling in during the meeting to
19 get in the queue to speak. If you do not have an
20 appointment and wish to call in to provide public input,
21 the number is 877-853-5247. Again, the number to provide
22 input is 877-853-5247. You will need to enter Meeting I.D.
23 Number 83046578304. This call-in information and access
24 code are also listed on the live stream. You will need to
25 dial this number in order to give public input.

1 Today there will be Spanish interpreters
2 available to interpret non-English input at this call-in
3 number.

4 The comment moderator will assign you a speaker
5 order number before you begin speaking. Please make a note
6 of that speaker order number for future reference. You'll
7 be able to use this number to identify your community-of-
8 interest testimony on our website at a future date.

9 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute
10 time limit for English speakers, and a six-minute time
11 limit for those speaking through an interpreter. There
12 will be a warning at 30 seconds and at 15 seconds
13 remaining.

14 At the beginning of your input you will see a map
15 on the screen. Please remind the mapper what area you
16 would like to see on the screen, and be as specific as
17 possible about the boundaries of where your community is
18 located.

19 If at the conclusion of the meeting at 8:00
20 o'clock there is still a need to allow for members of the
21 public in the queue to speak, we will continue this
22 community-of-interest input meeting at a new date and time,
23 and will attempt to schedule the remaining members of the
24 public to speak for the allotted three minutes. Please
25 monitor the website, as we expect to post the continuation

1 of this agenda within 24 hours.

2 While there are no clear rules on how to define a
3 community of interest, we've identified a number of ways
4 for you to describe your community. First of all, begin
5 with your county or city, mention the street names and
6 significant locations in your neighborhood to help us
7 identify the parameters of your community. What are your
8 shared interests? What brings you together? What is
9 important to your community?

10 Are there nearby areas that you want to be in a
11 district with? Are there nearby areas you do not want to
12 be in a district with? Tell us why. Has your community
13 come together to advocate for important services, better
14 schools, roads or healthcare centers in your neighborhood?
15 Let us know all that.

16 Also, we invite you to use the Communities of
17 Interest Tool to draw a map and describe your community by
18 visiting drawmycacomunity.org. That on-line tool is also
19 available in 16 languages. And you can skip the line and
20 go on-line. Submit your Community of Interest Input today,
21 and please encourage at least three other people to do the
22 same.

23 As a reminder, even though we are focusing on
24 Riverside and San Bernardino Counties this afternoon,
25 Californians from anywhere in the State are welcome to call

1 in and provide input on their communities of interest.

2 We will now begin the public input session, and
3 we'll start with those who are registered, and then open
4 the phone lines if there is time before the next session.
5 If you are calling without an appointment, please don't
6 hang up, as you will lose your place in line. I'll now
7 pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator.

8 Take it away, Katy.

9 COMMENT MODERATOR (via Zoom): Thank you so much,
10 Chair.

11 Good afternoon, everyone.

12 Welcome to the public input session. Please use
13 the raise-hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter
14 the queue. When it is your turn to speak I will identify
15 you by your assigned, unique I.D. number from your invite.
16 You will be reconnected to the session with the ability to
17 enable your own video and/or audio. You will then be
18 assigned a speaker order number before you begin speaking.
19 Please make a note of your speaker order number for future
20 reference.

21 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute
22 time limit for English speakers, and a six-minute time
23 limit for those with an interpreter. There will be a
24 warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining.

25 It is the Commission's goal to find the area on

1 the map you would like to discuss prior to your testimony.
2 If you are within a specific neighborhood of a large city,
3 please mention it by name. Once we are able to locate your
4 area, your three-minute or six-minute testimony will begin.
5 Attendees will not be able to share their screen. At the
6 end of your public input or at the end of your time, you
7 will be reconnected in a listen-and-view-only mode.

8 At the beginning of your input, please remind the
9 mapper of what area you would like to see on the screen.

10 At this time will be 017, and then up next will
11 be 001.

12 017, I will be promoting you now. 017, your
13 speaker order number is number one, if you'll please make
14 note of that for future reference. You can now enable your
15 audio and video in the lower-left corner of your screen.
16 If you'll please let the mapper know area you would like to
17 discuss, the floor is yours.

18 MR. RUH: Yes. Good afternoon. This is Bill
19 Ruh. I am the Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Montclair. I
20 have resided in the City of Montclair my entire life.
21 Montclair rests within San Bernardino County in the 52nd
22 Assembly District, the 20th Senate District, and the 35th
23 Congressional District.

24 In looking at the commonalities of our
25 communities, as I said, a lifetime resident of the city,

1 I've gone back and looked at maps from 60 years ago,
2 looking at the assembly, senate and congressional districts
3 that were configured at that time, and I'm looking at the
4 ones that move forward 50 years, 40 years, 30 years, 20
5 years, then 10 years back.

6 What is very common in all of these is that
7 although Montclair rests in San Bernardino County, over the
8 years our districts have been shared with those in the L.A.
9 County area, specifically, the San Gabriel Valley. Over
10 the years we have been linked with Pomona, Claremont,
11 Laverne, as well as our neighbors in Upland, Chino,
12 Ontario.

13 I believe that there's a tremendous commonality
14 of interest in all of these communities. We are working on
15 the Gold Line, which will run from the Pasadena area to
16 Pomona, to Claremont, and finally into the City of
17 Montclair. We work with our representatives to help on the
18 funding. Many of those representatives are in the San
19 Gabriel Valley.

20 We share commonality of interest in the fact that
21 most of our residents commute westward to work. That's
22 where they recreate, and most of our students for higher
23 education, their four-year career, go to Cal Poly Pomona,
24 the Claremont Consortium, the University of Laverne, and
25 Azusa Pacific University.

1 That being said, we are very close to our
2 neighbors in Upland and Ontario and Chino, sharing the
3 Ontario-Montclair School District with Ontario. The Chafee
4 High School District, and of course our Chafee College
5 District, which encompasses Upland, Rancho Cucamonga,
6 Ontario, Chino, Chino Hills and Fontana.

7 I believe that in looking at this our residents
8 have very much tied into the San Gabriel Valley and the
9 near Inland Empire, the western end. These communities
10 have grown up together.

11 MR. MANOFF (via Zoom): Thirty seconds.

12 MR. RUH: They move together, they work together.
13 So I would ask you to keep that in mind when you look at
14 drawing these maps. And I thank you for your time today.
15 Good luck all of you.

16 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 Right now we will have 001, and then up next will
19 be 010.

20 001, I will be promoting you now. 001, your
21 speaker order number will be number two, if you will please
22 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll
23 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
24 discuss, the floor is yours.

25 MS. GAGNIER: Yes. Good afternoon. I will be

1 discussing the areas of Chino and Chino Hills in San
2 Bernardino County.

3 Honorable Commissioners and fellow members of the
4 public, good afternoon. My name is Christina Gagnier, and
5 I am here today in two capacities to advocate for the
6 consideration of a particular community of interest within
7 San Bernardino County, specifically the cities of Chino and
8 Chino Hills.

9 First, although I come before you in an
10 individual capacity, I am currently an elected member and
11 the Vice President of the Chino Valley Unified School
12 District Governing Board.

13 Second, I serve as the Chair of the Board of
14 Directors for the Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce, which
15 serves the business community in the greater Chino Valley
16 region.

17 I was born in Chino and I currently live in Chino
18 Hills. My reason for sharing this fact, clearly important
19 to me, probably less so to you, is that when I was born in
20 Chino I was technically born in what is now Chino Hills.
21 These cities are now their own separate entities, but
22 certainly share a common interest in institutions. These
23 cities share a common school district in the Chino Valley
24 Unified School District, a common fire district in the
25 Chino Valley Fire District, and a common chamber of

1 commerce with the Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce.

2 Additionally, these cities both reside in the
3 bounds of San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
4 District Four, alongside Montclair, Ontario and parts of
5 Upland. Despite these commonalities and a mere freeway
6 somewhat dividing the communities geographically, these
7 cities currently have different members of the State
8 Assembly, the State Senate and U.S. Congress representing
9 them.

10 It is hard in these times to avoid a discussion
11 of this pandemic, but the pandemic has shed light on the
12 challenges of having six different elected representatives
13 in state and federal office to seek support and communicate
14 challenges to and with.

15 Given the shared interests and cross-community
16 events, programming and other commonalities between the
17 cities of Chino and Chino Hills, I advocate today for both
18 of these cities to reside in the same California State
19 Assembly, California State Senate and Congressional
20 District, along the cities of Montclair and Ontario, this
21 inclusion aligns with the county supervisorial district.

22 As this Commission is working to make decisions
23 about the district boundaries for 2022, I would
24 respectfully request that this Commission consider
25 evaluating the following factors from my cities that I

1 collectively call home. These were the same cities. They
2 reside in the same county. They are part of the same
3 economic corridor. They have similar interests in
4 transportation, regional growth and opportunity. They are
5 represented by the same county supervisor. If this is not
6 a community of interest, I'm not sure what is.

7 I would like to thank the Commission for
8 providing this time for public comment and your commitment
9 to this process. Thank you so much for your consideration.

10 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 Right now we will have 010, and then up next will
13 be 007.

14 010, I will be promoting you now. 010, your
15 speaker order number will be number three, if you will
16 please make note of that for future reference. You can now
17 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
18 your screen. If you will please let the mapper know what
19 area you would to discuss, the floor is yours.

20 MR. LOPEZ: Yes. Good afternoon. My name is
21 Nino Lopez. I am a resident of Grand Terrace, California.

22 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go --

23 MR. LOPEZ: Just some -- sure. Just some points
24 I wanted to make. San Bernardino City's whole median for a
25 family home is for -- excuse me, a family home income

1 median is 45,000 annually. Median incomes in Redlands and
2 Grand Terrace are in the 70,000 range. That's nearly 50-
3 percent higher than the City of San Bernardino.

4 San Bernardino's poverty rates are nearly three
5 times those of the City of Grand Terrace. There's also a
6 significant number of nurse and healthcare professionals
7 who live in Grand Terrace and work in Loma Linda. Housing
8 values are comparable between Loma Linda and Grand Terrace,
9 in addition to being comparable in their diverse
10 communities.

11 Once again, San Bernardino City demonstrates
12 more, much more likeness to the cities of Ontario, Rialto,
13 Fontana and Colton. And I ask that Grand Terrace be moved
14 into districts with cities like Redlands and Loma Linda, so
15 that representatives can focus on communities that share
16 the same traits as us. Thank you very much.

17 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 007,
19 and then up next will be 011.

20 007, I will be promoting you now. 007, your
21 speaker order number will be number four, if you will
22 please make note of that for future reference. And if
23 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would to
24 discuss, the floor is yours.

25 SPEAKER NUMBER 4: Good morning. I would like to

1 -- or good afternoon. I would like to discuss Big Bear
2 Lake. Yes, that's good. Thank you.

3 I've been at 38-year resident of Big Bear Lake.
4 I currently work for the Visit Big Bear. We are a
5 destination marketing organization to try to get visits to
6 come up to Big Bear. We are a small, rural community in
7 the San Bernardino Mountains. We're dependent on tourism
8 significantly for our income. That's the majority of our
9 jobs and activities.

10 We're also unique in that we're located
11 completely within the San Bernardino National Forest. It
12 completely surrounds us, and we have three highways coming
13 in and out of Big Bear through that forest out to the rest
14 of the surrounding community.

15 We -- as you -- as the Commissioner Kennedy
16 mentioned earlier, wildfire is a real threat for Big Bear,
17 and he mentioned that it's happening elsewhere in the
18 State, which we have had it before. It's a very scary
19 thing for us, people out in the rural communities.

20 While our community's small, we share many
21 commonalities with other communities across our mountaintop
22 here in San Bernardino, Lake Arrowhead, Crestline,
23 Wrightwood, all of these communities depend on tourism and
24 rely, like us, on the national forest to be well maintained
25 and safe for our residents and our visitors.

1 I would ask the Commission to please keep these
2 rural mountain communities together. Our community of
3 interest is very strong across the mountaintop, all the way
4 over to Wrightwood, which is across the freeway.

5 The other thing is -- excuse me (clearing
6 throat), I would like the Commission to keep in mind that
7 we have a connection with other rural communities off the
8 mountain. We really do not feel a commonality with the San
9 Bernardino area, the urban area. We feel a much more
10 commonality and, frankly, a culture, with the desert.

11 And Commissioner Kennedy had also mentioned that
12 me moved to the Morongo Basin, and we really -- Joshua Tree
13 down in the Morongo Basin there, and Yucca Valley and that
14 whole area, is a tourism area that we share visitors. When
15 people come to Big Bear we tell them to go to Joshua. When
16 they come to Joshua they tell the tourists to go up to Big
17 Bear. There's a great connection there.

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 SPEAKER NUMBER 4: We have three corridors that
20 are very important, Highway 38 down to Yucaipa, Highway 18
21 to Victorville, Hesperia, Apple Valley, and then Highway
22 138 goes the back way to Hesperia there, also.

23 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

24 SPEAKER NUMBER 4: So thank you for your time
25 today. Finally request is, please keep us connected to our

1 desert friends in the high desert. That is the greatest
2 area of commonality for Big Bear. Thank you.

3 MR. MANOFF: Time.

4 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

5 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 011,
6 and then up next will be 022.

7 011, I will be promoting you now. 011, your
8 speaker order number will be number five, if you will
9 please make note of that for future reference. And if you
10 will please let the mapper know what area you would to
11 discuss, the floor is yours.

12 MS. SABINO: Good afternoon. Can you hear me
13 okay?

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

15 MS. SABINO: Wonderful. My name is Michelle
16 Sabino, and I am a resident of the City of Grand Terrace.
17 Okay. And I have resided both in San Bernardino, born and
18 raised there, my family's been there for almost 130 years,
19 and as a resident of Grand Terrace. I'd like to just talk
20 about how Grand Terrace aligns better and more with Loma
21 Linda and Redlands as it does to such cities as Colton and
22 the City of San Bernardino.

23 Grand Terrace has a population of approximately
24 13,000. It's located along the 215 corridor between
25 Riverside and San Bernardino County. So we're right on

1 that border there. With Grand Terrace being proximately
2 located to the City of San Bernardino, it has put us in the
3 district with that city. However, Grand Terrace is vastly
4 different from Colton and San Bernardino.

5 San Bernardino and Colton are equally comprised
6 of 51-percent of households who speak a language other than
7 English, as well as have a demographic that is
8 approximately 65-percent Latino. Both cities should be
9 included in a voting rights district. And if the district
10 is the size of a senate seat, include (technical
11 difficulties) Terrace being approximately 70,000 range.

12 If you also look at the comparison of both those
13 areas, San Bernardino's poverty rates are nearly three
14 times higher than that of the City of Grand Terrace, with
15 about 40-percent living 200-percent below the poverty line.

16 And so, you also have residents in Grand Terrace
17 who are proximal to Loma Linda, who are healthcare workers
18 and who are connected locally to that community itself.

19 If we're looking at housing values pre the spike,
20 both Loma Linda and Grand Terrace and Redlands also have
21 comparable values, in addition to being comparable in
22 diverse communities, which the diversity doesn't -- is not
23 demonstrated in areas like San Bernardino, Colton and those
24 other areas.

25 Again, San Bernardino demonstrates more likeness

1 to Ontario, and we ask that Grand Terrace please be moved
2 into districts with more likeness, with more comparable
3 areas, such as Redlands and Loma Linda. So that way our
4 representatives can continue to focus on communities that
5 share the same traits. That is all. Thank you.

6 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

7 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 022,
8 and then up next after that will be 005.

9 022, I will be promoting you now. 022, your
10 speaker order number is number six, if you'll please make
11 note of that for future reference. You can now enable your
12 audio and video in the lower-left corner of your screen.
13 If you will please let the mapper know what area you would
14 to discuss, the floor is yours.

15 SPEAKER NUMBER 6: I am calling about Assembly
16 District 56 and 42 in and around the Coachella Valley.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

18 SPEAKER NUMBER 6: Hello, Commission. My name is
19 Karen. I am a life-long resident of the Coachella Valley,
20 and a resident of the City of Indio.

21 Indio is the largest city in the region. We had
22 a 17-percent population growth this -- in the last 10
23 years. Sixty-nine-percent of the population identifies as
24 Latino. It is important that the City of Indio continue to
25 form part of AD 56 in Coachella, and the -- sorry, with

1 Coachella and the unincorporated communities of the Eastern
2 Coachella Valley. Together voters in Indio, Coachella and
3 unincorporated eastern Riverside County passed a measure to
4 incorporate ourselves into the Desert Healthcare District
5 in 2018. This vote allowed that the Desert Healthcare
6 District provide covid testing, vaccines, relief to these
7 cities.

8 The Latino voter block in Assembly District 56
9 needs to continue to be protected so we can continue to
10 advocate for ourselves and the needs that we have,
11 including healthcare access.

12 Similar to the strong Latino vote in AD 56, the
13 Black residents of the west side of the valley would have a
14 stronger vote if Desert Hot Springs became part of Assembly
15 District 42, and not an outlier. Desert Hot Springs is the
16 fastest growing city in the Coachella Valley and deserves
17 to be represented as such, with a strong Black and Latino
18 vote. Thank you.

19 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 005,
21 and then up next after that will be 012.

22 005, I will be promoting you now. 005, your
23 speaker order number will be number seven, if you'll please
24 make note of that for future reference. You can now -- if
25 you will please let the mapper know what area you would to

1 discuss, the floor is yours.

2 SPEAKER NUMBER 7: Yes. The area I'd like to
3 discuss is southwest Riverside County.

4 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

5 SPEAKER NUMBER 7: Okay. Thank you.

6 Based on the many common factors among Lake
7 Elsinore, Diamond Valley Lake and the Private Canyon Lake
8 area, it makes sense for one senator to represent these
9 recreational areas who share potential educational
10 challenges and funding needs. A single advocate who
11 understands the collective needs of these areas can be an
12 efficient and effective voice for these communities.

13 California school districts receive funding from
14 a variety of sources, the largest single source of funding
15 is through the local control funding formula, also called
16 LPSL. The per-district amount received is based on student
17 average daily attendance by grade span. However,
18 additional funding is provided for high percentages of
19 targeted disadvantaged pupils, such as English learners,
20 those who meet income requirements to receive a free or
21 reduced-price meal, foster youth or any combination of
22 these factors. Districts also receive restricted funds for
23 certain student populations, such as English learners or
24 students with identified learning disabilities.

25 My summary is focused on key data points that

1 relate to the K-12 educational aspects of these areas,
2 since this is my background. I collected data from the
3 California Department of Education to identify which school
4 districts service these recreational areas, and looked at
5 common factors, such as student enrollment, percentage of
6 students that are identified as socio-economically
7 disadvantaged, English learners, foster youth or special
8 education, as well as the square miles serviced by the
9 school district.

10 The California Department of Education web page
11 shows that the Diamond Valley Lake area is serviced by the
12 Hemet Unified School District, while Lake Elsinore and
13 Canyon Lake are serviced by the Lake Elsinore Unified
14 School District. The data revealed several common factors.

15 These are unified school districts, meaning that
16 they service students in grades kindergarten through 12.
17 They have similar numbers of student enrollment, and each
18 of these districts has a significant population of socio-
19 economically disadvantaged students, English learners,
20 foster youth and special education students. They service
21 students over several miles --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 SPEAKER NUMBER 7: -- which means student
24 transportation and associated funding is needed. Due to
25 their commonalities it makes sense for one senator to

1 represent and advocate for these recreational areas. Thank
2 you for your time.

3 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

4 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have 012, and
5 then up next will be 008.

6 012, I will be promoting you now. 012, your
7 speaker order number will be number eight, if you will
8 please make note of that for future reference. And if
9 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would to
10 discuss, the floor is yours.

11 MS. ELLIOTT: Thank you. I would like to discuss
12 the U.S. Forest Service property in San Bernardino County
13 north of Upland and Rancho Cucamonga. This is currently in
14 Congressional District Number 8.

15 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

16 MS. ELLIOTT: Thank you. My name's Janice
17 Elliott, and I'm a resident and City Council Member of the
18 City of Upland, and I am speaking on my own behalf.

19 I've been hiking in these mountains for over 30
20 years, and I have gone to Washington, D.C. to lobby our
21 federal representatives for wilderness designation of this
22 area on two separate campaigns as a Sierra Club
23 representative. I chose to move to Upland because of the
24 proximity of these mountains.

25 Now I'm on the board of the West End Consolidated

1 Water Company that pumps water from the ground -- from
2 groundwater in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains
3 that's recharged by runoff flowing from these mountains.
4 The quality and quantity of our water is affected by water
5 management practices and policies in these mountains.

6 The foothill community from Upland to Rancho
7 Cucamonga have a strong interest in how the San Bernardino
8 National Forest to our north is managed. Since these
9 federal public lands contiguous to our communities, the
10 cities of Rancho and Rancho Cucamonga and Upland need a
11 member of Congress who can help obtain federal resources
12 and influence the federal agency that manages the federal
13 public land directly to the north of us.

14 These foothill communities south of the San
15 Gabriel Mountains share many common traits and a very
16 important relationship to our adjacent mountains. This
17 makes our cities a common of interest, which should be in
18 the same conditional interest as the San Gabriel Mountains,
19 so that we could have that member of commerce -- Congress
20 assigned to us.

21 Other issues that our community shares with these
22 mountains to the north are zoning and fire safe structures,
23 fire control and management, watershed management and flood
24 control, recreational quality and availability, parking
25 near trailheads, law enforcement. We have a high

1 propensity of visitors to these forests. We have historic
2 ties to the forest. We are concerned about the chaparral
3 ecosystem of these forests, the spatial orientation to the
4 forest. These forests, those beautiful mountains are our
5 scenic view from our communities. The weather influences
6 our community, and there are public policy issues in the
7 forest that concern us --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MS. ELLIOTT: -- as well. The protection of
10 forest wildlife and plant species affect us.

11 In addition, as a City Council member of the City
12 of Upland but speaking on my own behalf, we are divided --

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

14 MS. ELLIOTT: -- from the Senate standpoint in
15 two separate districts of state senate. We would be
16 represented by the same state senator. So, thank you so
17 much, Commissioners, for taking great care to ensure our
18 district lines encompass communities of interest and for --

19 MR. MANOFF: Time.

20 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Kristian, we need to clarify a
21 couple things with her.

22 MR. MANOFF: Sure thing. Just a moment.

23 012, if you could please unmute. The Chair had
24 some additional questions for you.

25 MS. ELLIOTT: Okay. I think I'm unmuted.

1 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Elliott. We
2 just want to get a better sense from you. Are you wanting
3 any sort of connection -- not only the connection to the
4 mountains to the north of you, but is there also a
5 connection between those mountains and the same national
6 forest lands across the county line in Los Angeles County?

7 MS. ELLIOTT: My specific concern is the
8 mountains where we share the watershed and trails --

9 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: All right.

10 MS. ELLIOTT: -- and the background. So I'm
11 mostly concerned to the waters due north.

12 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So that is your
13 concern. You're not talking about or advocating for any
14 sort of tie across the county line --

15 MS. ELLIOTT: Thank you for --

16 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: -- into Los Angeles?

17 MS. ELLIOTT: -- for asking for that
18 clarification. No, I'm specifically addressing the area
19 that's now California Congressional District Number 8. It
20 would be nice if that area were brought down so that we
21 would be, we would all be part of the same district as
22 those -- as that mountain region.

23 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much.

24 MS. ELLIOTT: Thank you.

25 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 008,

1 and then up next after that will be 019.

2 008, I will be promoting you now. 008, your
3 speaker order number will be number nine, if you'll please
4 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll
5 please let the mapper know what area you would to discuss,
6 the floor is yours.

7 MR. MONSEN: This is a fortuitous pairing. I
8 actually want to talk about the same areas, Congressional
9 District 38 and 8, and the relationship of the cities just
10 mentioned to the National Forest to the north. So we're
11 looking at Rancho Cucamonga, Upland and the National Forest
12 to the north. Thank you very much.

13 My name is John Monsen and I work with Nature for
14 All, a regional organization, part of whose mission is to
15 protect our magnificent national forest lands between CA-14
16 and L.A. County and the I-15 in San Bernardino National
17 County (sic).

18 So I'm going to be really focusing on the idea of
19 how we locate public lands in relationship to nearby
20 communities. So, I would also mention, took that our
21 opinion is that Congressional District 27 and 28 are
22 already very well drawn with the communities in the north,
23 foothill communities of interest just below, and additional
24 communities to the south.

25 So, that is one reason we're not proposing any --

1 we're really proposing -- talking about the section of the
2 San Bernardino National Forest that's in San Bernardino
3 County, and it was not well-placed in the last, last -- in
4 2011.

5 Our basic logic is that public land should be
6 located in the same congressional district as nearby
7 communities that have a strong interest in their well-being
8 and how they're managed. Often these communities will form
9 a strong community of interest based on the relationship
10 with the public land and with each other. One common trait
11 is a concern about wildfire, and these communities share
12 high-risk fire zones right along the forest, and that's
13 another thing they have in common.

14 Since the last speaker went into a lot of the
15 commonalities, I'm not going to go into them, but I do want
16 to mention that if you stand in Rancho Cucamonga's north
17 Etiwanda Creek Preserve you can look up at the magnificent
18 800 -- 8,080-foot Cucamonga Peak, which is in a different
19 congressional district than where you're standing. In
20 fact, if you hike from the preserve a few hundred yards,
21 you can hike into a different congressional district, which
22 is Congressional District 8. If you drive to Bishop,
23 Bartow or Hesperia, you'll be in the same congressional
24 district as Cucamonga Peak. This makes no sense. We urge
25 you to correct this.

1 Whatever congressional district you put Rancho
2 Cucamonga and Upland in for that matter, include the San
3 Bernardino National Forest to the north, in which they have
4 a major interest. Draw the border along the northern
5 national forest boundaries, or some other logical line that
6 might include the 215 --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MR. MONSEN: -- not the southern boundary as
9 currently in the case, which means that Rancho Cucamonga
10 does not have a member of Congress that has any clout about
11 national forest issues.

12 We want to have people with public lands have --
13 the people at public lands, they have a high interest, and
14 adjacent to them, have members of Congress --

15 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

16 MR. MONSEN: -- who will be responsive and
17 authoritative when it comes to the constituents needs about
18 those federal public lands.

19 And so we ask you to change the way that --

20 MR. MANOFF: Time.

21 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Monsen.

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time we will have
23 019, and then up next after that will be 004.

24 019, I will be promoting you now. 019, your
25 speaker order number will be number 10, if you'll please

1 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll
2 please let the mapper know what area you would to discuss,
3 the floor is yours. You are still on mute though. One
4 moment.

5 MS. BUTTS: I do apologize. Thank you,
6 everybody.

7 COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

8 MS. BUTTS: I'm talking about Moreno Valley,
9 Perris, Hemet and San Jacinto.

10 My name is Bobbie Butts. I have in Riverside
11 County. I work in Riverside County. I am here to talk
12 about the African American community in the cities of
13 Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet and San Jacinto. We need to
14 ensure that African American voice as a minority population
15 is not weakened according to the Voting Rights Act.

16 Currently the center of the community is
17 separated by two assembly districts, Assembly District 61
18 and Assembly District 42. Due to these changes we are
19 seeking the placement of the cities of Moreno Valley,
20 Perris, Hemet and San Jacinto be included in the same
21 assembly senate and congressional districts. This will
22 ensure the protection of voting strength of African
23 American communities who share a common history, culture,
24 celebrate the same cultural events, such as Kwanza and
25 Juneteenth, worship together in the same churches.

1 The community is deeply concerned about issues of
2 racism, public safety, voting rights, education, and we
3 share the same health issues, such as infant mortality,
4 hypertension, colon cancer. Not including Moreno Valley,
5 Perris, Hemet and San Jacinto in the same districts would
6 dilute our ability to elect our own representatives as a
7 minority group, which would be a violation of the Voting
8 Rights Act.

9 However, equally as important is to make sure
10 that these cities are not included with the cities of
11 Temecula, Lake Elsinore and Riverside, who do not share the
12 same values, cultures or issues of concerns. We need to
13 ensure that African American voice as a minority population
14 is not weakened according to the Voting Rights Act.
15 Currently the center of the community is separated by two
16 assembly districts, Assembly District 61, Assembly District
17 42. Thank you for considering our community. Thank you
18 for the time, and allowing me to share.

19 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Butts.

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 004,
21 and then up next will be 015.

22 I'd also like to give 006 the opportunity to
23 raise their hand, as you have an appointment during this
24 session. 006, if you would like to use the raise-your-hand
25 button option at the bottom of your screen to get in the

1 comment queue line, that will put you in line for your
2 appointment.

3 004, I will be promoting you now. 004, your
4 speaker order number will be number 11, if you'll please
5 make note of that for future reference. And if you -- you
6 can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left
7 corner of your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper
8 know what area you would to discuss, the floor is yours.

9 MR. MORGAN: Good afternoon. My name is David
10 Morgan, and I'd like to discuss southwest Riverside County.
11 When I say, "southwest Riverside County," I specifically
12 live in the City of Canyon Lake, which is the 47th
13 Congressional District, the 28th Senatorial District, and
14 the 57th Assembly District.

15 I moved to the southwest Riverside County
16 approximately 18 years ago. As a single father raising a
17 daughter, I moved here to have a safer community and strong
18 academic programs for -- to raise my daughter in.

19 I was very pleased. I was living in the City of
20 Menifee prior to it being incorporated at that time. I did
21 move to Canyon Lake for more safety because of the hours
22 that I (indiscernible), and I began to really appreciate
23 southwest Riverside County.

24 I see a lot of growth taking place there.
25 There's still a lot of building. It's a sort of rural, but

1 it's -- it has its headaches because of the building that's
2 taking place here, rapid growth. But we have water supply
3 issues, we have traffic issues, and I believe that if we
4 keep the same representatives that have been here dealing
5 with those issues, that we'll have some success in what we
6 need to do.

7 So, I'm calling in today to ask that you keep our
8 area together as it sits, 42nd Congressional, 28th
9 Senatorial, and 57th Assembly. Thank you.

10 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Morgan.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 015,
12 and then up next after that will be 009.

13 015, I will be promoting you now. 015, your
14 speaker order number will be number 12, if you'll please
15 make note of that for future reference. You can now enable
16 your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your
17 screen. If you will please let the mapper know what area
18 you would to discuss, the floor is yours.

19 MS. BROWN: Thank --

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: That was my fault.

21 MS. BROWN: Thank you.

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: There you go.

23 MS. BROWN: I will be discussing the region of
24 the Inland Empire, consisting of San Bernardino and
25 Riverside County.

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

2 MS. BROWN: Thank you. Good evening,
3 Commissioners. My name is Natasha Brown, and I am a
4 representative of the California Black Census and
5 Redistricting Hub, and a resident of the Inland Empire.

6 I am calling in to summarize and uplift the
7 communities of interest that our coalition members and our
8 community members have -- they engaged, have identified in
9 11 community feedback sessions, with 31 Inland Empire
10 residents. Our coalition partners BLU Education
11 Foundation, Starting Over, Time for Change Foundation and
12 spent months engaging members of the community on where
13 they're located and what issues are most prevalent for this
14 region.

15 The each community session we held provided an
16 opportunity for our community to come together and discuss
17 the importance of the redistricting process, as well as the
18 impact it will eventually have on future generations of
19 Black people in the Inland Empire.

20 Similar to the Commission's process, we were able
21 to shed light on how they can engage in this process, and
22 the significant opportunity we have to ensure equitable
23 district lines are drawn.

24 During the community sessions many issues were
25 identified that impact the daily lives of the Black

1 communities in Rialto, Desert Hot Springs, Victorville,
2 Rancho Cucamonga, Riverside, Corona and Moreno Valley. Our
3 communities are filled with hard-working people who care
4 deeply about their environment and have been struggling
5 economically. Each COI session held a similar message of
6 decay in the local infrastructure, a mass closing of
7 community and commercial businesses before and during the
8 pandemic, and little to no assistance from their local
9 representatives.

10 The Black community in San Bernardino has dealt
11 with high rates of homelessness and poverty since the 2008
12 financial crisis and has never fully recovered. And if you
13 travel west on the 210, the impact of vast food deserts,
14 closed commercial real estate and escalated rates of crime
15 during the COVID-19 pandemic has disabled most in Rialto.

16 These communities are mostly made up of blue
17 collar, hard-working Black folks. We need better
18 representation to deliver resources that all communities
19 deserve.

20 The Black COI of Desert Hot Springs is segregated
21 from the rest of the Palm Springs area. And for a
22 community near some of the most cared-for places in the
23 region, the commentary coming from our community members is
24 that they feel forgotten and are not taken into
25 consideration.

1 Throughout this COI phase --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MS. BROWN: -- we have (indiscernible) the need
4 for the Black community in the Inland Empire to be
5 protected, and its need of advancement. You can help
6 reverse the negative impact by drawing equitable districts
7 that take into account the experiences we have uplifted
8 this evening and in previous meetings.

9 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

10 MS. BROWN: Thank you for this open process,
11 willing to emphasize and your service to our State. Thank
12 you.

13 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Brown.

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 009,
15 and then up next after that will be 006.

16 009, I will be promoting you now. 009, your
17 speaker order number will be number 13, if you'll please
18 make note of that for future reference. You can now enable
19 your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your
20 screen. If you will please let the mapper know what area
21 you would to discuss, the floor is yours.

22 SPEAKER NUMBER 13: Hello. The City of Chino,
23 Chino Hills, Diamond Bar, Walnut and Rowland Heights.

24 Hello. My name is Dolores. I am a resident of
25 the City of Chino. I am calling to ask that you please

1 keep Chino Hills in its current districts. As a resident
2 of Chino, I can tell you firsthand that we do not share
3 anything truly tangible with Chino Hills besides the name,
4 "Chino."

5 The City of Chino is primarily Latino, a blue-
6 collar community that still has active dairy farms that
7 date back to the 1800's. The majority of homes in Chino
8 are older, and the families are long rooted here. We share
9 demographics, socio-economics, and lifestyle amenities with
10 Pomona, Ontario, not Chino Hills. Chino Hills was
11 established in 1991, and boasts newer housing developments,
12 younger families and a growing API community, too.

13 Respectfully, I request that you please keep
14 Chino Hills in its current district lines at the state and
15 federal level, and keep my home, City of Chino, in its
16 current state and federal districts. Thank you.

17 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will be going to
19 006. And I'd like to invite all of those that have called
20 in at this time to please press star-nine on their
21 telephone keypad to raise your hand and get in line, as we
22 will be moving on to callers.

23 Right now we will be going to 006, as they have
24 an appointment during this session. And then up next after
25 that will be 024, and then we will be moving on to the

1 caller's hands. Again, please press star-nine to raise
2 your hands, indicating you wish to give comment.

3 006, I will be promoting you now. 006, you may
4 be having some connectivity issues. So let me try allow to
5 talk.

6 One moment. I'm waiting to see if Zoom-land can
7 connect to 006. It appears 006 has disconnected at this
8 time. I will go to them if they come back.

9 So at this time we will be going to 024. At this
10 time I will be going to 024. And then up next after that
11 will be caller 5611.

12 024, I will be promoting you now. 024, your
13 speaker order number will be number 14, if you will please
14 make note of that for future reference. And if you will
15 please let the mapper know what area you would to discuss,
16 the floor is yours.

17 MS. JOHNSON: I will be discussing two areas,
18 south Riverside County and the Coachella Valley.

19 My name is Rachael Johnson, and I'm the Executive
20 Director of the Farm Bureau, which is the oldest and
21 largest nonprofit agricultural membership organization in
22 Riverside County. The gross value of agricultural crops in
23 Riverside County in 2019 was 1.3 billion, and the total
24 agricultural contribution to the County's economy was over
25 3.6 billion.

1 Agriculture employs over 28,000 people in
2 Riverside County. Riverside County is one of the most
3 diverse agricultural counties in California, growing over
4 100 different commodities.

5 South Riverside County would be ideal for an
6 assembly seat because of its several small but like cities
7 and unincorporated areas that share similar characteristics
8 that are important to the fabric of their communities.
9 Some of these cities include Temecula, South Corona,
10 Menifee, Lake Elsinore and Murrieta.

11 The above-referenced communities are located
12 along the major transportation corridor that connects the
13 communities. That would be I-15 and Interstate 215. The
14 communities have a rich history of agriculture and still
15 are considered one of the largest agricultural areas in
16 Riverside County. They continue to farm citrus, row crops
17 and they are host to a growing wine region that is one of
18 the strongest in the State of California.

19 The communities face the challenges of water
20 supplies, stress on local road network and overcrowding of
21 schools. It is important that these communities continue
22 to share the same representative, who is able to bridge all
23 communities to address the concerns that come with a high-
24 growth region.

25 The Coachella Valley has an even larger focus on

1 agriculture. The area farms citrus, row crops, table
2 grapes, dates and mangoes. This area would do well to have
3 their own assembly district. Some of these cities include
4 Thermal, Coachella, Palm Springs, Palm Desert, Indio,
5 Mecca.

6 While the cities along the I-15 corridor and the
7 Coachella Valley are far from identical from a demographic
8 standpoint, they both share tourism and agriculture. Both
9 communities have significant agricultural components to
10 them. For example, both communities are leading producers
11 of grapes, just two different kinds.

12 Keeping the Temecula Valley and I-15 corridor and
13 Coachella Valley in the same senate seat would allow one
14 representative to focus on keeping these two vital
15 agricultural economies strong. The two communities are
16 linked by Highways 371 and 74. The communities do not
17 belong together as an assembly seat as they are not exactly
18 alike. However, neither the I-15 --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MS. JOHNSON: -- corridor or the Coachella Valley
21 has enough population to make up a senate seat, and neither
22 community fits with the Voting Rights Act senate seat that
23 is likely to emerge in the northern part of the county, so
24 we ask for your consideration to put them together.

25 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you so much for your time.

2 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Johnson.

3 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 Right now we will have caller 5611, unique I.D.
5 039. And then up next after that will be caller 0232.

6 Right now we have caller 5611, unique I.D. 039.
7 If you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this
8 time by pressing star-six. Caller 5611, your speaker I.D.
9 number will be number 15, if you will please make note of
10 that for future reference. And if you will please let the
11 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
12 is yours.

13 MR. RUIZ: Good afternoon. My name is
14 (indiscernible) Ruiz, and I'd like to discuss Perris,
15 Moreno Valley and Riverside. I've been living, I have been
16 working, I have been studying, I've been succeeding with my
17 neighbors in these cities that I mentioned. We've grown
18 together, we've learned together, we appreciate one
19 another. And most important is, we get along and we are
20 accepted. Please, please, please don't separate us.

21 We've seen it all in the news. Most of our
22 neighbors to the south aren't too accepting or appreciative
23 of people of my heritage, of my race. It is a sad topic
24 that I have to bring up, because we are living in 2021, but
25 again, I ask, please, please don't separate us. The

1 communities that I mentioned have been strong, have been
2 working -- we have been together in order to succeed.
3 Please, please, please don't separate us. Please don't put
4 us in harm's way. Please, please keep us safe. Please
5 keep all Latinos safe.

6 And I wish the best for all the other groups, but
7 at this moment I believe that if separating us will waste
8 our efforts. Please don't waste our effort. Please don't
9 put us in harm's way. And when I say, "harm's way," I mean
10 not only people of my age or older people, but our youth.
11 Our youth is all we have. Please keep us safe. Thank you
12 for listening, and I wish everybody a wonderful day. Good-
13 bye.

14 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Ruiz.

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller
16 0232, and then up next after that will be caller 8499.

17 Caller 0232, if you will please follow the
18 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. One
19 more time, caller -- there you are. Caller 0232, your
20 speaker order number will be number 16, if you will please
21 make note of that for future reference. And if you will
22 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
23 discuss, the floor is yours.

24 SPEAKER NUMBER 16: I would like to discuss
25 Lucerne Valley and -- Lucerne Valley, California, and

1 county is San Bernardino County. I oversee a church out
2 here on the north side of Lucerne Valley, and it is off of
3 Camp Rock Road. I've been down here for 26 years, and we
4 have a lot of abandoned houses up here. The north side
5 where I oversee the church, there's nothing over here.
6 People come out to share the tourism for Big Bear, Joshua
7 Tree, all these cities have been here. The land is cheap.
8 People want to be out here, but they say there's nothing
9 out here.

10 Then I've been out here for 26 years, in the high
11 desert for over 30 years. And I would like to see some
12 things from the south side of Lucerne Valley at least share
13 with some of the things on the north side, like the water.
14 And the houses being fixed up or either tore down. We have
15 a lot of growing -- I don't know if it's cannabis, organic
16 fruits or what have you, but there's a lot of the water
17 trucks that's coming down here and up the road.

18 We do have meetings out here once a month to
19 share the -- advocate for the services that's out here, for
20 better schools, roads and different things like that, but
21 we still don't have roads paved. And I've been out at the
22 Mt. Zion Church for -- well, I only been here 30 years, but
23 the church been here almost 70 years, still no roads here.

24 They have fixed up some of the roads a little
25 bit, and we do have some medical -- one extra medical

1 facility that we can come out and use. But we are all
2 sharing the same commonality as retired singers live out
3 here.

4 We do have little -- kids out here, that's why I
5 moved out here, for retirement and to have a little luxury
6 for the people who want a tour, but Lucerne Valley seems to
7 be not a part of that. They use everything we have, but we
8 don't have any services that -- on the north side that the
9 service on the south side has. But my concern is to try to
10 have a little more something on the north side, as well as
11 what we have on the south side, and try to tear some of
12 these abandoned buildings down --

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 SPEAKER NUMBER 16: -- or either fix them up.
15 Fix them up and make them better living for the seniors
16 that's out here. Thank you.

17 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller
19 8499, and then up next after that will be caller 0057,
20 unique I.D. 033.

21 Right now we have 8499. If you will please
22 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-six. One
23 more time. Caller with the last four, 8499, if you please
24 press star-six to unmute at this time. There appears to be
25 some connectively issues at this time. We will be going to

1 our next caller.

2 Caller 0057, unique I.D. 033, if you will please
3 follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 0057,
4 unique I.D. 033, your speaker I.D. number will be number
5 17, if you'll please make note of that for future
6 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
7 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

8 SPEAKER NUMBER 17: Good afternoon, everyone. My
9 name is Rolanna (phonetic), and I would like to discuss the
10 cities of Riverside, Perris and Moreno Valley.

11 I have been a native of the City of Perris for
12 more than 19 years, and have created many connections with
13 my local -- with my local neighbors of Riverside and Moreno
14 Valley. On a day-to-day basis I commute to Riverside to
15 continue my education, where many of students with
16 (indiscernible) share the same struggles as myself,
17 commuting from a Hispanic community.

18 On a day-to-day basis, my family and I commute to
19 Moreno Valley for my -- for our house care. Creating a
20 separation between the three cities will cause harm, harm
21 to not only (indiscernible) individual, but harm to all of
22 us.

23 We all share the same struggles -- we all share
24 the same struggles, and many of us, due to the struggles
25 that we have faith, because of how united we are as the

1 three cities, we have empowered one another. And by
2 creating a separation of the three cities and redistricting
3 our (indiscernible) to other -- and to other cities and
4 districts, it will cause -- it's going to take away, take
5 away the power that after so long and with unity that we
6 have created with the generations and ages, it's going to
7 become a very harmful situation.

8 I ask for you guys all to please do not separate
9 the redistricting, and continue redistricting us together,
10 as we all share the same cultural similarities, the same
11 struggles. Although we are different and look at -- we
12 look different, that at the end of the day, Riverside,
13 Moreno Valley and Perris have that piece of grain that
14 makes us -- that creates a unity to one another. And I ask
15 for all of you to please keep us together, and to not
16 redistrict us. Thank you.

17 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Romero
18 (phonetic).

19 COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time we will go to
20 caller with the last four 1766. If you will please follow
21 the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 1766, your
22 speaker order number will be number 18, if you will please
23 make note of that for future reference. And if you will
24 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
25 discuss, the floor is yours.

1 MR. HALILY: Yes. I'd like to discuss the
2 community of Jurupa Valley and Eastvale.

3 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

4 MR. HALILY: Commissioners, thank you for
5 providing me the opportunity to testify today. My name is
6 Bobby Halily (phonetic). I am with the National Ecumenical
7 Forum for Filipino Concerns, the Inland Empire Chapter.
8 One of the partners of the Brown and Black Redistricting
9 Alliance. My ethnic background is Filipino, and I
10 immigrated to the U.S. in 1980.

11 I live in a community that is bounded on the west
12 by Archibald Avenue, on the north by the 60 Freeway, on the
13 east by Mission Boulevard, and on the south by Central
14 Avenue. The cities of Eastvale, Jurupa Valley and the
15 northern portion of Riverside make up my community.

16 For the past six years living within this
17 community has been a very positive experience. There are a
18 variety of multi-ethnic and linguistic groups, Filipino,
19 Hispanic-Latino, Korean, African American and Caucasians
20 who are of middle-class backgrounds, that meet each other
21 in church, board the MetroLink Pedley Station, shop in the
22 same stores, and dine in a variety of restaurants.
23 Although we are a diverse community, we respect each
24 other's cultural backgrounds and ethno-linguistic
25 differences.

1 Our community faces a lot of challenges, such as
2 the environmental dangers post by the ever-growing number
3 of big rigs parking on our north side, a growing number of
4 homeless living in some of our streets, and lack of
5 affordable housing, however, we have been able as a
6 community to come together and address this issue. I,
7 therefore, would like the Commission to keep my community
8 together. Thank you.

9 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much.

10 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller
11 7519. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute at
12 this time by pressing star-six. Caller 7519, your speaker
13 order number will be number 19, if you'll please make note
14 of that for future reference. And if you will please let
15 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the
16 floor is yours.

17 Caller with the last four, 7519, can you hear me?
18 You are unmuted. Hello? Caller with the last four, 7519,
19 you are unmuted. Can you hear me? We cannot hear you at
20 this time. Well, you have re-muted yourself.

21 If you would please press star-six one more time.
22 There you are. Are you there? Can you hear me? Is your
23 phone on mute?

24 MS. DIAZ: I'm sorry about that. Can you hear me
25 now?

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: There you are. We sure can.

2 MS. DIAZ: Okay.

3 COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number --

4 MS. DIAZ: Sorry about that.

5 COMMENT MODERATOR: That's okay. Your speaker
6 order will be number 19, if you'll please make note of that
7 for future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper
8 know what area you'd like to discuss, the floor is yours.

9 MS. DIAZ: Thank you. Perris, California. My
10 name is Yesenia Diaz (phonetic). I am a resident of
11 Perris, California.

12 I've been living in Perris, in the City of
13 Perris, for most of my life, where I've found
14 (indiscernible) incredible people, such as neighbors,
15 friends and amazing people. Perris really makes me feel
16 like home. (Indiscernible) interest, as you know,
17 communities are Riverside, Perris and Moreno Valley, where
18 we go to school, do our -- go to work, do our regular every
19 day-to-day stuff.

20 We also bring warm (indiscernible) Latino culture
21 with our roots. Please don't separate our communities.
22 Thank you.

23 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

24 COMMENT MODERATOR: And, Chair, at this time we
25 are up against a break.

1 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: We are up against a break. So
2 with that, we will take a break. When we come back from
3 break at 5:45, we will start with individuals who are
4 registered for an appointment timeslot, after which we will
5 open the phone lines again if there is time. And my
6 colleague, Commissioner Vazquez, will be in the chair for
7 the next session. So, thank you, everyone, and we will see
8 you at 5:45.

9 (Off the record at 5:28 p.m.)

10 (Back on the record at 5:45 p.m.)

11 CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ (via Zoom): All right. Welcome
12 back, everyone. I'm Commissioner Angela Vazquez. Thank
13 you so much to my colleague, Commissioner Kennedy, for
14 allowing me to share this facilitation space with him.

15 We are -- we are encouraging you to visit the
16 communities of interest tool to draw a map and describe
17 your community by visiting drawmyCAcommunity.org.

18 And for anyone who has joined us recently, we are
19 offering language lines for the Spanish language speakers
20 to listen to the meeting in their native language. And a
21 separate line for those who wish to provide public comment
22 or public input.

23 And so, could I please have our interpreter
24 provide our language line number and information to provide
25 public input?

1 So I think our Spanish Interpreter, if you could
2 please read the cite translation of full call-in
3 instructions.

4 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes, Chair, this is
5 Margarita, Spanish Interpreter. I will read the full call-
6 in instructions.

7 [Instructions read in Spanish]

8 Thank you.

9 CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Thank you so much.

10 As a reminder, even though we are focusing on
11 specific counties, Californians from anywhere in the State
12 are welcome to provide input. So, with that, I will pass
13 this over to Katy, our Comment Moderator, to continue with
14 the public input.

15 We will start with people who are registered, and
16 then open the phone lines if there is time, before the next
17 session.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

19 I'd also like to invite the Spanish Interpreter
20 to follow me.

21 Welcome to the Public Input Session. Please use
22 the raise-hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter
23 the queue. When it is your turn to speak I will identify
24 you by your assigned unique I.D. number from your invite.
25 You will be reconnected to the session with the ability

1 enable your own video and/or audio. You will then be
2 assigned a speaker order number before you begin speaking.
3 Please make a note of your speaker order number for future
4 reference.

5 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute
6 time limit for English speakers, and a six-minute time
7 limit for those with an interpreter. There will be a
8 warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining.

9 It is the Commission's goal is to find the area
10 on the map you would like to discuss prior to your
11 testimony. If you are within a specific neighborhood of a
12 large city, please mention it by name. Once we are able to
13 locate your area, your three- or six-minute testimony will
14 begin. Attendees will not be able to share their screen.

15 At the end of your public input, or at the end of
16 your time, you will be reconnected in a listen-and-view-
17 only mode. At the beginning of your input, please remind
18 the mapper of what area you would like to see on the
19 screen.

20 And, also, I would like to extend the instruction
21 to those that have called in with an appointment this
22 evening to press star-nine to raise your hand.

23 If Margarita could then follow me? You are on
24 mute still.

25 SPANISH INTERPRETER:

1 [Instructions read in Spanish]

2 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Please
3 stay on with us.

4 Right now we have caller 5612, unique I.D. 035.
5 Caller 5612, if you will please press star-six to unmute at
6 this time.

7 And one last time, caller 5612, if you will
8 please press star-six to unmute at this time.

9 There may be some connectivity issues, so we will
10 come back to them. If you could please let them know that.

11 Thank you so much.

12 Right now we will have caller 9879, unique I.D.
13 046. And then up next after that will be caller 3198,
14 unique I.D. 38 -- or 038, sorry.

15 Caller 9879, if you will please follow the
16 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.
17 Caller 9879, your speaker order number will be number 20,
18 if you will please make note of that for future reference.
19 And if you will please let the mapper what area you would
20 like to discuss, the floor is yours.

21 MS. DOMINGUEZ: Hi. My name is Jimena Dominguez
22 (phonetic), and I'm calling from the City of Perris in
23 Riverside County. My cities of interest are Riverside,
24 Moreno Valley and Perris.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

1 MS. DOMINGUEZ: The cities of Riverside, Moreno
2 Valley and Perris are my cities of interest, and this is
3 where I got to school at the community colleges and where I
4 work. I believe that these cities should stay united
5 because many years of work have gone to these communities
6 and (indiscernible) days where you see more awareness being
7 shared about the Latino community. So bringing a case in
8 these districts would affect all the hard work that has
9 been done. So please keep Moreno Valley, Perris and
10 Riverside united. Thank you.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 And right now will be caller 3198, unique I.D.
13 038. And then up next after that will be unique I.D. 026.

14 Caller 3198, if you will please follow the
15 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.
16 Caller 3198, your speaker order number will be number 21,
17 if you will please make note of that for future reference.
18 And if you will please let the mapper what area you would
19 like to discuss, the floor is yours.

20 SPEAKER NUMBER 21: Hello. My name's Ricardo. I
21 would like to discuss the areas of Riverside, Moreno Valley
22 and Perris.

23 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

24 SPEAKER NUMBER 21: Like I mentioned, my name is
25 Ricardo. I've lived in Perris for about 17 years, almost

1 18, so almost the entirety of my life. I believe these
2 cities should stay united because of our Latino community
3 or minority community, so -- or African American. Like
4 we've done so much to unite each other and keep each other
5 safe from racial attacks. I believe if we're connected
6 with, united with Temecula, more racial activity will
7 happen, more racism. So, please don't unite us, and that's
8 pretty much it. Thank you.

9 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 And right now we will have 026, and then up next
11 after that will be 025.

12 026, I will be promoting you now. 026, your
13 speaker order number will be number 22, if you will please
14 make note of that for future reference. You can now enable
15 your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your
16 screen. If you will please let the mapper know what area
17 you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

18 MR. ANDERSON: Hi there. My name is Ben
19 Anderson. I'm a resident of the City of Temecula, and I'm
20 hoping to discuss Temecula, Fallbrook, Bonsall, Valley
21 Center and Escondido.

22 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

23 MR. ANDERSON: Thank you. I'm the president of
24 the Temecula Valley Neighborhood Coalition, which is a
25 community organization that represents Temecula residents

1 on housing priorities.

2 And I wanted to testify on behalf of my neighbors
3 to request that Temecula's put in the same district as
4 other inland communities that I mentioned, Fallbrook,
5 Bonsall, Valley Center, Escondido. These communities are
6 important to stick together because they represent the I-15
7 corridor. I know that many of my neighbors rely on this
8 freeway to go to work. Thousands of Temecula residents
9 work in San Diego County, including Escondido, Fallbrook,
10 other areas even as far as Carlsbad or down closer down
11 into the City of San Diego.

12 And it's also home to many active-duty Marines
13 who rely on the 15 Freeway to go to Camp Pendleton. And
14 actually I have just recently a couple neighbors moved into
15 my neighborhood who both work at Camp Pendleton. So
16 they're utilizing this daily. So, ensuring Temecula
17 residents have a strong voice regarding freeway improvement
18 projects on 15 south is vital.

19 And additionally, many other north San Diego
20 County communities, like Fallbrook, Bonsall, Escondido,
21 also either commute to Temecula for their job or they drive
22 to Temecula for shopping, dining, wine country, old town
23 experiences. So keeping them going, you know, going that
24 way, keeping them together is very important as well.

25 And then all those communities share similar

1 housing priorities. They're all a mix of rural and
2 suburban neighborhoods. They all have their own character.
3 Having a unified voice in the legislature to discuss having
4 priorities I believe is very important. So, for these
5 reasons, I'm requesting that Temecula be kept in the same
6 district as those other similar inland communities on the
7 I-15 south corridor. Thank you.

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 Right now we will go to 025. I'd like to invite
10 those that have called in that have appointments to please
11 press star-nine on your telephone keypad.

12 025, I will be promoting you now. 025, your
13 speaker order number will be number 23, if you will please
14 make note of that for future reference. You can now enable
15 your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your
16 screen. If you will please let the mapper know what area
17 you would to discuss, the floor is yours.

18 MS. LABEAUD: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is
19 Olani LaBeaud. The areas that I would like to be
20 discussing are within the Inland Empire, so Rialto, San
21 Bernardino, Fontana and Colton.

22 Hello. My name's Olani LaBeaud, and I work with
23 BLU Educational Foundation, a nonprofit organization in San
24 Bernardino County. I have lived and worked in these
25 communities for several years, and I'm able to witness

1 firsthand the advancement in other areas, while others
2 continue to be in a state of decline.

3 The main mission that we have is to increase
4 representation access to social and political power to
5 ensure all constituents and their needs are addressed. As
6 years go by, there are illustrations of housing and
7 employment inequity, and this is important to me as I have
8 witnessed how the lack of representation with similar
9 values has led to personal agendas being the focal point,
10 rather than the needs of the community.

11 Our mission is to ensure that access and
12 resources are provided to demographics who are often
13 overlooked. We strive for the inclusion of individual
14 agency coupled with collective drive towards equity.

15 So often Black and Brown voices are often
16 overlooked, and I'm here today to show you that using your
17 voice and experience is vital to the evolution of the
18 political realm into a space for all, and not only the
19 elite.

20 Redistricting is important as we see how it has
21 the possibility to further advance us or deter us from
22 social advancement equity. And not only does this process
23 connect us to the community with those who will serve and
24 will be a voice, but also the nature of the potential
25 policies and focal points politically.

1 So, understanding the importance of the
2 redistricting allows one to envision a future filled with
3 equality, a rare experience that is felt by Black and Brown
4 constituents in these areas.

5 At the core of those who are selected to
6 formulate and implement various laws and regulations is
7 this process. So there must be an understanding that at
8 the core of this process is that those doing the selecting
9 of these individuals will hold the futures of numerous
10 citizens ranging from birth to seniority, in order to
11 create an environment leaving the fairness power in agency
12 should be given back to the constituents.

13 It is essential -- I'm sorry. It is essential
14 that we continue to speak out against the processes that
15 have continued to deter Black political power, and there
16 are many areas that have continued to decline as the
17 communal needs lacked importance for those in power.

18 So growing up I was able to witness them in
19 communities of color and their plethora of livelihood,
20 while today their representation continues to decline, as
21 many minority-owned businesses continue to dissipate due to
22 public policy created by those lacking similar communal
23 interests.

24 So, we must understand that we must speak out
25 against the processes that have continued to deter this

1 Black political power and uphold systemic racism in various
2 institutional settings.

3 We must protect the agency of community and
4 ensure that their experiences and voices are heard and
5 comprehended in order to fix or amend the issues that are
6 faced by my community, in addition to other regions --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MS. LABEAUD: -- respective -- we must not limit
9 the power and the voice of those facing the consequences.
10 If someone is going to be vouching for the community, it is
11 only right that their mission is representative to the
12 people it will be affecting.

13 This redistricting will play a major role in
14 determining the destiny of not only individuals, but the
15 collective agency of the community and their respected
16 environments. It is our job to ensure the racial
17 minorities and their respective voices and experiences are
18 not diluted nor glanced over. Therefore, these inland
19 communities shall be grouped to ensure their values are
20 reflected through their governmental representation. Thank
21 you for your time, and have a great evening.

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 For those in the queue that have made
24 appointments this evening, which would be caller with the
25 last four 2398, unique I.D. 044, caller 5211, 032, caller

1 5612, unique I.D. 035, caller 561 -- no. Caller 6171,
2 unique I.D. 042, unique I.D. 016, unique I.D. 028. For
3 those that have called in, if you could please press star-
4 nine on your telephone keypad indicating you wish to give
5 comment this evening. And for those that have joined via
6 Zoom, if you could use the raise-hand button at the bottom
7 of your screen indicating you wish to give comment.

8 And Margarita, if I could have translation to
9 press star-nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish to
10 give comment.

11 SPANISH INTERPRETER: This is Joanna, the
12 interpreter. Yes.

13 [Instructions read in Spanish]

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

15 SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
16 Spanish]

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: They raised their hand.
18 Thank you so much.

19 SPANISH INTERPRETER: You're welcome.

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time we will be going
21 to unique I.D. 016, and then up next after that will be
22 caller 6171, unique I.D. 042.

23 Unique I.D. 016, I will be promoting you now.
24 Unique I.D. 016, your speaker order number will be number
25 24, if you will please make note of that for future

1 reference. And if you will please let the mapper know what
2 area you would to discuss, the floor is yours. You are
3 unmuted. Can you hear me? We can see you, we just can't
4 hear you.

5 Unique I.D. 016, you are unmuted. Now you are
6 not unmuted. Check your microphone options under audio
7 settings in the lower-left corner of your screen, and just
8 make sure your microphone is set to the microphone that you
9 want to be using. And then if you'll unmute again.

10 You are unmuted again. Can you hear me? You
11 want to try the different microphone options. I just click
12 them all until they work.

13 At this time I will have to go on to the next
14 caller, unless -- wait.

15 MR. BENOIT: Test, one, two. How about now?

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: There you are.

17 MR. BENOIT: Hey, I'm sorry about that.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: That's okay.

19 MR. BENOIT: I've been battling a computer issue
20 all afternoon, and my apologies for running late.

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: That's okay. No problem.
22 Your speaker order number will be number 25 (sic), if
23 you'll please make note of that for future reference. And
24 then if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
25 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

1 MR. BENOIT: Very good. Thank you very much. My
2 name is Ben Benoit and I live in the City of Wildomar. And
3 the City of Wildomar is uniquely placed almost in the
4 center of southwest Riverside, or what I like to refer to
5 as sort of the southwest Riverside part of the Riverside
6 County. Yup, right down there.

7 And one thing that we've seen in the past with
8 some districts was where different cities in our area get
9 sort of combined with either a San Diego County district or
10 a ocean -- a Orange County district. And what I would
11 really like to push for is just to make sure that we keep
12 the southwest City of Riverside -- southwest Riverside
13 cities together, all the way from the Temescal Valley, Lake
14 Elsinore, Lake (indiscernible), Wildomar, Temecula,
15 Murrieta, all the way down, Menifee. And then also we
16 usually include Hemet and that area as well.

17 And if there is to be a larger senate district, I
18 think that the one that currently serves sort of our part
19 of the county, as well as parts of the Coachella Valley,
20 does work rather well. And I do happily appreciate how
21 that sort of connects those two areas, because I grew up in
22 the Coachella Valley, and then moved out to the City of
23 Wildomar. So it's an area that to me makes sense. It sort
24 of combines rather well, if there has to be a larger senate
25 district. Although I know the population growth in this

1 area has been quite large, so I'm not sure if there will be
2 a change in that. But just the biggest thing is just to
3 make sure, please, that we keep that southwest Riverside
4 area from being sort of sucked in to either San Diego or
5 Orange County. I don't think that serves us quite as well
6 as being part of Riverside County and keeping Riverside
7 County together.

8 So I just want to make sure I got that comment
9 in, and I really appreciate your patience tonight. And my
10 apologies for not having my computer up and running
11 earlier.

12 COMMENT MODERATOR: Not a problem, but your
13 speaker order number is actually 24, if you could please
14 make note of that. That was my bad. Thank you so much.

15 Right now we will be going to caller 6171, unique
16 I.D. 042. And up next after that will be caller 5211,
17 unique I.D. 032.

18 Caller 6171, if you will please follow the
19 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.
20 Caller 6171, your speaker order number will be number 25,
21 if you will please make note of that for future reference.
22 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
23 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

24 SPEAKER NUMBER 25: Hi. Good afternoon. My name
25 is Mariella, and I would like to discuss Moreno Valley,

1 Riverside and Perris.

2 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

3 SPEAKER NUMBER 25: Thank you.

4 Like I said, my name is Mariella, and I'm from
5 Riverside County. I was born and raised in Moreno Valley,
6 California, and lived there all my life, went to some
7 school there. And my surrounding communities of interest
8 are Perris and Riverside for -- I go -- I work currently in
9 Perris, and I have done some schooling in Perris as well.

10 I have family and friends from all three cities.
11 Riverside I did my high schooling there. A lot of cultural
12 activities and different community events, efforts that
13 have gone on within the cities are very important, for I've
14 seen the cities mentioned grown culturally, driving and
15 growth economically.

16 So I believe that we together are very united in
17 different ways, shapes and forms, and I would like to
18 continue seeing these cities united throughout the
19 districting. So, I hope this is taken into consideration
20 and thank you for your time.

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 I'd like to please ask for the Spanish
23 Interpreter -- actually, they already raised their hand.

24 For those that have joined us with appointments
25 this evening, if you could please press -- if you could

1 please use the raise-hand button at the bottom of your
2 screen to enter the comment queue line 028 and 023.

3 Right now we will be going to caller 5211, unique
4 I.D. 032, and then up next after that will be caller 2398,
5 unique I.D. 044.

6 Caller 5211, if you will please follow the
7 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.
8 Caller 5211, your speaker order number will be number 26,
9 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
10 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
11 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

12 MS. GOMEZ: Good afternoon. My name is Monserrat
13 Gomez, and I am a resident of Perris, California. And I'd
14 like to discuss Perris, Riverside and Moreno Valley, these
15 neighboring cities for today.

16 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

17 MS. GOMEZ: Okay. So, as I mentioned before, I
18 am a Perris resident. I moved out to Perris during my last
19 years of high school, and I am currently now attending a
20 third year of college. And in that short time that I have
21 lived here I've been able to explore and learn about what
22 the cities have to provide for myself, my neighborhood --
23 my neighbors and my family.

24 In Perris and in Moreno Valley and in Riverside,
25 I have found communities which share my cultural diversity,

1 and they also share many events and many resources for our
2 neighboring communities and ourselves.

3 In that time I've -- that I've been here, I've
4 gone to school in those different cities. I graduated from
5 a school in Perris, and then I continued going to Moreno
6 Valley College. Moreno Valley College and the Riverside
7 community colleges have programs in which students are able
8 to commute and to the colleges to attend different classes.
9 So they are connected in many forms through education, and
10 as well as representation for members of the Hispanic and
11 Latino community, and even the Black community.

12 There is many programs within the schools that
13 have been able to give resources during the hard times,
14 during this -- during the pandemic, and our communities
15 continue to thrive together.

16 For this same reason I ask that these communities
17 stay together throughout redistricting, because we have
18 grown and we continue to grow together. These resources
19 are able to be shared within these communities time and
20 time again. And for that I am thankful, and for that I
21 wish that these communities continue growing together.
22 Thank you.

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 Right now will be caller 2398, unique I.D. 044,
25 and then up next after that will caller 5612, unique I.D.

1 035.

2 Caller 2398, if you will please follow the
3 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.
4 Again, caller 2398, if you will please press star-six to
5 unmute at this time. And one last time. Caller 2398, will
6 you please press star-six to unmute at this time.

7 There appears to be a little bit of connectively
8 issue. We will come back to you.

9 At this time we will go to caller 5612, unique
10 I.D. 035, and if I could ask for a Spanish interpreter.
11 Caller 5612, if you will please press star-six to unmute at
12 this time.

13 SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
14 Spanish]

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Caller 5612, your
16 speaker order number will be number 27, if you will please
17 make note of that. And if you will please let the mapper
18 know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is
19 yours, and the Spanish interpreter is here for you.

20 SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
21 Spanish]

22 MS. ACOSTA (through interpreter): Yes, good
23 afternoon. My name is Barbara Acosta, and I am advocating
24 for Perris, Moreno Valley and for Riverside to remain
25 united because I work in the City of Perris, I go to school

1 in Riverside, and I do my shopping in Moreno Valley. And I
2 ask you for this favor to please, again, for this favor, to
3 keep us united, united in Perris, Moreno Valley and
4 Riverside. Thank you so much and have a good evening.

5 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 If the Spanish interpreter could just stay on,
7 we'll be going to unique I.D. 023, who has also requested
8 interpretation services. We will be promoting them now.

9 All right. We will be doing the audio-only
10 option at this time.

11 SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
12 Spanish]

13 COMMENT MODERATOR: If you could please use the
14 unmute at the lower-left corner of your screen.

15 SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
16 Spanish]

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Well, they had lowered their
18 hand, so maybe they -- we will come -- they had raised it
19 and then had lowered it, so we will come back to them. So
20 we let them -- wait. No, hold on. They are unmuted.

21 MS. LEON: Buenos tardes.

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: Buenos tardes. Your speaker
23 order number is number 28, if you will be please make note
24 of that. And if you will please let the mapper know what
25 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

1 SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
2 Spanish]

3 MS. LEON (through interpreter): Good afternoon.
4 My name is Elizabeth Leon, and my communities of interest
5 are Riverside, Moreno Valley and Jurupa Valley. And it's
6 an interest to me because I live in Riverside, and my
7 daughter attends UCI, and these communities we share a lot
8 of things in common. We go to the same church, we attend
9 the same recreational spaces. I work there, we work there,
10 and we have a lot of things in common. We participate with
11 a lot of things, similar things with the community.

12 And I am very interested in this -- these
13 communities to remain united, because we are growing as a
14 community, and we want to continue developing that growth.
15 We want to stay together and continue enriching our
16 communities. That's all I wanted to say. Have a great
17 afternoon. That's -- that was my point.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 Now we will be going to caller 2398, unique I.D.
20 044. And then up next after that will be unique I.D. 028.

21 Caller 2398, if you will please follow the
22 prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 2398, unique I.D.
23 044, if you will please press star-six to unmute at this
24 time. Caller 2398, if you will please press start-six to
25 unmute at this time. There you are.

1 SPEAKER NUMBER 29: Hi, yeah.

2 COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi.

3 SPEAKER NUMBER 29: Hello. My name is
4 Christopher. Hi. I'm calling from the City of Moreno
5 Valley.

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Can I just one -- a
7 couple of instructions. Your speaker order number will be
8 number 29, if you'll please make note of that. And you've
9 already let the mapper know. The floor is yours.

10 SPEAKER NUMBER 29: Okay. Cool. I'm sorry about
11 that. My name is Christopher. I'm calling from the City
12 of Moreno Valley. Just calling to inform that they should
13 definitely consider keeping the cities Riverside, Moreno
14 Valley and Perris intact.

15 I work in Perris. I've been to the -- both
16 Moreno Valley and Riverside school -- community colleges.
17 The public transportation also is very -- to keep them
18 intact is very crucial to getting around in those cities,
19 especially for students that need to take classes on both
20 campuses. The public transportation should be intact as
21 well with -- and then, also, we need to have -- I think
22 we're on our way to have the representation we're kind of
23 getting on a -- as far as a representation of a population
24 in our area as well. So I think that's just important to
25 keep the cities intact.

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 Right now we will be going to unique I.D. 028.

3 And then I'd like to invite those that have
4 called in this evening to please press star-nine on their
5 telephone keypad to raise their hand indicating they wish
6 to give comment.

7 At this time we will be going to 028, and then up
8 next after that will be caller 3800.

9 Unique I.D. 028, I will be promoting you now.
10 028, your speaker order number will be number 30, if you'll
11 please make note of that for future reference. You can now
12 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
13 your screen. If you will please let the mapper know what
14 area you would to discuss, the floor is yours.

15 SPEAKER NUMBER 30: Hello, everyone. I would
16 like to discuss the City of Coachella, which surrounded --
17 which surrounds the area of the eastern valley and the
18 Riverside County for today.

19 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

20 SPEAKER NUMBER 30: Yes. I would like to say
21 that I have lived practically in Coachella for 19 years.
22 My community is located in a rural area, and the majority
23 of the community are minorities and they work in the
24 agricultural fields.

25 I would like this -- I would like these

1 communities to stay united as we are growing together and
2 we're focusing on the challenges that we face as a
3 community. We also have several events that take place in
4 these communities that bring us to unite. And I would like
5 to say that I would really appreciate if they could stay
6 together as we continue to grow. I hope you take this into
7 consideration. Thank you for your time.

8 CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Caller? Before you leave, if
9 you could -- if you could help us understand which
10 communities you're referring to, either by specific
11 community names, cities. You're muted.

12 SPEAKER NUMBER 30: Yes. I would like to focus
13 with Coachella, Thermal and Mecca. Those are the
14 communities I want them to stay together.

15 CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you so much.

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will be going to
17 caller 3800, and then up next after that will be caller
18 8044.

19 Caller 3800, if you will please follow the
20 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.
21 Caller 3800, your speaker order number will be 31, if you
22 will please make note of that for future reference. And if
23 you will please let the mapper know what area you would
24 like to discuss, the floor is yours.

25 SPEAKER NUMBER 31: Hello, and thank you for

1 allowing me to speak. My name is Michael. I'm calling
2 about Grand Terrace.

3 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

4 SPEAKER NUMBER 31: So Grand Terrace is a small
5 city, about 13,000 people, located on the I-215 corridor
6 between Riverside and San Bernardino. Grand Terrace is
7 located next to San Bernardino, and the last commission
8 mistakenly put the two cities in the same districts in its
9 legislative plans.

10 San Bernardino is much more like Colton, where
11 Grand Terrace is much more like Redlands. The City of San
12 Bernardino has over 200,000 residents. Fifty-one-percent
13 of these homes have someone who speaks a language other
14 than English. Fifty-one-percent of the Colton homes has a
15 person who speaks a language other than English, where less
16 than half of the City of Grand Terrace has someone who
17 speaks another language other than English.

18 The fact is that Grand Terrace is more like Loma
19 Linda and Redlands, along with housing values comparable in
20 those cities, and the communities are more diverse. Once
21 again, San Bernardino City is much more like Colton.
22 Please help get Grand Terrace into districts with cities
23 like Redlands and Loma Linda, so that representatives focus
24 on communities that share the same traits. Thank you.

25 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1 Right now we will have caller 8044, and then up
2 next after that will be caller 0495.

3 Caller 8044, if you will please follow the
4 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.
5 Caller 8044, your speaker order number will be number 32,
6 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
7 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
8 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

9 MS. COLLIER: Good evening, everyone. My name is
10 Keisha Collier (phonetic). I'm a resident of the high
11 desert region, in specific, the City of Victorville. And
12 many of the cities in our area, community of interest would
13 be Victorville, Apple Valley, and all the surrounding
14 cities in that high desert region. Where we've been
15 advocating for years on multiple issues, health equity,
16 affordable housing.

17 Just recently one of the things that we advocated
18 for has started to come to fruition. There is supposed to
19 be a new hospital being built in the high desert region,
20 partner is -- Kaiser and St. Mary's partnering together to
21 build this hospital.

22 My concern is to ensure that when this hospital
23 is built, that the hospital along with the surrounding
24 communities that it will serve, which would include
25 Victorville and surrounding cities, are kept together

1 because they have the shared interests. One is the health
2 equity, and as I mentioned, affordable housing and food
3 security as well. So, thank you. Thank you for creating
4 this space, and thank you for allowing me the time to
5 share.

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 At this time we will go to caller 0495, and up
8 next after that will be caller 4726.

9 And again I'd like to invite those that have
10 called in to please press star-nine to raise your hand
11 indicating you wish to give comment. That is star-nine to
12 raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment.

13 In fact, if I could have an interpreter please
14 share those instructions as well.

15 SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
16 Spanish]

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 Right now we will go to caller 0495, and then up
19 next will be caller 4726.

20 Caller 0495, if you could please follow the
21 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.
22 Caller 0495, your speaker order number will be number 33,
23 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
24 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
25 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

1 MS. HOWARD: Hello. Good evening, Commissioners.
2 Can you hear me?

3 COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

4 MS. HOWARD: Thank you. I thank you very much
5 for the opportunity to present my community and requesting
6 to draw the lines with Assembly District 67. My name is
7 Martha Howard (phonetic), and I'm with the Latina
8 Association of Riverside County in partnership with LULAC
9 and NALEO Educational Fund.

10 I am a retired military spouse, and I have lived
11 in Temecula for 27 years. The boundaries in my community
12 are Date Street to the north that borders with Murrieta.
13 On the south is Temecula Parkway. It borders with San
14 Diego at the Rainbow Creek Point. Winchester Road to the
15 east border with the City of Winchester, and Jefferson
16 Street next to the Santa Rosa, and the Santa Margarita
17 Plateau to the west.

18 (Indiscernible) Temecula is under Assembly
19 District 75 and three-quarters of this District belongs to
20 San Diego County. When drawing the new boundaries please
21 keep in mind that our community of interest does not share
22 the same economy nor industries with the cities of San
23 Diego. We'd rather our City of Murrieta, Menifee,
24 Wildomar, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, (indiscernible) on Assembly
25 District 67 that share a community of interest with them.

1 And the reason is that we attend common shopping
2 centers, medical facilities, explore parks and
3 entertainment areas with Temecula. There is absolutely
4 nothing in our daily lives that connect us, our
5 socioeconomic interests with Escondido, San Marcos,
6 Bonsall, Fallbrook, Valley Center and San Diego County.

7 Our main economies are service providing with
8 emphasis in retailing and tourism. Within the spring, a
9 yearly balloon and wine festival takes place at wine
10 country in Temecula that's providing us substantial revenue
11 to our community.

12 It does not make sense to have a community in my
13 neighborhood with its boundaries attached to San Diego
14 County, because we do not share similarities as previously
15 mentioned. I thank you for your time, and please keep my
16 community with Assembly District 67, instead of Assembly
17 District 75. Thank you so much for everything you do.
18 Greatly appreciate it.

19 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

20 Up next will be caller 4726. I'd like to invite
21 those that have called in to please press star-nine to
22 raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment.

23 At this time we will go to caller 4726. Caller
24 4726, if you will press star-six to unmute at this time.
25 Caller with the last four, 2726 -- there you are. Your

1 speaker order number will be number 34, if you'll please
2 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll
3 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
4 discuss, the floor is yours.

5 SPEAKER NUMBER 34: Please put up the following
6 cities, Chino, Chino Hills, Diamond Bar, Walnut and Rowland
7 Heights.

8 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

9 SPEAKER NUMBER 34: So I'm calling from City of
10 Chino. I'm requesting that you retain my city within its
11 current district lines, and not group it with Chino Hills.
12 I have much respect for my neighbors to the west, but just
13 because we are both named Chino does not mean that we are
14 the same. In fact, we are quite different.

15 For example, based on recent ACS data, Chino
16 Hills residents are much wealthier than we are. The median
17 family income on the Hills is \$100,327, which is 44-percent
18 higher than residents here in the valley whose median
19 income is closer to 70k.

20 Chino Hills and its neighboring communities,
21 Diamond Bar, Walnut and Rowland Heights, are predominantly
22 API communities, while Chino, Pomona, Montclair and Ontario
23 are predominantly Latino communities, with the majority
24 being blue collar.

25 While we may share the same school district, our

1 children have different needs when it comes to dealing with
2 English as a first language, access to tutors, and pathways
3 to higher ed based on income and cultural pressures.

4 Both cities need to be in districts and have
5 legislative leaders that can speak to their unique concerns
6 and issues, and that can relate to differing cultural
7 issues and concerns. Thank you for your hard work.

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 Right now we will be going to caller 2829, and
10 then up next after that will be caller 6562.

11 Caller 2829, if you will please follow the
12 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.
13 Caller 2829, if you will press star-six at this time to
14 unmute. Caller 2829, your speaker order number will be
15 number 35, if you'll please make note of that for future
16 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
17 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

18 SPEAKER NUMBER 35: Yeah, the area I'd like to
19 discuss is all of Imperial County and eastern Riverside
20 County, which is the Coachella Valley all the way to the
21 Arizona border, including Blythe.

22 I live in the City of Brawley. I work in the
23 entire county of Imperial and have worked for many years
24 with the communities in the Coachella Valley. I think we
25 have a lot in common. There are cities that are very poor,

1 cities that are much wealthier. We have the very common
2 demographic and -- including highly Hispanic and Spanish
3 speakers only.

4 We share a corridor for transportation along
5 Highway 86, which connects Interstate 8 and Interstate 10.
6 And this has been considered a very important corridor for
7 transportation of cargo, and a lot of the jobs surrounding
8 are dependent on that corridor.

9 In addition to that, we have quite a bit of
10 agriculture in the Coachella Valley and in Blythe, Palo
11 Verde Valley and Imperial County. And that's one thing
12 that's very common to all of us.

13 One of the major issues in our county is the
14 Salton Sea, which affects Riverside County and Imperial
15 County. It's something that we need to work on together.
16 We -- majority of our water, most all of our water comes
17 from a single source, which is the Colorado River, which
18 feeds the Palo Verde Valley, Imperial County and the
19 Coachella Valley.

20 In addition to that, one of the things that's
21 very important to us is our relationship with Mexico and
22 the border. And we think that representation of -- a
23 representative that services the Imperial County and
24 Coachella Valley is very important.

25 In addition to that, I think statewide it's very

1 important that we have multiple representatives
2 representing the border region, because the San Diego-
3 Imperial County is so diverse, and currently we just have
4 one senator and one congressman that represents the entire
5 border region.

6 Texas has, I think it's as many as half a dozen
7 or more representatives that represent the border. And so
8 it's very difficult for us represent that area.

9 So these are the reasons that I think that
10 Coachella Valley and Imperial County should be linked
11 together and have a representation, as well as the Palo
12 Verde Valley. And that it'd be must better served with a
13 representative serving both areas, and focusing on the
14 health issues, air quality issues, transportation issues,
15 and the high rate of poverty in much of our region. Thank
16 you very much.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 Right now we will have caller 6562. If you will
19 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller
20 6562, if you'll please press star-six to unmute. Caller
21 6562, your speaker order number will be number 36, if
22 you'll please make note of that for future reference. And
23 if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would
24 like to discuss, the floor is yours.

25 SPEAKER NUMBER 36: Thank you. Hi. My name is

1 Dalena (phonetic), and I'm calling you from Yucca Valley in
2 the Morongo Basin. We are a gateway community to the
3 Joshua Tree National Park and we are a High Desert
4 community. Besides the fact that our local newspaper is
5 called the "High Desert Star," we have common cause with
6 other High Desert communities, which is why I wanted to ask
7 the Commission to keep us with the San Bernardino County
8 High Desert communities.

9 Like the rest of the High Desert, we rely on
10 water from the ground and in areas like the Coachella
11 Valley, which has an abundance of water, we are always
12 trying to conserve the precious resource, irrespective of
13 drought conditions in the rest of the State.

14 That is why you won't see many lawns here in the
15 Morongo Basin, but Coachella has large green spaces. Also,
16 unlike folks down the hill, our air quality is generally
17 cleaner, although we have concerns over high winds kicking
18 up dust and particulates. That is why we share an air
19 quality management district with the rest of the High
20 Desert, and not most urban -- more urban areas.

21 Also, we have a strong connection to the military
22 and veterans because of our military base and 29 Palms,
23 something we share with a number of High Desert
24 communities, like Barstow and Victorville.

25 Please don't dilute the voice of our rural

1 residents by putting us in districts down the hill or in
2 areas that don't share our concerns. Keep our High Desert
3 communities together. Thank you.

4 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 Up next will be caller 1582, if you will please
6 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-
7 six. Caller 1582, your speaker order number will be number
8 37, if you'll please make note of that for future
9 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
10 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

11 SPEAKER NUMBER 37: Hello. My name is Angelina,
12 and I live in Alta Loma. Alta Loma's the north and west
13 portion of Rancho Cucamonga. We are a unique foothill
14 community that runs across the San Gabriel Mountains. Our
15 community has its own school district, the Alta Loma School
16 District.

17 When businesses register they're able to use
18 either Alta Loma or Rancho Cucamonga on official documents,
19 like business permits. And we have our own post office and
20 zip code. If you send a letter addressed to Alta Loma
21 instead of Rancho Cucamonga, then that will be delivered.

22 I wanted to call today because I want to make
23 sure our community is kept out of any district base in Los
24 Angeles community. Right now we are in an assembly
25 district that is based in Pasadena, and I feel that we are

1 often overlooked or forgotten because of that. That is why
2 I want the Commission to keep our community with other San
3 Bernardino County communities, and given the history of
4 Alta Loma, which used to be farmland.

5 And given our concern of forest management and
6 wildfire, I request you keep us with other communities that
7 share our issues and concerns. These communities might
8 include mountain communities, like Wrightwood, or other
9 rural foothill communities like San Antonio Heights or
10 Yucaipa or other rural areas, like the High Desert.

11 I appreciate the work you are doing and
12 appreciate being given the opportunity to talk about my
13 community. Thank you.

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

15 Up next will be caller 3076. If you will please
16 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-
17 six. Caller 3076, your speaker order number will be number
18 38, if you'll please make note of that for future
19 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
20 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

21 Hello? Can you hear me?

22 SPEAKER NUMBER 38: Can you hear me?

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure can.

24 SPEAKER NUMBER 38: Okay. Hi. My name is Brian,
25 and I'm a -- hi. My name is Brian. My cities of interest

1 are Perris, Riverside and Moreno Valley.

2 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

3 SPEAKER NUMBER 38: As I said, my name is Brian.
4 I am a resident in the City of Perris, and I have lived my
5 whole life in the City of Perris. My family and friends
6 have lived here for so long, and I currently go to high
7 school and plan on going to college in one of the cities
8 local. Because it makes me feel like I'm in home because
9 of all the Latino culture.

10 Please don't separate our cities. Thank you.
11 Thank you for your time and have a great day.

12 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 Up next will be caller 3598. If you will please
14 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-
15 six. Caller 3598, your speaker order number will be number
16 39, if you'll please make note of that for future
17 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
18 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

19 Caller 3598, can you hear me? You are unmuted.
20 Is your phone on mute? That was an issue earlier.

21 SPEAKER NUMBER 39: Hello. Can you hear me?

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: Now we can. The floor is
23 yours.

24 SPEAKER NUMBER 39: Hello. My name is Brandon.
25 I'll be focusing on the cities of eastern Coachella Valley,

1 such as Coachella, Thermal and Yucca -- and Mecca, sorry.

2 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

3 MR. TEAPILA: All right. As I said, my name is
4 Brandon Teapila. I'm part of the Council of Mexican
5 Federation, also known as COFEM. Thank you for allowing me
6 to testify. I've lived in Coachella Valley for about 20
7 years, (indiscernible) to be specific, for about 10. I
8 work as a server in a restaurant in Palm Springs and I
9 intern as COFEM in Coachella.

10 One of the things that I have witnessed the most
11 in my community as I commute to the valley is the
12 difference between the eastern Coachella Valley and the
13 western part. The eastern Coachella Valley includes
14 Coachella, Indio, Thermal and North Shore. They are
15 predominantly communities of mixed status, mixed-status
16 families and farm workers, undocumented essential workers
17 and Latinx families.

18 The Coachella Valley is all connected by the I-10
19 freeway, and Highway 111. Traveling via any of these roads
20 will show you the differences in scenery in terms of how
21 the cities are kept. Now that the State is slowly opening
22 back up as to the pandemic, and even before the pandemic,
23 you are seeing that a lot of eastern Coachella Valley
24 families are lacking resources and stable living conditions
25 compared to some of the other cities, like Palm Desert and

1 Palm Springs.

2 When drawing the lines for the redistricting, I'd
3 like for the eastern Coachella Valley to stay together due
4 to common issues they face. I believe this would mean more
5 inclusion and resources that eastern Coachella Valley needs
6 post-pandemic, and considering that it's populated by so
7 many essential workers that are able to bring food to our
8 tables. These resources would help them receive healthcare
9 and better living situations. Thank you for your time.

10 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 I'd like to invite those that have just called in
12 to please press star-nine on your telephone keypad if you
13 wish to give comment this evening. This will raise your
14 hand.

15 Right now we will go to caller 8971. And up next
16 after that will be caller 8059.

17 Caller 8971, if you will please follow the
18 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.

19 Caller 8971 --

20 SPEAKER NUMBER 40: Hello?

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. Your speaker order
22 number will be number 40, if you'll please make note of
23 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the
24 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
25 is yours.

1 SPEAKER NUMBER 40: Hi. Thank you for giving me
2 the opportunity to address you today about this important
3 issue. My name is Jared, and I'm from Barstow. We're a
4 small city in the High Desert. Most people think of us as
5 a place to stop in on the way from Vegas, and those tourist
6 dollars are important to us.

7 We also are home to the Marine Logistic Base,
8 Veteran's Home, and are close to Ft. Irwin. These
9 facilities all provide our community with jobs, and have
10 led us have a large veterans population here.

11 So, that's why I wanted to ask the Commission to
12 keep our community with other High Desert communities like
13 us. Obviously, we share a major transit route on Highway
14 15 with Victor Valley, but we also share a common transit
15 authority. We share a water agency that oversees our
16 water, and we share an air quality management district.
17 Also, the fact that that Victor Valley once had George Air
18 Force Base means like us, they have a large veterans
19 population.

20 And then the Morongo Basin has a similar economy
21 to ours. We both have military bases. They have the base
22 in 29 Palms. They provide high-paying jobs to communities,
23 and like us, they have an important tourist economy from
24 the National Park. And like the Victor Valley, we share a
25 water agency that oversees our water, and we share an air

1 quality management district.

2 So, please keep our High Desert communities
3 together and ensure that we have a voice, and are not
4 drowned out by the other population centers. That's all.
5 Thank you.

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 Right now we'll be going to caller 8059, and up
8 next after that will be caller 6433.

9 Caller 8059, if you will please follow the
10 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Once
11 again, caller 8059, if you'll please press star-six at this
12 time to unmute. Caller 8059, your speaker order number
13 will be number 41, if you'll please make note of that for
14 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know
15 what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

16 SPANISH INTERPRETER: This is the interpreter.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

18 SPANISH INTERPRETER: You want me to give her the
19 speaker --

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: Her -- your speaker -- yeah,
21 I'm sorry.

22 SPANISH INTERPRETER: That's okay.

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number is
24 number 41. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
25 area you would discuss, the floor is yours.

1 SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
2 Spanish]

3 MS. CASTRO DE ORTIZ (through interpreter): I'm
4 going to focus on the City of Coachella and the east valley
5 area.

6 Thank you for giving me the opportunity to
7 testify today. My name is Imelda Castro de Ortiz. I am a
8 civic promoter of the organization, COFEM organization.
9 It's the Council for the Mexican -- the Mexican Federation
10 Council in North America.

11 I have lived in Coachella for 18 years, and I
12 have three children who have studied in this valley. I
13 work as a housekeeper, and in my community there are a lot
14 of people who are Latin immigrants who work in the fields,
15 who work in construction, who work in gardening and
16 landscaping, et cetera.

17 And we have not had the same resources as the
18 American communities, like those who are citizens or
19 residents, such as full medical -- full Medi-cal, or a good
20 education, or the resources that the Government has
21 provided, like the help due to covid. Plus, my community
22 needs a hospital, a general hospital that would provide all
23 services. Since the closest ones are in Moreno Valley and
24 in Loma Linda, my community also deserves to be treated
25 fairly.

1 I would like for the Commission when they draw
2 the new district lines to maintain my community and the
3 east valley together. That would include Coachella,
4 Thermal, Mecca, North Shore, Oasis and Indio. This way we
5 can continue maintaining or keeping our culture. Thank you
6 in advance for -- thank you in advance for hearing me and
7 taking my opinion into consideration. Thank you.

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 Right now we will be going to caller 6433, and
10 then up next after that will be caller 1007.

11 I'd also like to again invite those that have
12 just called in to please press star-nine to raise your hand
13 so you can get in the comment queue line.

14 Caller 6433, your speaker order number will be
15 number 42, if you'll please make note of that for future
16 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
17 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

18 MR. HART: Thank you. Can everyone hear me?

19 COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

20 MR. HART: Well, thank you for taking my
21 testimony. My name is Ian Hart and I'm calling about Alta
22 Loma, which is north and west part of Rancho Cucamonga.

23 I grew up here and my family still lives here
24 today. And I currently work as a homebuilder and I've
25 built projects throughout the Inland Empire. In my job I

1 have to figure out the unique DNA of each community I build
2 in. A lot of folks don't realize, but when Rancho
3 Cucamonga incorporated its plots together three distinct
4 communities, Alta Loma in the west, Etiwanda in the east,
5 and Cucamonga in the south.

6 South Rancho Cucamonga, basically everything
7 below baseline is much more urban, with higher density
8 apartments and more industrial parks.

9 Each community still largely refers to itself by
10 its old name and has its own school district, Alta Loma
11 School District, Etiwanda School District, et cetera. The
12 post office will deliver mail sent to Alta Loma or
13 Etiwanda. But I want to talk about Alta Loma, because it's
14 the unique area. It's much more rural than most areas or
15 other parts of the city. We have larger lot sizes, and,
16 you know, fewer sidewalks. We have a number of equestrian
17 trails and parks generally are parks -- there are generally
18 much less dense developments.

19 The folks here also have unique concerns because
20 we interface with (indiscernible), with the environment
21 more because of our proximity to the mountains and
22 wildlife. All fires are a major concern for us because of
23 this issue, which is not true of many other areas or even
24 in our own city.

25 The last commission put Alta Loma into an

1 assembly district with Pasadena, and politicians before
2 have drawn us into districts primarily based in Los
3 Angeles, and I don't think that's right. I really, I just,
4 I don't, I don't think that's right. I don't see how
5 anyone could see that that's right.

6 Our community is distinctly rural, and San
7 Bernardino County, and we would like to be with rural San
8 Bernardino County communities because that's our makeup.
9 That's who we are. And looking around communities like San
10 Antonio Heights to North Upland, Yucaipa, another rural
11 foothill community, and rural communities in the mountains
12 and High Deserts share our concerns with wildfires and
13 management of public lands, and share our rural interests.

14 And I would request to be in a district with
15 them, rather than Los Angeles or with more urban and
16 developed communities like Ontario or Fontana. Thank you
17 so much for your time. And that is all.

18 CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Caller? Could I ask you, if
19 you can, to give us some street boundaries for Alta Loma?
20 Where do you consider --

21 MR. HART: Sorry.

22 CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: -- Alta Loma?

23 MR. HART: You kind of -- you kind of cut out a
24 little bit. Can you say that again?

25 CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Could you give us some

1 boundaries, maybe some street or freeway boundaries, for
2 what you consider Alta Loma?

3 MR. HART: Yes. Everything north of the 210 and
4 west of Haven Avenue.

5 CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: And that's within Rancho
6 Cucamonga, correct, what is now known as Rancho Cucamonga?

7 MR. HART: Technically speaking, yes.

8 CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Got it. Great. Thank you so
9 much.

10 MR. HART: Thank you. Bye-bye.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right now
12 we will be going to caller 1007, and then up next after
13 that will be caller 6225.

14 Caller 1007, if you will please follow the
15 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.
16 Caller 1007, your speaker order number will be number 43,
17 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
18 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
19 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

20 MR. ENRIQUEZ: Yes. So I'm -- my name's Michael
21 -- sorry. My name's Michael Enriquez. I am calling from
22 the City of San Bernardino. I'm slightly concerned because
23 the cities of Rialto, Colton and my city of San Bernardino
24 are -- we're essentially very similar, I mean, all of our
25 demographics are made up almost the same. We all fit in

1 between the 210 and the 10 freeways, but currently our
2 state senate district has us separate.

3 It just really doesn't make sense to me why we
4 would ignore these already-made barriers and landmarks that
5 would easily split us into one senate district. Then on
6 top of that, in terms of senate seats, the regions
7 southwest of 210, east of Fifth Street and north of San
8 Bernardino City Airport, it's heavily Latino. It belongs
9 with Rialto and Colton, but for some reason the last
10 commission put the State Senate seat, it stretches up to
11 Big Bear and down to Hemet. It really needs to be fixed.

12 Also, a City like Grand Terrace, which is far
13 lower concentration of Latinos, fewer renters, and it's
14 more like Redlands than Colton, just doesn't belong in the
15 district that is Rialto and most of the City of San
16 Bernardino.

17 Finally, the City of Chino, which has far lower
18 Latino-percentage households, that costs \$200,000 more than
19 the City of SD is 20, it's the same district. Chino has
20 far higher incomes and very different concerns than the
21 cities of San Bernardino, Rialto, Colton or Fontana. Thank
22 you very much for your time.

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 Right now we will have caller 6225, and then up
25 next after that will be caller 7739.

1 Caller 6225, if you will please follow the
2 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.
3 Caller 6225, your speaker order number will be number 44,
4 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
5 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
6 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

7 SPEAKER NUMBER 44: Hello. I hope you guys are
8 all doing well. My name is Desiree. I am calling from
9 Yucaipa. Me and my family and I we are equestrians, and we
10 participate in our rodeo that we have in town and the towns
11 across the Inland Empire.

12 Rodeos, they can provide an economic boost to
13 other communities that host them by bringing in the tourism
14 and the boost in dollars and jobs. We also share similar
15 cowboys, cowgirl culture. We have a respect for the
16 animals that we take care of, and we are a more rugged and
17 have a sense of patriotism and values.

18 We just wanted to call in today to ask the
19 committee to treat the little rodeo towns, like Yucaipa, as
20 a community of interest. Having been all around the Inland
21 Empire, I know there are other towns with a similar culture
22 that we could be distracted (sic) with as well.

23 So, the communities like Yucca Valley, Apple
24 Valley and Hesperia all have equestrian centers where
25 people can take care of the animals, but each one of the

1 towns also host a rodeo, as well as Barstow, Big Bear and
2 Needles. All of these communities are generally more rural
3 than other areas in the Inland Empire, and I think they do
4 deserve to be with similar areas, and not lumped together
5 with big, urban areas that don't share their culture.

6 Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns.

7 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 Right now we will be going to caller 7739. If
9 you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time
10 by pressing star-six. Caller 7739, your speaker order
11 number will be number 45, if you'll please make note of
12 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the
13 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
14 is yours.

15 MS. CHAVEZ: Hi. Hi, good afternoon. My name --
16 we're High Desert and -- well, my name is Melina Chavez
17 (phonetic), and I have lived here in the High Desert for
18 over 20 years. My family and I move up here to get away
19 from the, you know, from the urban places, and to join the
20 (indiscernible) life up here. You know, it's a good life
21 here, you know.

22 And I currently, I live in the incorporated part
23 of Apple Valley, just out of the town of Vandry (phonetic),
24 on the -- the town of Vandry.

25 I'm calling because I really want to urgent the

1 Commissioners to keep our San Bernardino High Desert
2 communities towards the right -- communities together, you
3 know. Right now I live in the state senate district that
4 is based, it's in Bakersfield. Well, it's just a couple of
5 blocks from here, you know, from the incorporated town of
6 Apple Valley and -- instead of Hesperia.

7 My neighbors are represented by the state senator
8 and district that is mostly in L.A. County. This is not
9 fair. Our High Desert is unique and a special place. Our
10 needs are much different than the population centers of the
11 senate district we are in, you know. And we are not a
12 agriculture area like, you know, like Bakersfield, and we
13 don't have like the huge water reserves, you know, like the
14 -- like in L.A. does.

15 You know, we are -- rely on the groundwater and
16 have to manage our water regularly, you know. And also,
17 whether or not we're not in -- right now we're in droughts,
18 you know. And regularly, you know, if the weather is --
19 the Victor Valley, you know, the Morongo Basin, the entire
20 High Desert shares that concern about the water. You know,
21 we all concerned about that.

22 And also, I think that if commissions need to add
23 communities, that there are other, like San Bernardino
24 County communities like will be more appropriate to put us
25 with, communities like Lake Arrowhead, like Wrightwood and

1 Big Bear, that we share important transitions occurring
2 with us. Or even those --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 MS. CHAVEZ: -- rural places. Uh-huh. Well,
5 thank you so much, you know, for listening to me, okay.
6 Thank you. I really appreciate it.

7 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 Right now we have caller 2657. If you will
9 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
10 pressing star-six.

11 And one -- there you are. Caller 2657, your
12 speaker order number will be number 46, if you will please
13 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll
14 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
15 discuss today, the floor is yours.

16 MR. ORTIZ: Buenos tardes.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Uno momento, por favor.

18 MR. ORTIZ: Yes.

19 COMMENT MODERATOR: May I have an interpreter,
20 please?

21 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes.

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 2657, your speaker
23 order number will be number 46, if you will please make
24 note of that for future reference. And if you'll please
25 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss,

1 the interpreter is here.

2 SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
3 Spanish]

4 MR. ORTIZ (through interpreter): Hello. Good
5 afternoon. I'm going to focus on the eastern side of
6 Coachella Valley, like Thermal, Mecca, Oasis, North Shore
7 and Indio.

8 Commissioners, thank you for giving me the
9 opportunity to be able to testify today. My name is Jorge
10 Ortiz, and I am a promoter for the Mexican Federation
11 Council. I have lived in eastern Coachella Valley for more
12 than 20 years.

13 Our community is made up of essential workers
14 that include field workers, construction workers,
15 gardeners, et cetera, et cetera, and housekeepers. With
16 the pandemic we have suffered a lot because the work has
17 decreased and it has really affected the immigrant
18 community because we do not qualify for a lot of financial
19 support. And we need for the communities to be kept
20 together, for example, Mecca, Oasis, Coachella and North
21 Shore. Thank you.

22 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much. And with that we
23 are up against a break, Chair.

24 CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: All right. Let's go to break.
25 And when we return -- we'll return in 15 minutes at 7:30

1 sharp, and I will be passing it back to my colleague,
2 Commissioner Kennedy. Thank you.

3 (Off the record at 7:16 p.m.)

4 (Back on the record at 7:30 p.m.)

5 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Welcome back to today's
6 California Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of
7 Interest Input Meeting.

8 For anyone who has joined us recently, we are
9 offering a language line for Spanish language speakers to
10 listen to the meeting in that language, and a separate line
11 for those who wish to provide public comment or public
12 input.

13 Could our Spanish Interpreter please read the
14 cite translation of full call-in instructions?

15 MR. MANOFF: You are on mute.

16 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Sorry about that. Hi,
17 Chair. This is Margarita, the Spanish Interpreter. I will
18 read the full call-in instructions.

19 [Instructions read in Spanish]

20 Thank you.

21 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias, Margarita.

22 This session is specifically dedicated to those
23 that did not have an appointment. However, if you did have
24 an appointment and were unable to call in during your time
25 block, we would encourage you to do so now.

1 As a reminder, even though we are focusing on
2 Riverside and San Bernardino Counties this evening,
3 Californians from anywhere in the State are welcome to
4 provide input on their own community.

5 We will continue to take public input at this
6 time. We also invite general public comment. The phone
7 line for both public input and public comment will close at
8 8:00 p.m. Having said that, we will get to all the callers
9 who are in the queue at that time. We're happy to stay
10 here after 8:00 p.m. if we are needed. So, don't be shy.
11 Call in, stay on the line. Even after the lines close, we
12 will be happy to take your call.

13 I'll now pass this over to Katy, our Comment
14 Moderator, who's been doing a fantastic job for us.

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 In order to maximize transparency and public
17 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
18 taking community of interest input and general public
19 comment by phone.

20 To call in, dial the telephone number provided on
21 the live stream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted,
22 enter the meeting I.D. number provided on the live stream
23 feed. It is 83046578304 for this meeting. When prompted
24 to enter a participant I.D., simply press the pound key.

25 Once you have dialed in you'll be placed in a

1 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star-
2 nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When
3 it is your turn to speak you will hear a message that says,
4 "the host would like you to talk," and to press star-six to
5 speak.

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

9 Please make sure to mute your computer or live
10 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during
11 your call. Once you are waiting in the queue be alert for
12 when it is your turn to speak and, again, please turn down
13 the live stream volume.

14 And again for all those that have called in,
15 pressing star-nine on your telephone keypad will raise your
16 hand and enter the comment queue line. So, please, press
17 star-nine on your telephone keypad.

18 We will start with caller 9240, and then up next
19 after that will be caller 5554.

20 Caller 9240, if you will please follow the
21 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.
22 Caller 9240, your speaker order number will be number 47,
23 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
24 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
25 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

1 Hello? Can you hear me? Caller 9240, if you can
2 hear me, I cannot hear you. Does your phone happen to be
3 on mute? Let's try one more time. Caller 9240, if you
4 will please press star-six on your telephone keypad this
5 will unmute you one more time. Caller 9240, can you hear
6 me? Make sure your phone is not on mute. You are not
7 unmuted in Zoom, but make sure your phone itself is not on
8 mute, because we cannot hear you.

9 MR. ROMERO: Yes, yes.

10 COMMENT MODERATOR: There you are. I hear you.
11 Buenos noches?

12 Interpreter?

13 MR. ROMERO: Uno momento.

14 SPANISH INTERPRETER: You said number 47, is that
15 right?

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

17 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Okay.

18 [Instructions read in Spanish]

19 MR. ROMERO (through interpreter): Commissioners,
20 thank you for giving me the opportunity to be able to give
21 my testimony today. My name is Javier Romero, and I live
22 in the east side of Coachella Valley. I am focusing on the
23 areas of Thermal, Mecca, Indio, North Shore and Oasis.

24 I've been living in the east side of the
25 neighborhood for 22 years already, and before the pandemic

1 we were enjoying, my family and my children and I were
2 enjoying ourselves in the area.

3 We enjoyed the local parks, the local programs,
4 recreation, and we would often visit the national monuments
5 in the area. Everything is opening up again, but
6 everything is limited.

7 My -- the people in my community have many things
8 in common. We speak the same language, and we are
9 immigrants. We work in labor work, and we are also
10 promoters for civic work for COFEM, for the Council of
11 Mexican Federations in North America.

12 I also participate in church programs in my
13 neighborhood. And I would like for the Commission to keep
14 my community together due to the similar use of parks and
15 transportation routes, and we also have the same challenges
16 in our communities and families.

17 So, mentioning the areas that are of interest are
18 Coachella, Oasis, Indio, Thermal and North Shore. And
19 thank you very much.

20 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias, (speaking in
21 Spanish).

22 MR. ROMERO: Thank you.

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller
24 5554, and then up next after that will be caller 8015.

25 Caller 5554, if you will please follow the

1 prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 5554, your speaker
2 order number will be number 48. If you will please let the
3 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
4 is yours.

5 Caller -- Interpreter?

6 MS. ROMERO: Si, por favor.

7 COMMENT MODERATOR: Uno momento.

8 SPANISH INTERPRETER: This is the Interpreter.

9 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. The
10 speaker order number is number 48.

11 SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
12 Spanish]

13 MS. ROMERO (through interpreter): Yes. My focus
14 areas are the east part of the Coachella Valley, and
15 specifically the areas of Mecca, Thermal, North Shore,
16 Oasis and Indio.

17 Commissioners, thank you for giving me the
18 opportunity to testify today. My name is Sylvia Romero. I
19 live in the eastern part of the Coachella Valley, and my
20 areas of focus Mecca, Thermal, Oasis, North Shore and
21 Indio.

22 I have been living in this urban area for 22
23 years in this neighborhood. I am a mother of three
24 children. I work in gardening. There's a lot of
25 agricultural work. There are a lot of essential workers

1 here in my community.

2 There is a lot of need for affordable housing and
3 for there to be equality for everyone. I am a civic
4 promoter from the COFEM organization, and I participate in
5 the missionary program in -- at my church in my local
6 neighborhood. There is a need for health programs for
7 everyone here.

8 I know people from different organizations that
9 live in my community who share a lot of things in common.
10 I would like for the Commission to maintain my community
11 together with the common interests, so that we can continue
12 advocating for the challenges that we have together, that
13 we share together.

14 We are different from the other communities in
15 the valley of Coachella, such as Rancho Mirage and Palm
16 Springs. Thank you so much in advance.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 Right now we will be going to caller 8015, and
19 then up next after that will be caller 6429.

20 And I'd like to invite those that have called in
21 to please press star-nine to raise your hand indicating
22 they wish to give comment.

23 Caller 8015, if you will please follow the
24 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.

25 Caller 8015, will you be needing an interpreter this

1 evening?

2 MS. HERRERA: Si.

3 COMMENT MODERATOR: Uno momento, por favor.

4 SPANISH INTERPRETER: This is the Interpreter.

5 COMMENT MODERATOR: Gracias. The speaker order
6 number will be number 49, if you'll please make note of
7 that. And the Interpreter is here.

8 SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
9 Spanish]

10 MS. HERRERA (through interpreter): Thank you for
11 giving me to the opportunity to testify today. My name is
12 Clara Herrera, and I am a civic promoter of the
13 organization COFEM.

14 Today I'm going -- I am focusing on the eastern
15 part of the Coachella Valley, which is -- which is formed
16 by Mecca, North Shore, Oasis, Indio and the eastern part of
17 Coachella.

18 I have three children who have attended the same
19 schools, the same schools in Coachella. Those schools are
20 Palm View, Bobby Duke Middle School, and Civic High School.
21 I have been in this country since 1965, where I have lived
22 in this same area of the Coachella Valley.

23 This country has given me the best parts of my
24 life, however, I have been tested with very difficult
25 tests, but nothing impossible, such as helping my children

1 move forward in life by myself. I have faced many
2 challenges that I have been able to overcome, but I love my
3 community. I feel like I belong here, and this is why I am
4 here to fight for it, so that we can live in a healthy
5 environment.

6 We live in a community, we are surrounded by the
7 deserts where we face a lot of challenges in the valley,
8 such as climate and, you know, in times such as the winter,
9 let's not even get into the summer time.

10 As far as my personal focus, I have been focusing
11 on the educational school system and how it works. In my
12 opinion, and without disrespecting anyone, we have lived
13 through many years having issues with people who have been
14 in charge of our children's education who have not known
15 how to hold that office. To bring more -- or pay more
16 attention to our district and to bring more people who are
17 well-prepared and who know our world well, and hoping that
18 we can then achieve our goals.

19 And just wanted to repeat to the Commission, to
20 keep together our communities of Coachella and the eastern
21 part of Coachella, because the problems that we face are
22 very different to the other parts of the valley of
23 Coachella, such as Palm Springs and Rancho Mirage.

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MS. HERRERA: Thank you. That's all, and thank

1 you for listening to me.

2 SPANISH INTERPRETER: And this is the
3 Interpreter. Just wanted to add that one of the challenge
4 that the caller mentioned was the bad weather in the area.

5 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias.

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias. Just a final
8 reminder. It is now five minutes of 8:00. The phone lines
9 will be closing at 8:00 o'clock. If you have called in by
10 8:00 o'clock, we will stay to hear you. So if you do have
11 something to share with us, I would encourage you to call
12 in before those phone lines close at 8:00 p.m.

13 Katy, back over to you.

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

15 Right now we will go to caller 6429, and then up
16 next will be caller 7745.

17 Caller 6429, if you will please follow the
18 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.

19 Caller 6429, will you be needing an interpreter:

20 SPEAKER NUMBER 50: No, I don't. Thank you.

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number
22 will be number 50, if you'll please make note of that for
23 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know
24 what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

25 SPEAKER NUMBER 50: Thank you, and I appreciate

1 being given the opportunity to express my comments as it
2 respects -- in respect to the redistricting.

3 I am a full-time resident in Palm Desert. I
4 would be District 42. I am in support of our one
5 continuous assembly district including all the Coachella
6 Valley, which would extend possibly to Palo Verde Valley,
7 and then the Arizona border.

8 We are large enough to have one assembly
9 district, and our community is currently gerrymandered,
10 which by law this basis is illegal.

11 Our population increases above 100k in the winter
12 months, although these visitors are not necessarily
13 residents of the area, it speaks to the increase in size of
14 our community, and that should be factored in when drawing
15 the new lines.

16 The Coachella Valley is unique due to the fact
17 that it is a resort destination. Therefore, I feel it's
18 necessary to reiterate the need for one contiguous assembly
19 district. Sadly, when there is division and separated into
20 legislative districts, it is difficult to get a fair
21 representation in the state legislature. And I do not feel
22 we are fairly represented in the state legislature at this
23 time.

24 It is also sad to me that after many years of
25 fighting for disintegration -- disintegration, people are

1 now advocating to segregate. If we sincerely want to stop
2 racism, we must live and work together very peacefully.
3 And I do believe by making this one district we will move
4 towards that goal. So thank you for your time, and I
5 appreciate it. Have a nice evening.

6 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling in and
7 sharing your thoughts on this.

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will go to
9 caller 7745, and up next will be caller 6348.

10 Caller 7745, if you will please follow the
11 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Once
12 again, caller with the last four, 7745, if you will please
13 press star-six on your telephone keypad to unmute at this
14 time.

15 Caller 7745 --

16 SPEAKER NUMBER 51: Hello.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. Your speaker order
18 number will be number 51, if you'll please make note of
19 that for future reference.

20 SPEAKER NUMBER 51: Thank you.

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: And if you'll please let the
22 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
23 is yours.

24 SPEAKER NUMBER 51: It is Palm Springs and
25 surrounding area, meaning Coachella Valley.

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

2 SPEAKER NUMBER 51: Good evening, Commissioners.

3 Thank you for all the hard work you do. I'm an immigrant
4 from the Middle East, and I've been living in the United
5 States of America for over 35 years. I would like to
6 approach this topic, and I've been watching all your
7 meetings and presentations.

8 I just feel -- I'd like to bring two topics.
9 One, I've heard a lot from communities that they are afraid
10 if you do the redistricting, that's going to split their
11 community. And what I'd like to have somebody explain to
12 them, that's not going to happen, because the small
13 community really rely on the outside resources. And I'm
14 going to give you example.

15 I live in Palm Springs of California. We are
16 facing shortage of low-income housing, medication, you name
17 it, the crime is up. We are short on lots of resources.
18 And we rely on seasonal tourist or the snowbirds. If this
19 goes away, we really are nothing. So we really rely on
20 everybody in the Coachella Valley to strengthen our
21 economy, our identity. And so this way we don't feel like
22 we are isolated. So it's very important that you make your
23 audience aware that this lining is not to split
24 communities, it actually will strengthen their community by
25 bringing in resources, and one (indiscernible)

1 presentation, more money for the whole area. We rely on
2 them and they rely on us. So I really, truly encourage you
3 to have one district for the entire Coachella Valley, and
4 explain to the smaller community that if they stay alone
5 it's a loss, and they will not stand. I know that as an
6 immigrant. I appreciate you taking my consideration, and I
7 hope you do the right thing. Have a great evening.

8 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you so much for calling,
9 and thank you so much for following some many of our
10 meetings.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will go to
12 caller 6348, and then up next will be caller 5898.

13 Caller 6348, if you will please follow the
14 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.
15 Caller 6348, will you be needing an interpreter this
16 evening?

17 SPEAKER NUMBER 52: No, I'm okay. Thank you.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Your speaker order
19 number will be number 52, if you'll please make note of
20 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the
21 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
22 is yours.

23 SPEAKER NUMBER 52: Good evening, Commission. I
24 want to thank you for taking my comment. My name is
25 Carolina, and I live in the Victorville, in the High

1 Desert. I am calling because I wanted to make sure you
2 keep our High Desert communities together in the same
3 districts. This includes the Victor Valley, Morongo Basin,
4 the outlying unincorporated areas, like southern Lucerne
5 Valley, and all the way out to Barstow and Needles.

6 These communities all share similar concerns when
7 it comes to public health. For example, all of the
8 communities I listed have one water master to manage all
9 the underground water we are relying on. Other areas like
10 the Coachella Valley have abundant water supplies, and
11 don't share our need to conserve water whether or not we
12 are in a drought.

13 We also belong to one air quality management
14 district, because whether you are in Morongo or the Victor
15 Valley, we all have issues when it comes to winds kicking
16 up dust and particulates. However, our air is generally
17 cleaner than other areas down the hill or in Los Angeles,
18 and our problems are much different than theirs.

19 A lot of times our High Desert communities get
20 into odd districts with representatives that live hours
21 away in L.A. County or elsewhere. And I believe it is
22 really important to keep our San Bernardino County High
23 Desert communities together. Thank you.

24 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

25 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will go to

1 caller 5898. Up next after that will be caller 0162.

2 Caller 5898, if you will please follow the
3 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.

4 Caller 5898, will you be needing an interpreter this
5 evening?

6 SPEAKER NUMBER 53: No, thank you.

7 COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number
8 will be number 53, if you'll please make note of that for
9 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know
10 what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

11 SPEAKER NUMBER 53: Hi. My name is Jocelyn, and
12 I would -- I live in 29 Palms. My family and many others
13 like mine work on the Marine base just outside of our city.
14 Our city is also home to a large number of veterans who
15 have also served on the base.

16 I would like the Commission to keep the families
17 like mine and others in mind when creating new districts.
18 In fact, a number of communities in the High Desert also
19 have concerns like mine, whether it's the Marine Logistics
20 Base in Barstow, Ft. Irwin, or the old George Air Force
21 Base in Victorville.

22 Our communities were built up around military
23 bases, and this is the reason (indiscernible) jobs that go
24 along with them, and now we all have large veteran
25 populations among our communities.

1 We all share concerns over resources and our
2 local economics are built around the bases and the veteran
3 community we serve. In fact, the High Desert is home to
4 the only veterans home in the Inland Empire, the Barstow
5 Veterans Home.

6 So please don't divide our communities and put us
7 with other areas down the hill, but keep the High Desert
8 and the veteran and military populations together. Thank
9 you.

10 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: And thank you for calling.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 Right now we have caller 0162, and then up next
13 after that will be caller 0597.

14 Caller 0162, if you will please follow the
15 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.
16 Caller 0162, will you be needing an interpreter this
17 evening?

18 Hello, 0162, can you hear me? Buenos noches?

19 MS. GROGAN: Hello?

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. Will you be needing
21 an interpreter?

22 MS. GROGAN: No.

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

24 MS. GROGAN: No, thank you.

25 COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Your speaker order

1 number will be number 54, if you will please make note of
2 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the
3 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
4 is yours.

5 MS. GROGAN: Okay, yes. Hi. This is Pam Grogan
6 with the Nehemiah Charitable Fund, and I'm here to
7 represent the Black communities for the cities of San
8 Bernardino, Rialto and Fontana, which are geographically
9 defined by the two -- the 210 freeway from the north, and
10 the eastern border of the 215 freeway.

11 Currently these cities represent a strong voting
12 block for the Black community. And I strongly recommend
13 that they remain within the current districts to preserve
14 and protect the Black vote.

15 In years past we have come together as a
16 community to successfully elect African Americans to
17 various political offices from within these districts, and
18 this success would be in jeopardy if the cities of San
19 Bernardino, Rialto and Fontana do not remain together.

20 These communities are connected by the same
21 culture, history, schools, church associations and business
22 affiliations, including the Black Chamber of Commerce.
23 Shared interests include affordable housing and healthcare,
24 better paying jobs, K through 12 schools, and crime
25 prevention.

1 To break up this geographic area would be viewed
2 by many local leaders as an attempt to weaken the minority
3 voter -- minority voters' efforts to elect their own
4 representative and, therefore, would be in violation of the
5 Voting Rights Act.

6 Once again, we ask that the Commission keep our
7 communities together. Thank you for your time and the
8 opportunity to provide public comment.

9 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for taking time to
10 provide your comment.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 Right now will be caller 0597, and then up next
13 after that will be caller 4233.

14 Caller 0597, if you will please follow the
15 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.
16 Caller 0597, will you be needing an interpreter this
17 evening?

18 SPEAKER NUMBER 55: No, thank you. I appreciate
19 it.

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: Awesome. Your speaker order
21 number will be number 55, if you'll please make note of
22 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the
23 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
24 is yours.

25 SPEAKER NUMBER 55: Hi, everyone. I am calling

1 from the Coachella Valley, the eastern Coachella Valley to
2 be specific.

3 This is an amazing, humble community populated
4 mainly by Latinos. And I just wanted to point out the
5 issue that that community and the City of Mecca, and of
6 course other cities in the eastern Coachella Valley, do not
7 have access to certain cleaning maintenance services, such
8 as sweeping the streets. And as a own people, do not take
9 the time and action to clean the streets.

10 These are seen in muddles of water, and at times
11 a funky smell starts coming out. Also, these puddles
12 attract mosquitoes and (indiscernible) issue, because then
13 the community members can't be outside and enjoy the
14 outside weather. So I just wanted to point that out. And
15 we could see, also, some of these cleaning services that we
16 see in other cities in the Coachella Valley. Thank you for
17 the time.

18 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

19 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

20 Right now will be caller 4233. I made -- right
21 now will be caller 5584. If you will please follow the
22 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.
23 Caller 5584, will you be needing an interpreter this
24 evening?

25 MS. DE LA GARZA: Si. Yes, please.

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: Uno momento, por favor.

2 MS. DE LA GARZA: Gracias.

3 COMMENT MODERATOR: May I have an interpreter,
4 please?

5 Thank you. Your speaker order number this
6 evening will be 56, if you will please make note of that
7 for future reference. And if you will please let the
8 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the
9 interpreter is here.

10 SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
11 Spanish]

12 MS. DE LA GARZA (through interpreter): Good
13 evening, everyone, and thank you for giving the opportunity
14 to give my input. My name is Danilla de la Garza
15 (phonetic), and I would like to -- I live in the city -- or
16 in the area of Riverside, and I would like to give my
17 feedback regarding Riverside, Perris and Moreno Valley.

18 I am calling and I want to say thank you for
19 giving me the opportunity to be able to share my point. I
20 want to share that I am happy that -- how we are currently
21 together, because this has allowed my community to be able
22 to progress.

23 Yes. And so with the church groups that I belong
24 to and college that I attend in Riverside, which is UCR, I
25 feel that things are going well with the community being

1 together and that we're united, and I would like for that
2 to continue. And, thank you. Those are my comments. I
3 appreciate the time.

4 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias.

5 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 Right now we will be going to caller 4233, and
7 then up next after that will be caller 6433, unique I.D.
8 042.

9 Caller 4233, if you will please follow the
10 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.
11 Caller 4233, will be you needing an interpreter this
12 evening?

13 SPEAKER NUMBER 57: No. Thank you very much for
14 offering.

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: You are welcome. Your
16 speaker order number will be number 57, if you'll please
17 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll
18 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
19 discuss, the floor is yours.

20 SPEAKER NUMBER 57: Yes. My name is Ellen, and
21 I've lived in the Coachella Valley for 30 years. The map
22 -- the part of the map that I'm looking at would be from
23 Palm Springs all the way through the town of Blythe to the
24 Salton Sea, which I call, you know, the greater Coachella
25 Valley.

1 So, I waited to the end this evening. I have
2 been on the phone since 4:00 o'clock, and I -- this is a
3 really important issue to me and my community. And I
4 think, unfortunately, a lot of people don't know about this
5 process. But prior to this bill passing, we were one
6 contiguous district out here.

7 And to my surprise, after the bill passed and I
8 thought there would be no gerrymandering, in 2010 they gave
9 us two assembly districts. And, unfortunately, one of
10 those assembly districts hand-picked several cities that
11 were predominantly Hispanic.

12 And I'm speaking today because I truly believe
13 that for a community to be properly represented, we must
14 work together. And it's so troubling. I have listened to
15 all three of the Zone I sessions, and it's so troubling
16 when I hear people read from the same script for districts
17 made up of just people like them. People of their same --
18 I'm assuming skin color or interests, and I don't think
19 that's what this process is about. This process is about
20 unifying Californians so that we can make our State better
21 and solve problems together.

22 And the Coachella Valley is unique and very much
23 alike all the way from Palm Springs to the Salton
24 (indiscernible) who are speaking about those eastern towns
25 being different, I do not agree with them, and I've lived

1 here for 31 years. When you leave my house and cross the
2 street that is a different assembly district, and it is
3 very hard to represent a district that is like that.

4 It is also troubling to me that on Sunday in our
5 local paper the current assemblyman of that district
6 quoted, "we follow the process of redistricting, but it
7 isn't something that we're losing sleep over when it comes
8 to what decision we're going to make."

9 So that makes me worry about that maybe he knows
10 something we don't. Because I've been sitting here for
11 hours through all of these sessions, listening to people
12 asking for our district to stay together, until tonight
13 when there's a few people who wanted to keep the eastern
14 Coachella Valley separate.

15 And I just plead with you to please listen, to
16 please follow the law, and to not let this happen again.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 SPEAKER NUMBER 57: Because it has made it very
19 difficult to be represented here in the Coachella. I care
20 about everyone in this community. I've lived here a very
21 long time. I spend a lot of my time in the eastern
22 Coachella Valley, and I think we are much better --

23 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

24 SPEAKER NUMBER 57: -- served if we are one
25 district. Thank you very much for your service and all the

1 time that all of you have put into this very important
2 effort. Thank you.

3 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: And thank you for patiently
4 staying with us all afternoon and listening to so many of
5 our meetings, and for taking the time to express your
6 concerns and your care for the community by calling in
7 today.

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 Right now we will have caller 6433. If you will
10 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
11 pressing star-six. You are our last fabulous caller this
12 evening. They didn't want to talk to me.

13 That was all of our callers this evening.

14 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much,
15 Katy, for another fantastic job.

16 I want to take the opportunity to remind folks
17 they are more than welcome to visit our website,
18 wedrawthelinesCA.org. Folks can also sign up for our e-
19 mails to learn more about our meetings, updates and
20 announcements. Folks can connect with us on social media.
21 That's Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube
22 at wedrawthelinesCA.

23 There are any number of ways to provide public
24 input to the Commission. These meetings are one of those
25 ways. Information on these meetings is available on the

1 meetings tab of our website. We also have our on-line
2 Communities of Interest Mapping Tool at
3 drawmyCAcommunity.org. That is available along with
4 tutorials in more than a dozen languages.

5 Folks can e-mail us at votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov,
6 or write us at California Citizens Redistricting
7 Commission, 721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260, Sacramento,
8 California 95814.

9 A reminder for our upcoming meetings, if you need
10 an interpreter to provide input on a day where there is no
11 language line or there is no language line for the language
12 in which you want to provide input, please submit your
13 request at least five business days prior to that meeting.
14 You can do that also through
15 interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov. You can make the request
16 on your meeting appointment form or you can call our office
17 at (916) 323-0323.

18 We have two more Communities of Interest Input
19 Meetings this week. The first one is on Wednesday,
20 September 1st, 4:00 p.m., focusing on Orange County and
21 surrounding areas. We will have Spanish, Korean and
22 Vietnamese listening lines and interpreters available for
23 that meeting focusing on Orange County on Wednesday.

24 The second meeting is on Thursday, September 2nd
25 at 3:00 p.m., focusing on San Diego and Imperial County and

1 surrounding areas. We will have Spanish listening line and
2 Spanish interpreters available for that.

3 I also want to call folks attention to two
4 statewide meetings coming up on Thursday and Friday,
5 September 9th and 10th. Both of those are at 3:00 p.m.

6 I would also highlight the meeting coming up on
7 September 8th, Wednesday, September 8th, for the four
8 Southern California zones, Los Angeles, the Inland Empire,
9 Orange County, San Diego and Imperial. In case you missed
10 an opportunity to provide your input today, that meeting,
11 again, Wednesday, September 8th, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

12 You are not required to make an appointment to
13 provide input at these Communities of Interest Input
14 Meetings, but we do recommend it. You can also call in the
15 day of the meeting. We are holding these meetings
16 virtually. Anyone in California can provide input.

17 Registration, if you do want to sign up for a
18 speaking block, registration for these meetings closes two
19 calendar days before the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

20 Also want to highlight that we have a business
21 meeting coming up tomorrow, beginning at 9:30 a.m. There
22 is another business meeting coming up on Tuesday, September
23 7th, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

24 I believe that's -- those are all the
25 announcements. I want to thank my colleagues. I want to

1 thank Katy. I want to thank the staff who worked so hard
2 behind the scenes to put this all together. I'd like to
3 thank my co-chair for the evening, Commissioner Vazquez,
4 for stepping in and handling the second session so ably
5 today. It's been great.

6 Zone I did another fantastic job providing input
7 this evening, and we look forward to further public input
8 in the days and weeks ahead. So, thank you all very much.
9 Meeting is adjourned 8:22 p.m.

10 (Session recessed until September 1, 2021.)

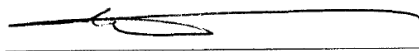
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