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Public Comment:

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Nancy Nguyen
Michael Whyte
Delores Chavez Harmes
Ramah Awad
Fernando Garcia
Rami Ibrahim
Brenda Aguirre
Rahmo Abdi
Oromo Interpreter
Patrick Baden
Unidentified Speaker
Unidentified Speaker
Abdi Aziz Jama
Christopher Rodriguez
Nadine Hassoun
Makhfira Abdullahi
Barry Jantz
Mu Adham

Public Comment (Continued):

Hussein
Hayden
Aleena Jun
Joshua Raines
Ashman Farood
Omair Khan
Maria Lajacas
Ramiro Rodriguez
Erica Schwart
Unidentified Speaker
Unidentified Speaker
Maria Agravel
Michael Murray
Yasmeen Obeid
Amagalet
Magdalena Casales

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P R O C E E D I N G S

Friday, August 13, 2021 3:01 p.m.

CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Good afternoon everyone, welcome and thank you for tuning in to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest Input Meeting. I'm Commissioner Isra Ahmad and I will be co-chairing today's meeting with Commissioner Sinay.

Today we are offering three language lines in the following languages: Spanish, Filipino and Tagalog, and Arabic, so language speakers can listen to the meeting in their native language.

Could I please have our interpreters provide our call-in numbers? We'll start with the Spanish interpreter, would you please read the Spanish language line instructions?

SPANISH INTERPRETER: This is the Spanish interpreter. (Instructions read in Spanish). Thank you.

CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you so much. Can I have the Filipino and Tagalog interpreter read the Filipino and Tagalog language line instructions?

FILIPINO/TAGALOG INTERPRETER: (Instructions read in Filipino/Tagalog).

CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you so much. May I ask the Arabic interpreter to read the Arabic language line instructions?

1 (No audible response)

2 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Again, can I ask the Arabic
3 interpreter to read the Arabic language line instructions?

4 ARABIC INTERPRETER: Yes, this is the Arabic
5 interpreter. (Instructions read in Arabic).

6 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you so much to all of our
7 interpreters. Now we will go to Ravi for roll call. Ravi?

8 MR. SINGH: Thank you, Chair. Commissioner
9 Akutagawa?

10 (No audible response)

11 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

12 (No audible response)

13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernández?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Present.

15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

16 (No audible response)

17 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

19 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

20 (No audible response)

21 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

22 (No audible response)

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

24 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Present.

25 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

1 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

3 (No audible response)

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vázquez?

7 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Here.

8 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

10 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Ahmad?

11 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Here.

12 MR. SINGH: Roll call is complete, Chair.

13 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Ravi. I will start
14 by sharing a little bit about the Commission. Every 10
15 years after the federal government publishes updated census
16 information, California must redraw the boundaries of its
17 Congressional State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board
18 of Equalization Districts, so that the districts correctly
19 reflect the state's population.

20 In 2008, California voters authorized the
21 creation of the Commission when they passed the Voters
22 FIRST Act. It authorized the Commission to draw the new
23 district lines for State Senate, State Assembly, and State
24 Board of Equalization Districts.

25 In 2010, the Congressional Voters FIRST Act added

1 the responsibility of drawing Congressional Districts to
2 the Commission. The 14 member Commission is made up of
3 five Republicans, five Democrats, and four not affiliated
4 with either of those two parties.

5 The Commission must draw the district lines in
6 conformity with strict, non-partisan rules designed to
7 create districts of relatively equal population that will
8 provide fair representation for all Californians.

9 This week the census redistricting data was
10 released. When the official California Redistricting
11 Database is available in late September, the Commission
12 will begin drawing maps using six line drawing criterion as
13 outlined in the California Constitution.

14 One of these is minimizing the division of
15 cities, counties, neighborhoods, and communities of
16 interest to the extent possible. We can obtain the city
17 and county information from those jurisdictions, but we
18 need the neighborhood and communities of interest
19 information from Californians directly.

20 (Audio cuts out)

21 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: We encourage all Californians to
22 participate in this process. If you would rather submit
23 community of interest input over the internet, you can do
24 so from our website or by visiting drawmycacommunity.org,
25 skip the line, go online.

1 Now I will call on all Commissioners to introduce
2 themselves and to say hello. To see the biographies of all
3 14 Commissioners, for additional information, or to sign up
4 for our emails, please visit our website at
5 wedrawthelinesca.org.

6 We will begin with my co-chair, Commissioner
7 Sinay.

8 CO-CHAIR SINAY: (Greeting in Spanish first).
9 Good morning, San Diego and Imperial County, this is what I
10 call home, San Diego, and I'm glad to be here and we're
11 looking forward to hearing from all of you. I am Patricia
12 Sinay. Thank you.

13 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Commissioner
14 Akutagawa?

15 (No audible response)

16 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Good afternoon,
18 California, and welcome to all the people from the San
19 Diego area, I look forward to hearing from you today about
20 your communities of interest and anyone else who is calling
21 in from our wonderful state. Thank you.

22 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Commissioner
23 Fernández.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: (Greeting in Spanish
25 first). Good afternoon, California, I'm Alicia Fernández

1 from Yolo County and a special welcome to those from
2 Imperial and San Diego Counties. As it's Friday the 13th,
3 only positive things as we get to hear more about your
4 community, so I'm really looking forward to that.

5 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Commissioner
6 Fornaciari?

7 (No audible response)

8 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Kennedy?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Good
10 afternoon, California, I'm joining from my home in Morongo
11 Valley, which is one of the Joshua Tree gateway communities
12 in the desert of southern San Bernardino County. Looking
13 forward to hearing about the communities of Imperial and
14 elsewhere and what makes your community special to you.

15 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Commissioner Le
16 Mons.

17 (No audible response)

18 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sadhwani?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you, Chair. Good
20 afternoon, California, and San Diego and Imperial Counties.
21 My name is Sara Sadhwani. I am a resident of LA County and
22 looking forward to hearing more about your communities of
23 interest. Thank you so much.

24 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Commissioner Taylor.

25 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Good afternoon, California,

1 good afternoon, hope everyone is well. My name is Derric
2 Taylor. I'm a long time LA County resident, so I'm your
3 neighbor to the north, I don't get to say that too often.
4 Looking forward to hearing all of your input and put it
5 into practice. Thank you.

6 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Commissioner Turner.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Good evening, good
8 afternoon, late afternoon. I'm Trena Turner and I bid you
9 a farewell and -- not farewell, but I guess a good day
10 coming from Central California. My home is in Stockton and
11 I'm looking forward to hearing from you all today on this
12 amazing good luck Friday. Thank you.

13 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo?

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Buenas tardes, good
15 afternoon. My name is Pedro Toledo and I'm from Petaluma,
16 California in the heart of wine country up in Northern
17 California. I'm looking forward to spending the afternoon
18 and evening with you, learning all about your communities.
19 Thank you, Chair.

20 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Commissioner
21 Vázquez?

22 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Hi, there, happy Friday.
23 Welcome California and especially to those in San Diego and
24 Imperial County, very much looking forward to hearing all
25 you have to share with us about your communities today.

1 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. And Commissioner
2 Yee?

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Hello, California, and special
4 greetings to our two southern border counties, San Diego
5 and Imperial. Looking forward to hearing about your
6 communities of interest today.

7 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: And myself, I am very excited to
8 continue to learn about San Diego and Imperial Counties. I
9 had the privilege of being lead in Outreach with
10 Commissioner Sinay on this region and I've learned so much
11 and I am looking forward to continuing to learn.

12 Continuing on, we are active on social media, so
13 please also follow the California Citizens Redistricting
14 Commission on social media. You can find us on Facebook,
15 Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube at
16 wedrawthelinesca.org. Following us on social media is
17 another way to get useful information about redistricting
18 and updates from the California Commission.

19 Before we continue, could I please ask our
20 interpreters to provide our language line numbers one more
21 time? May I ask the Spanish interpreter to read the
22 Spanish language line instructions?

23 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Spanish interpreter.
24 (Instructions read in Spanish). Gracias, thank you.

25 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. May I ask the

1 Filipino and Tagalog interpreter to read the
2 Filipino/Tagalog language line instructions?

3 FILIPINO/TAGALOG INTERPRETER: (Speaks in
4 Filipino/Tagalog).

5 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Again, may I please ask the
6 Filipino and Tagalog interpreter to read the
7 Filipino/Tagalog language line instructions?

8 FILIPINO/TAGALOG INTERPRETER: (Instructions read
9 in Filipino-Tagalog).

10 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. May I please ask the
11 Arabic interpreter to read the Arabic language line
12 instructions?

13 ARABIC INTERPRETER: This is the Arabic
14 interpreter. (Instructions read in Arabic).

15 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you so much to our
16 interpreters. Now on to a few housekeeping items. This
17 meeting is primarily for communities of interest testimony
18 focused on San Diego and Imperial Counties and surrounding
19 areas; however, anyone in California can call in to provide
20 input. General public comment will take place at the end
21 of the meeting.

22 Although the Commission has divided up California
23 into 11 zones, that is in no way related to or reflective
24 of redistricting lines or boundaries. The Commission
25 created the zones to assist Commissioners and staff in

1 their outreach efforts only, not as an indication of
2 planned boundaries.

3 Today we are joined by our line drawing team,
4 HaystaqDNA and Q2 Data and Research, who will be displaying
5 a map of the area that attendees describe. Please start
6 with the area you would like to discuss and be as specific
7 as possible about the boundaries of where your community is
8 located. It is our goal to find the area on the map you
9 would like to discuss prior to your testimony.

10 If you are within a specific neighborhood of a
11 large city, please mention it by name. Once we are able to
12 locate your area, your timer will begin. Attendees will
13 not be able to share their screen.

14 We are also joined by Spanish, Filipino/Tagalog,
15 Arabic interpreters as well as Somali, Oromo, Pashto, and
16 Farsi interpreters that will be joining the meeting and
17 Katy, our comment moderator, who will be introducing
18 attendees when it is their turn to speak.

19 When you join the meeting, please use the raise
20 hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the
21 queue. If you have registered for a time slot, we
22 encourage you to call in during your appointment time slot.
23 When it is your turn to speak, Katy, our comment moderator,
24 will be identifying you by your unique assigned ID Number.
25 You will be reconnected to the session with the ability to

1 enable your own video and/or audio.

2 Registration is not required to participate in
3 this public input meeting. The public has the option of
4 calling in during this meeting to get in the queue to
5 speak. If you do not have an appointment and wish to call
6 in to provide public input, the number to dial is (877)853-
7 5247. Again, the number to provide input is (877)853-5247.
8 You will need to enter the meeting ID number 81933017362.
9 This call-in information and access code is also listed on
10 the livestream. You will need to dial this number in order
11 to give public input.

12 Today there will be Spanish, Arabic,
13 Filipino/Tagalog, Somali, Oromo, Farsi, and Pashto
14 interpreters available to interpret non-English input at
15 this call-in number. Katy, our comment moderator, will
16 also assign you a speaker order number before you begin
17 speaking and please make note of this number for future
18 reference. You will be able to use this number to identify
19 your community of interest testimony on our website at a
20 future date.

21 The Commission will be enforcing a 3-minute time
22 limit for English speakers and a 6-minute time limit for
23 those with an interpreter. There will be a warning at 30
24 seconds and 15 seconds remaining. At the beginning of your
25 input, you will see a map on the screen. Please remind the

1 mapper what area you would like to see on the screen and be
2 as specific as possible about the boundaries of where your
3 community is located.

4 If at the conclusion of the meeting, there is
5 still a need to allow for members of the public in the
6 queue to speak, we will continue this community of interest
7 input meeting at a new date and time and will attempt to
8 schedule the remaining members of the public to speak for
9 the allotted 3-minutes. Please monitor the website as we
10 expect to post a continuation of this agenda within 24
11 hours if needed.

12 Now a little bit about the communities of
13 interest tool. While there are no clear rules on how to
14 define a community of interest, we've identified ways for
15 you to describe your community. You can begin with your
16 county or city; mention the street names and significant
17 locations in your neighborhood to help us identify the
18 parameters of your community. What are your shared
19 interests, what brings your community together, what is
20 important to your community, are there nearby areas you
21 want to be in a district with, are there nearby areas you
22 don't want to be in a district with, why or why not?

23 Has your community come together to advocate for
24 important services, better schools, roads, or health
25 centers in your neighborhood? We also invite you to use

1 the community of interest tool to draw a map and describe
2 your community by visiting drawmycacommunity.org. This
3 website is also available in 16 languages. Skip the line,
4 go online, submit your community of interest input today
5 and please encourage at least three other people in your
6 circles to do the same.

7 We will now begin the public input sessions and
8 we'll start with people who are registered and then open
9 the phone lines if there is time before the next session.
10 If you are calling without an appointment, please do not
11 hang up as you will lose your place in line.

12 I will pass this over to Katy, our comment
13 moderator; Katy will read the instructions and then
14 instruct our Somali interpreter to read the site
15 translation for the open public input session instructions.
16 Katy, the floor is yours.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.
18 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the raise
19 hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the
20 queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will be
21 identified by your assigned unique ID number, which you
22 were emailed yesterday. You will be reconnected to the
23 session with the ability to enable your own video and/or
24 audio.

25 You will then be assigned a speaker order number

1 before you begin speaking. Please make a note of your
2 speaker order number for future reference. If you are
3 calling without an appointment, please do not hang up as
4 you will lose your place in line.

5 If you will be using an interpreter, please
6 identify the language you speak as soon as you are
7 connected. The Commission will be enforcing a 3-minute
8 time limit for English speakers and a 6-minute time limit
9 for those with an interpreter. There will be a warning at
10 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining.

11 It is the Commission's goal to find the area on
12 the map you would like to discuss prior to your testimony.
13 If you are within a specific neighborhood of a large city,
14 please mention it by name. Once we are able to locate your
15 area, your 3 or 6-minute testimony will begin. Attendees
16 will not be able to share their screen.

17 And is the Somali interpreter available at this
18 time?

19 (No audible response)

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Mr. Hassan?

21 (No audible response)

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The Somali
23 interpreter, Mr. Hassan, are you available to --

24 SOMALI INTERPRETER: Can you hear me?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Are you

1 available to translate, do you have them in front of you?

2 SOMALI INTERPRETER: Yes, I do.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect, thank you so
4 much. The floor is yours.

5 SOMALI INTERPRETER: Thank you. (Instructions
6 read in Somali). Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 SOMALI INTERPRETER: Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time, we will
10 be starting with 003 and up next will be 019. 003, I will
11 be promoting you now. 003, your speaker order number will
12 be Number 1 if you will please make note of that for future
13 reference. If you could please let the mapper know what
14 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

15 (Whereas the following was interpreted from
16 Spanish to English).

17 JOSÉ MANUEL GARCIA: Thank you very much; I would
18 like to speak in particular about the Escondido area. Very
19 well, my name is José Manuel Garcia and I have been a
20 resident of the Escondido City for almost 25 years.

21 I have been a pastor in Hispanic churches for
22 almost 30 years. And I'm a newly elected member of the
23 City Council for the City of Escondido. This afternoon I
24 would like to speak at the need of maintaining or keeping
25 the communities mentioned together. These are communities

1 of interest and particularly we're referring to the
2 agricultural identification.

3 As a Hispanic, as a pastor of Hispanic churches,
4 I have many members who are part of these community. And
5 they might grade for work within those areas that we have
6 mentioned. Another aspect of these agricultural area are
7 the wine areas, the vines, grapevines, excuse me. And I
8 also find that many of my members, members of my
9 congregation work in those areas. I've also discovered
10 that many members of our community work in that area as
11 well.

12 I think that it's important for us to keep these
13 areas together because we also have the 15 Highway that
14 runs right through those areas. It connects these areas.
15 And it allows that these community of interest can mobilize
16 and work within that area.

17 Additionally, I would like to express that I'm a
18 pastor of a Hispanic church in Fallbrook. And I see a
19 unification of interest particularly Fallbrook and
20 Temecula. And again talking and touching upon the same
21 issues, employment and transportation, the economic growth
22 of this area is not simply provided by agriculture, but it
23 is also helped by the mobility, the ability to mobilize and
24 to work with ease.

25 So I would like to say this afternoon that I

1 think it would be a good thing to maintain together these
2 areas of interest for the reasons that I have expressed.
3 Thank you so much and I thank you for giving me the time
4 and having listened to me. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
6 Right now we will have 002 and up next will be 020. 002, I
7 will be promoting you now. 002, your speaker order number
8 will be Number 2 if you will 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 NANCY NGUYEN: Hi, my name is Nancy Nguyen; I'll
12 actually be giving a public comment on behalf of an
13 organization. I'm a civic engagement organizer for the
14 Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans and we
15 work at the intersection of African, Middle Eastern,
16 Muslim, South Asian refugee communities. PANA is a
17 research, public policy, and community organizing hub
18 dedicated to advancing the full economic, social, and civic
19 inclusion of refugees.

20 We serve hundreds of immigrant and refugee
21 families across San Diego County. We presented to you in
22 November on diversity of African languages and best
23 practices for community engagement. Since last speaking
24 with you, we have conducted redistricting 101 sessions with
25 the community, hosted ten COI sessions with 200 residents

1 in the last three months, both virtually and in-person.

2 We met at parks, local mosques, and community
3 centers and we covered the COI sessions in English, Somali,
4 Oromo, Swahili, Arabic, and Dari, so our community members
5 could effectively engage in the process in their preferred
6 language. We engaged youth and elders in the community to
7 learn more about their experiences in schools and jobs.

8 Our community will be calling in to share their
9 experiences and speak about their COIs. I don't want to
10 speak on behalf of the community, but an example could be
11 in City Heights, there are two significant landmarks that
12 kept coming up, that includes the City Heights Tower and
13 the Colina Del Sol Park.

14 Community members will be calling in for their
15 COIs, including City Heights, El Cajon, and Southeast.
16 We're still in the process of using your COI app and we're
17 talking to community members before we formally submit our
18 COI through the app.

19 The community has come together to draw maps that
20 accurately represent us to ensure voting power to elect
21 representatives who look like us in office and have our
22 interests in mind. Thank you so much for your time and
23 listening. Really look forward to seeing you again in
24 September.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1 Right now we will have 020 and then up next will be 004.
2 020, I will be promoting you now. 020, your speaker order
3 number will be Number 3 if you will please make note of
4 that for future reference and if you'll please let the
5 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
6 is yours.

7 MICHAEL WHYTE: Hello everybody, my name is
8 Michael Whyte. I'm from Southeast. I would like to
9 discuss Southeast San Diego. I'm 44 years old and I've
10 lived in Southeast San Diego my entire life.

11 I was on a COI session on August 9th with Natasha
12 and Michael Lanae (ph.). I just wanted to talk about
13 Southeast San Diego and why we want to keep it together so
14 we can keep our numbers strong. That's a predominantly
15 black and brown areas of San Diego. We have traditional
16 landmarks such as FAM MART, Chicano Park. We have events
17 like PHATCAMP, that brings all the black women together to
18 play softball from different communities all throughout
19 Southeast San Diego and we have roundtable meetings as for
20 the fellas that's all from around Southeast San Diego to
21 try to get the gangs to be squashed.

22 The things that are key political issues that
23 impact our community are poverty, gangs, drugs. Southeast
24 San Diego tends to be the lower end of the financial scale
25 in San Diego, so it's overridden by cops and, you know,

1 they harass us and do all kind of illegal jury-rigged
2 stops.

3 I would like to put the landmarks -- east would
4 be Grand Avenue in Spring Valley, west would be 12th and
5 Imperial Transit Station, the trolley station, north would
6 be 54th and El Cajon, Hoover High School, the Bazaar, and
7 south would be Euclid and Division and Mario's clothing
8 shop right there.

9 These are predominantly black and brown
10 communities and in order for us to have a voice, a strong
11 voice together, we need to keep these communities together
12 because breaking us up apart and when it comes time to
13 vote, we all vote together, but it's all separated anyway.

14 So I would love -- thank you for taking my time
15 in consideration and thank you for hearing me out.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
17 Right now we will have 004 and then up next will be 019.
18 004, I will be promoting you now. 004, it appears that
19 there may be some connectivity issues and I am unable to
20 promote you; however, I will use the audio only option at
21 this time.

22 DELORES CHAVEZ HARMES: Can you hear me?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There you are. So
24 your speaker order number will be Number 4, if you'll
25 please make note of that for future reference and if you'll

1 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
2 discuss, the floor is yours.

3 DELORES CHAVEZ HARMES: Valley Center, I included
4 that in the chat also. Good afternoon, my name is Delores
5 Chavez Harmes, I am the Chair of the Valley Center
6 Community Planning Group and I also have served as the
7 President of the Latino American Political Association of
8 San Diego County for the last six years, which is a non-
9 partisan organization founded in 1973 to promote leadership
10 and unity in the Latino community and to increase Latino
11 participation in the political process and in
12 representation government.

13 Today I am testifying on behalf of Valley Center
14 to request that the communities of Valley Center,
15 Fallbrook, Bonsall, Pala, Pauma Valley, Rainbow, and De Luz
16 are included in the same district to protect our shared
17 rural character and ensure our unique needs and concerns
18 over housing and wildfire prevention are well represented.

19 As chair of the Valley Center Community Planning
20 Group and a Valley Center resident for over 12 years, I
21 know well the unique concerns my neighbors and I share with
22 the surrounding communities over housing development and
23 protecting our rural character.

24 In Valley Center and other surrounding
25 unincorporated communities, housing is largely limited to

1 one acre lots which helps protect the rural character of
2 our communities. Coastal incorporated cities to our west,
3 such as Oceanside, Vista, Carlsbad, and even San Marcos
4 have very different priorities when it comes to housing.

5 Similarly, Section 8 low income housing is
6 administered in our rural communities by the County of San
7 Diego's Housing and Community Development Services
8 Department, which is very different than the coastal cities
9 such as Oceanside and Carlsbad.

10 In order to ensure our unique priorities for
11 housing are well represented, I request that the rural
12 communities of Valley Center, Bonsall, Fallbrook, Pauma
13 Valley, Pala, Rainbow, and De Luz are all included in the
14 same district.

15 Valley Center also shares concerns regarding the
16 ever present threat of wildfires and the need for wildfire
17 prevention funding with our surrounding communities. These
18 concerns are shared by the surrounding communities of Pauma
19 Valley, Bonsall, Fallbrook, Pala, Rainbow, De Luz, and even
20 parts of Escondido.

21 Once again the more urban coastal communities
22 west of Valley Center including San Marcos, Vista,
23 Oceanside, and Carlsbad do not share these concerns to the
24 same extent that we do. For these reasons, I am
25 requesting --

1 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: 30 seconds.

2 DELORES CHAVEZ HARMES: -- our rural communities
3 are kept in the same district apart from the urban
4 communities to our west to ensure our wildfire concerns are
5 well represented. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
7 Right now we will have 019 and I'd like to invite 018 to
8 use the raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen
9 as you do have an appointment during this session and you
10 will be next after 019. Right now we have 019. I will be
11 promoting you at this time and up next will be 018, I see
12 that hand. 019, your speaker order number will be Number
13 5, if you'll please make note of that for future reference
14 and if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
15 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

16 RAMAH AWAD: Hi, my name is Ramah Awad, and I'm a
17 community advocate with the Arab Community Center in San
18 Diego, we're based in El Cajon, so I'm today mostly
19 concerned with the City of El Cajon. We're somewhere in
20 between District 50 and District 53.

21 I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak
22 today and for hosting these public hearings so that our
23 communities can be more involved in this process. I work
24 with San Diego's Arab, refugee, and immigrant communities
25 in El Cajon, but also across San Diego County.

1 San Diego County, as I'm sure you all know, has
2 historically and continues today to receive the greatest
3 number of refugees in the state of California. Most of the
4 community members that I work with through the center have
5 resettled here within the past 5 to 10 years after fleeing
6 war in their homelands in the Middle East, namely from Iraq
7 and Syria.

8 My daily work is dedicated to ensuring that they
9 gain access to the services and resources that they need
10 and my community is connected through their shared
11 experiences as refugees and as newer immigrants. They're
12 also connected by a common language, being Arabic. They
13 share similar cultural values as well as attend similar
14 places of worship. They are renters, business owners, and
15 a huge proportion of them work in the service sector and
16 are recipients of government aid programs.

17 As a community advocate, we are involved in the
18 process of redistricting because there is a direct
19 relationship between the limited (ph.) realities of
20 community members and federal policies that they -- that
21 relate to housing, health care, immigration, and foreign
22 policy.

23 Our first involvement in redistricting was with
24 the 2020 Census. Since the census, since the census data
25 fails to account for Arabs in the U.S., we had to make a

1 concerted effort last year to ensure that our communities
2 are registering or were registering for the 2020 Census.

3 Since then, since our campaigning efforts, we
4 have been mapping our community members by having them mark
5 their places of residence, schools, and religious
6 institutions on both digital and physical maps. We have
7 found that our communities are currently divided between
8 District 50 and District 53 on the Congressional level.

9 This means that our communities do not have a
10 strong say in federal policies that have direct
11 implications on their lives in the U.S. as well as the
12 lives of their families abroad. I urge that the Commission
13 pay --

14 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: 30 seconds.

15 RAMAH AWAD: -- attention to this divide and work
16 to redraw the lines in a way that keeps our Arab, Muslim,
17 and refugee communities in San Diego together so that they
18 have a real say in the policies that most impact them.

19 Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
21 Right now we will have 018; I will be promoting you now.
22 018, your speaker order number will be Number 6, if you
23 will please make note of that for future reference. You
24 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
25 corner of your screen. If you will please let the mapper

1 know what area you would like to discuss today, the floor
2 is yours.

3 FERNANDO GARCIA: Great, thank you. Can you hear
4 me?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

6 FERNANDO GARCIA: Great. The area I want to talk
7 about is in Oceanside and Bonsall and Fallbrook --

8 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Thank you, go ahead,
9 please.

10 FERNANDO GARCIA: -- and Camp Pendleton. My name
11 is Fernando Garcia, I'm a retired Marine. I retired in
12 Camp Pendleton. I'm also an immigrant, I'm a Latino
13 immigrant, I immigrated here from Mexico when I was seven,
14 so I can do Español if you want, I can do English. Let's
15 just stick with the English so that we don't do the
16 translator.

17 So I live right at the most northeast corner of
18 Oceanside. My home, it's in the Arrowood neighborhood on
19 Vandegrift Boulevard is a very important avenue that joins
20 Camp Pendleton and Oceanside, as well as there's a part
21 that goes towards Fallbrook.

22 So there is about 800 military students in Camp
23 Pendleton that go to Fallbrook as well. My daughter went
24 to Fallbrook High School even though I live in Oceanside,
25 that's just how the districts are drawn here for on the

1 school wise.

2 So Bonsall is another school that our kids go to.
3 Our school district that our kids go to here in Northeast
4 Oceanside so we have a lot of shared interests. Besides
5 that, we have public transportation. There is a couple of
6 bus lines that transport people from Fallbrook to Camp
7 Pendleton to Oceanside to Bonsall back and forth to work
8 for commuting purposes.

9 The water resources -- the most important vital
10 asset that we have is water. Fallbrook and Camp Pendleton
11 share a vital water source between the two. Additionally,
12 school districts, like I already mentioned, there's a lot
13 of federal funding that goes from Department of Defense
14 towards the area for schools as well as Fallbrook has
15 invested in the school district to support all these 800
16 kids.

17 Additionally, many military families live in
18 Fallbrook, so just to keep it, keep it simple, I'm
19 requesting just to keep the Camp Pendleton, Fallbrook,
20 Oceanside, and Bonsall areas together because that a lot of
21 the people that work, live, and play live in these four
22 areas.

23 Military commute to Bonsall for dinner, Bonsall
24 to Fallbrook to work, Fallbrook to Oceanside to work. So,
25 yeah, these four communities are so intertwined together, I

1 don't -- I just cannot fathom, you know, having them
2 breaking apart, so I'm requesting for these four to stay,
3 stay together or be together if possible. That's it, thank
4 you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
6 Now at this time, I'd like to invite those that have called
7 in to please press star 9 on their telephone keypad to
8 raise their hand indicating they wish to give comment. I
9 see those hands. Right now we will have caller with the
10 last four 7682 and then up next will be caller 5600.
11 Caller 7682, if you will please follow the prompts to
12 unmute at this time. Caller 7682, your speaker order
13 number will be Number 6 -- no, your speaker order number
14 will be Number 7, if you'll please make note of that for
15 future reference and if you'll please let the mapper know
16 what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

17 RAMI IBRAHIM: Hi, Commissioners, the area I'd
18 like to discuss is El Cajon, California. My name is Rami
19 Ibrahim and I've been a resident of San Diego for 21 years
20 and I'm currently a volunteer with the Majdal Center. We
21 are located in the heart of our community on Main Street in
22 El Cajon.

23 We are a community and resource center located in
24 El Cajon for Arab refugees, immigrants, and residents of San
25 Diego. We seek to empower and uplift all members of the

1 Arab community in San Diego with a community network of
2 over 300 families and a base of largely Syrian, Iraqi, and
3 Palestinian refugees and new immigrants.

4 We are a community of interest in San Diego with
5 a shared language of Arabic, largely renters, recipients of
6 government aid programs, and are largely employed in the
7 service industry. We have been really busy holding
8 community mapping sessions locally and attending
9 redistricting hearings in the city of El Cajon, as we are
10 not counted in the census and we have to make ourselves
11 visible.

12 At a youth event that we held in Wells Park in El
13 Cajon last month, we supported over 30 youth in mapping
14 their homes, schools, and community spots and we also held
15 a tabling session at the Islamic Center of San Diego East
16 County on 833 Broadway in El Cajon.

17 We successfully supported over 15 Arab,
18 immigrant, and Muslim community members in giving testimony
19 at the El Cajon city redistricting meeting at the Hillside
20 recreation center. Our community members testified in both
21 English and Arabic and we fully supported them with
22 translated materials.

23 And so we're now transitioning to a larger focus
24 on the state redistricting process and you'll definitely
25 hear from many of our community members today. Our

1 community is currently split right down the middle at the
2 Congressional level between Districts 50 and 53.

3 It's critical that our Arab, Muslim, and refugee
4 communities stay together in this upcoming redistricting
5 cycle. Many of our community members in El Cajon share
6 community support networks with refugees in other parts of
7 the county, like Spring Valley and City Heights in
8 particular.

9 From community mapping, we've also found that our
10 community members who shop and pray in El Cajon are also
11 located in those cities. Currently, many community members
12 are struggling to pay rent.

13 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: 30 seconds.

14 RAMI IBRAHIM: There's a lack of affordable
15 housing. Many members became unemployed from the pandemic
16 and many of our school are facing Islamophobia and
17 bullying. Additionally, many of our recently resettled
18 families are still getting used to life in the U.S. --

19 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: 15 seconds.

20 RAMI IBRAHIM: -- and many rely on each other in
21 (indiscernible) communities. It's important that our
22 communities stay together. Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 Right now we will have caller 5600 and then up next will be
25 caller 9559. Caller 5600, if you will please follow the

1 prompt to unmute at this time. Caller 5600, your speaker
2 order number will be Number 8, if you'll please make note
3 of that for future reference and if you'll please let the
4 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
5 is yours.

6 BRENDA AGUIRRE: Hello, I would like to discuss
7 the South Bay, Mid-City area of San Diego. My name is
8 Brenda Aguirre and I'm calling from Chicano Federation. We
9 serve as provider of home-based children and toddler-based
10 program and as an advocate on behalf of emerging issues of
11 equity and it's very important to advance the Latino
12 community. The Chicano Federation embraces --

13 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Excuse me, caller 5600,
14 could you please speak closer to the microphone and speak
15 louder, please?

16 BRENDA AGUIRRE: Can you hear me?

17 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: We'll restart your time.
18 Yes. Speak louder, please.

19 BRENDA AGUIRRE: Thank you. The Chicano
20 Federation is based in City Heights, but serves communities
21 in Western San Diego County, Orange County, and Coachella
22 Valley as well. I'm calling today to urge you to respect
23 the Latino community of interest in the South Bay in San
24 Diego County.

25 The South Bay has a high Latino population with a

1 combination of monolingual, Spanish, and bilingual
2 residents. We are renters and low income working class
3 homeowners. Housing affordability is a major issue in our
4 community. Our proximity to the border means that we have
5 a strong Mexican American culture that is concerned about
6 immigration, like border patrol presence as well as Spanish
7 language access, equal access to education and services and
8 housing affordability.

9 Many Latino families have mixed status families
10 and this has influenced several generations about how to
11 interact with government, law enforcement, voting, and
12 access to service that they qualify for. The voter rights
13 of the Latino community should be respected in the South
14 Bay and Mid-City areas where majority of Latinos live.
15 This includes San Ysidro, Chula Vista, National City,
16 Barrio Logan, City Heights, Sherman Heights, and Logan
17 Heights.

18 Even though San Diego Bay, this community does
19 not include Coronado. The Latino community has been
20 historically marginalized and disenfranchised from the
21 voting and civic engagement process. This community of
22 interest needs to be empowered to ensure that Latinos
23 cannot only influence and voice their needs and concern,
24 but that they be done equitably to repair generations of
25 bias and neglect that have harmed our community.

1 Please respect our community by keeping us
2 together in the restriction process. Thank you for your
3 time.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
5 Right now we will have caller 9559 and then up next will be
6 caller 1834. Caller 9559, if you'll please follow the
7 prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 9559, your speaker
8 order number will be Number 9, if you'll please make note
9 of that for future reference and if you'll please let the
10 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
11 is yours.

12 RAHMO ABDI: Hi, I'm calling from City Heights.
13 My name is Rahmo Abdi; I'm a community organizer with PANA.
14 I'm calling (indiscernible) City Heights, which is
15 (indiscernible) and has been coined as Little Somalia.

16 Hundreds of hundreds of immigrant and refugee
17 families across San Diego County. We hosted
18 (indiscernible) session with 200 residents both in virtual
19 and in person at local community park over the past month
20 in multiple languages, English, Somali, Oromo, Swahili,
21 Arabic, so youth and elder in the community could
22 effectively engage in the process in their proper language
23 to learn more about their experience.

24 And we are so grateful for the (indiscernible)
25 tools which we have been using with the community members

1 during our mapping session. Our community has been
2 (indiscernible) shut out of the process. We have been here
3 over 30 years and this is our first time our community has
4 put (indiscernible) in mapping and we are very excited to
5 be part of redistricting (indiscernible).

6 It is very important for our voice to be heard
7 and unified to have representation in politics and someone
8 who has been -- who has our community best interest in
9 mind. This is our first time -- this is our first
10 opportunity for us to share our (indiscernible) as an
11 African, immigrant, and refugee community.

12 We lived in underserved community in San Diego,
13 we shut out of all decision making process and we want to
14 bring change in our community by unifying a voting bloc.
15 The refugee community in City Heights experienced high
16 rates of hidden homelessness with families that wound up in
17 the same home to afford rent and having to face navigating
18 a new environment without language access.

19 This makes a simple task like applying for a job,
20 visiting doctors, or enrolling kids in a school, or going
21 to DMV is very difficult for us, which is why it is
22 important for us to stay together in one community in
23 drawing a map that accurately represent us. Thank you for
24 your time.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1 Right now we will have caller 1834 and then up next will be
2 caller 3362. And I would like to invite those that have
3 called in to please press star 9 to raise their hand
4 indicating they wish to give comment. Caller 1832, if
5 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute at this time.
6 1834, I apologize. Caller 1834, your speaker order number
7 will be Number 10, if you'll please make note of that for
8 future reference and if you'll please let the mapper know
9 what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

10 OROMO INTERPRETER: Hello, my name is Saliyo
11 Hasjamasan (ph.). I'm from San Diego, California. I'm
12 representing Oromo language translation. So I now start --

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment. Did you
14 say Oromo?

15 OROMO INTERPRETER: Yes, ma'am.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. One
17 moment, please. Oh, you are the translator, sorry, my bad.
18 All right, one moment.

19 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Caller 1834, we are going
20 to rename you so that we know that you are our Oromo
21 interpreter and you will be able to mute and unmute
22 yourself using star 6 as needed. Thank you so much for
23 calling in, we'll move on to the next caller.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: However, while I have
25 you, I believe we will go ahead and do the instructions in

1 Somali and Oromo. So if you could please not mute yourself
2 momentarily. Do you have the instructions with you for
3 unmuting and muting for -- do you know what I'm talking
4 about?

5 OROMO INTERPRETER: Yes.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, okay. If you
7 could please -- I guess we'll just do the consecutive
8 instructions at this time. If you could please repeat the
9 instructions to raise -- if you could please press star 9
10 to raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment if
11 you have called in at this time. Could you please
12 interpret that, interpreter for Oromo?

13 OROMO INTERPRETER: Yes. Hello, my name is
14 Saliyo Hasjamasan. I'm interpreting for Oromo language
15 which is represented at the East San Diego and San Diego
16 areas. The number that I have over here in Oromo
17 is -- (Instructions read in Oromo).

18 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Just a moment, Mr.
19 Saliyo, is this Mr. Saliyo?

20 OROMO INTERPRETER: Yes.

21 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Hi. Could you please
22 interpret the following for the people in the queue? Could
23 you please interpret, please press star 9 to raise your
24 hand indicating you wish to speak? That's, that's what we
25 need right now, if you could just interpret that, please,

1 into Oromo.

2 OROMO INTERPRETER: Can you repeat that what
3 you're saying?

4 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Please press star 9 to
5 raise your hand indicating you wish to speak.

6 OROMO INTERPRETER: I did.

7 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Could you please just do
8 it into the same line that you're on right now? All right,
9 we're going to, we're going to work with you offline.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Do I have the Somali
11 interpreter at this time? Mr. Hassan?

12 SOMALI INTERPRETER: Yes, can you hear me?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, I can. If you
14 could please interpret for me to please press star 9 to
15 raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment at this
16 time.

17 SOMALI INTERPRETER: (Instructions read in
18 Somali). Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

20 SOMALI INTERPRETER: Thanks.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time, we will
22 be going to caller 3362, if you could please follow the
23 prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 3362, your speaker
24 order number will be Number 11, if you will please make
25 note of that and if you'll please let the mapper know what

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

2 PATRICK BADEN: Hi, my name is Patrick Baden
3 (ph.) and the area I'd like to discuss is the territory
4 that includes Rancho Bernardo, Carmel Mountain, and Sabre
5 Springs.

6 These communities are in the 92128 and 27 zip
7 code, the southern border is the 56th Freeway and Ted
8 Williams Parkway and depending on where you cut off the
9 area, the western border is slightly then to the west of
10 the I-15 of Rancho Bernardo and then the eastern border
11 would be the city of Poway as well as then San Pasqual
12 Valley is the finger that shares that area here with us as
13 well.

14 You know, part of the communities of interest
15 here that tie us together is the education and one of those
16 issues is the community college district with the similar
17 ties that we have with East County vice (ph.) the city of
18 San Diego, Rancho Bernardo, Carmel Mountain, Sabre Springs
19 and San Pasqual Valley are all in the Palomar Community
20 College District, which also serves Escondido and Poway.
21 None of our communities here in this area are represented
22 by the San Diego Community College District.

23 Another concern is the Poway Unified School
24 District serves these communities as well. Rancho
25 Bernardo, Carmel Mountain, Sabre Springs, and Poway are all

1 within the Poway Unified School District keeping us
2 together, as well as most of the areas that are mentioned
3 here also share a workforce together with the Poway
4 Business Park as well as the Rancho Bernardo Business Park.

5 Our communities work and live and play together
6 and based upon that, I believe that they should be kept
7 together. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
9 And at this time, we will go to caller with the last four
10 4407, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute your
11 telephone at this time.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Somali?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Somali.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Somali, yes. Mr.
16 Hassan, are you available? Somali, Mr. Hassan?

17 SOMALI INTERPRETER: Yes, I'm sorry, I'm here.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect, thank you so
19 much. Caller 44 --

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 4407, your
24 speaker order number will be Number 12, if you will please
25 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, it

1 is --

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- the floor is yours.

4 (Conversation in Somali)

5 SOMALI INTERPRETER: Can I start now?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, please.

7 (Whereas the following was interpreted from
8 Somali into English).

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Spring Valley. So the
10 area I want to talk about is Spring Valley, Paradise
11 Valley, Area -- and College Area and City Heights Area. So
12 there's a lot of refugees in that area and they don't speak
13 English and they have a common interest and we would like
14 them to be in the same area, to be in the same community.

15 So for them, the last year during the
16 presidential election, some people from the same family or
17 relatives each one of them went to different districts, so
18 they did not vote in the same area, they went to different
19 districts or different areas to vote.

20 So we would like to have the same Congressman and
21 live in the same area and we are from Paradise Valley to
22 College Area, and thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 For those that have called in, if you could please press
25 star 9 if you wish to raise your hand indicating you wish

1 to give comment, please press star 9.

2 The Oromo interpreter, if you could -- oh, wait,
3 we do have a hand, but one moment. Oh, okay, we're going
4 to go to the hand, never mind. All right. Oh,
5 (indiscernible) speak. He's right over here. Okay, right,
6 got it. Oromo interpreter. If the Oromo interpreter could
7 please press star 6 to unmute himself, Mr. Saliyo? Mr.
8 Saliyo, Oromo interpreter, if you could please press star 6
9 on your telephone keypad to unmute yourself. Thank you so
10 much.

11 If you could please repeat the instructions to
12 please press star 9 on your telephone keypad to raise your
13 hand if you wish to give comment at this time. Mr. Saliyo,
14 can you hear me?

15 OROMO INTERPRETER: Yes.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Could you
17 please repeat the instructions, if you could please press
18 star 9 to raise your hand if you wish to give comment at
19 this time?

20 OROMO INTERPRETER: Yes, I'm commenting Oromo for
21 Oromo audience right now.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, could you please
23 interpret the instructions that I just repeated?

24 OROMO INTERPRETER: Yes.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Could you

1 please repeat it in this line to the people that are in the
2 call-in queue for this, this meeting?

3 OROMO INTERPRETER: Yes. Okay. (Instructions
4 read in Oromo). Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. At
6 this time, we do have one hand, I have caller 1223 that was
7 prior to interpretation. Caller 1223, if you will follow
8 the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 1223, will you
9 be needing an interpreter today? Caller 1223, can you hear
10 me? Caller with the --

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. Will you be
13 needing an interpreter today?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: What language?

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Somali.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Mr.
18 Hassan, Somali, Somali, Hassan.

19 SOMALI INTERPRETER: Okay, yes, I'm here, ma'am.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Could you
21 please let the speaker know that their speaker order number
22 is Number 13 and to let the mapper know what area they
23 would like to discuss --

24 SOMALI INTERPRETER: The number --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- and the floor is

1 theirs.

2 SOMALI INTERPRETER: (Instructions read in
3 Somali).

4 (Whereas the following was interpreted from
5 Somali into English).

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) San Diego,
7 East High [sic] Area. So we want to have -- we want to be
8 in the same district, in the same area to vote for the same
9 person and because we are all over the place now, so City
10 Heights and I want -- we want City Height and the College
11 Area to be the --

12 We are a Somali community and there are so many
13 of us in this area. Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
15 All right. At this time, for those that have called in, if
16 you wish to give comment, please press star 9 on your
17 telephone keypad. And I believe we will do the
18 instructions one more time for those that have called in.
19 The Somali -- oh, we do have a hand. We'll go to the hand
20 first.

21 Caller 5542, if you will please follow the
22 prompts to unmute. Caller 5542, will you be needing an
23 interpreter today?

24 ABDI AZIZ JAMA: Yes.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Language?

1 ABDI AZIZ JAMA: Somali (indiscernible).

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Somali, Hassan, are
3 you available?

4 SOMALI INTERPRETER: Yes, I'm here.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Will you please let
6 the speaker know that their speaker order number is Number
7 14 and to let the mapper know what area they would like to
8 discuss and the floor is theirs.

9 (Whereas the following was interpreted from
10 Somali into English).

11 ABDI AZIZ JAMA: I live in City Heights and my
12 name is Abdi Aziz Jama. So we are in San Diego County in
13 El Cajon City, Green Valley, and Imperial Area. We would
14 like to vote in the same district because we are in several
15 different districts now, so we would like to be in the same
16 area and to be able to vote in the same area. Thank you
17 very much. Thank you very much and that's all what I want
18 to say and have a good day.

19 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Can I ask for clarification from
20 the previous caller?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah. Of course,
22 Chair. Caller 55 -- oh --

23 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: They're gone, right?

24 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: It's (indiscernible) --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, they're gone.

1 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: I'm sorry.

2 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Okay, thank you. We'll try to
3 get in touch with them (indiscernible).

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. For those that
5 have called in, if you wish to give comment, please press
6 star 9 on your telephone keypad. I believe we will do the
7 interpretation again. The Somali interpreter, if you are
8 available, if you could please interpret to press star 9 --

9 SOMALI INTERPRETER: Okay.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- on your telephone
11 keypad if you wish to raise your hand to give comment.

12 SOMALI INTERPRETER: (Instructions read in
13 Somali).

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
15 And the Oromo interpreter --

16 SOMALI INTERPRETER: (Indiscernible).

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
18 And the Oromo interpreter. Oh, one moment. All of the
19 interpreters, please make themselves available at this
20 time, Arabic, Tagalog, and Spanish.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Arabic, Tagalog, and
22 Español.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We will start with
24 Spanish at this time, if you could please interpret to
25 press star 9 to raise your hand if you wish to give

1 comment.

2 SPANISH INTERPRETER: (Instructions read in
3 Spanish).

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 SPANISH INTERPRETER: My pleasure.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we'll go to the
7 Arabic, if you could please interpret to press star 9 if
8 you wish to raise your hand to give comment at this time.
9 That is for the Arabic interpreter, please.

10 ARABIC INTERPRETER: (Instructions read in
11 Arabic).

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 ARABIC INTERPRETER: (Spoken in Arabic).

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And for the Tagalog
15 interpreter, if you could please interpret to press star 9
16 to raise your hand if you wish to give comment at this
17 time. Or Oromo, we've got Oromo, Oromo? Oromo's gone.
18 We'll do Tagalog, Tagalog. May I please have a Tagalog
19 interpreter at this time? May --

20 FILIPINO INTERPRETER: (Instructions read in
21 Filipino). Filipino interpreter, thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 And the Oromo interpreter. Mr. Saliyo, if you could please
24 interpret the instructions of pressing star 9 to raise your
25 hand if you wish to give comment?

1 (No audible response)

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 (No audible response)

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The Oromo interpreter,
5 if you could please interpret the instructions on the Zoom
6 line to press star 9 to raise your hand verbally, if you
7 could please ask the queue to raise their hand for me that
8 would be great.

9 OROMO INTERPRETER: (Instructions read in Oromo).
10 Thank you, operator so I already pressed my message.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
12 Now we do have a raised hand at this time, caller 0362, if
13 you could please follow the prompts to unmute at this time.
14 Caller 0362, if you could please press star 6 to unmute at
15 this time. Caller 0362, would you be needing an
16 interpreter? Caller, interpreter?

17 (No audible response)

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, they're gone.

19 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. We are
20 actually right at 4:30, which is the time we are required
21 to take our mandatory break and when we come back from
22 break at 4:45, Commissioner Sinay will be leading us from
23 there. See you all back here at 4:45.

24 (Off the record at 4:30 p.m.)

25 (On the record at 4:46 p.m.)

1 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Welcome back. Sorry, about
2 that, wanted to make sure my mike was on. Welcome back to
3 the California Citizen Redistricting Commission Community
4 of Interest Input Meeting.

5 I am the Co-Chair today, Patricia Sinay. We also
6 encourage you to visit our community of interest tool to
7 draw a map and describe your community. You can go to
8 drawmycacommunity.org to find the tool.

9 For anyone who has joined us recently, we are
10 offering language lines for Spanish, Filipino/Tagalog, and
11 Arabic speakers to listen to the meeting in your native
12 language and a separate line for those who wish to provide
13 public comment and public input. Could I please have each
14 of our interpreters provide our language line number and
15 information to provide public input, starting with Spanish?

16 SPANISH INTERPRETER: This is the Spanish
17 interpreter. And, madam Chair, would you like the full
18 call-in instructions or just the language line?

19 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Both the language line and the
20 call-in instructions.

21 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Okay, perfect.
22 (Instructions read in Spanish). Thank you.

23 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Muchas gracias. Now the
24 Filipino/Tagalog interpreter, please read the site
25 translation for full call-in instructions.

1 FILIPINO/TAGALOG INTERPRETER: (Instructions read
2 in Filipino/Tagalog).

3 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Salamat, thank you. Now to
4 Arabic, please read the site translation for full call-in
5 instructions.

6 ARABIC INTERPRETER: (Instructions read in
7 Arabic). Thank you.

8 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Shukran, thank you. I will pass
9 this over to Katy, our comment moderator, to continue with
10 the public input. We will start with people who are
11 registered and then open the phone lines if there is time
12 before the next session.

13 We're also joined by Farsi and Pashto
14 interpreters. Katy, when you have completed the
15 instructions, please also request the Farsi and Pashto
16 interpreters to read the site translation for the open
17 public input session instructions.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. Welcome
19 to the public input session. Please use the raise hand
20 button at the bottom of your screen to enter the queue.
21 When it is your turn to speak, you will be identified by
22 your assigned unique ID number, which you were emailed
23 yesterday.

24 You will be reconnected to the session with the
25 ability to enable your own video and/or audio. You will

1 then be assigned a speaker order number before you begin
2 speaking. Please make a note of your speaker order number
3 for future reference.

4 If you are calling without an appointment, please
5 do not hang up as you will lose your place in line. If you
6 will be using an interpreter, please identify the language
7 you speak as soon as you are connected.

8 The Commission will be enforcing a 3-minute time
9 limit for English speakers and a 6-minute time limit for
10 those with an interpreter. There will be a warning at 30
11 seconds and 15 seconds remaining.

12 It is the Commission's goal to find the area on
13 the map you would like to discuss prior to your testimony.
14 If you are within a specific neighborhood of a large city,
15 please mention it by name.

16 Once we are able to locate the area you
17 are -- once we are able to locate your area, your 3 or 6-
18 minute testimony will begin. Attendees will not be able to
19 share their screen.

20 Mr. Varoujan, are you available?

21 FARSI INTERPRETER: Yes, I am.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you could please do
23 the interpretation for Farsi at this time?

24 FARSI INTERPRETER: Yes, sure. Good afternoon.

25 (Instructions read in Farsi). Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much --

2 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Katy?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

4 CO-CHAIR SINAY: May I ask you to please invite
5 the Oromo and Somali interpreters to say it as well?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, including the
7 Pashto?

8 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Oh, yes.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Pashto.

10 CO-CHAIR SINAY: I'm sorry, you just did -- yeah,
11 so all three.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: So all three, okay.
13 Perfect, got it, yes. So right now, we'll go to the
14 Pashto, Mr. Hamed Farhad. For the Pashto interpreter, if
15 you could please press star 6 on your telephone.

16 (No audible response)

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Mr. Hamed, the Pashto
18 interpreter, if you could please press star 6 to unmute and
19 interpret at this time.

20 (No audible response)

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay, we will go to
22 Oromo at this time. Oh, wait. Will the Oromo --

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Will the Oromo
25 interpreter please read the instructions to call in at this

1 time?

2 OROMO INTERPRETER: Yes, my name is Saliyo
3 Hasjamasan. (Instructions read in Oromo). Hi,
4 Commissioner, I already passed my message to an Oromo
5 translator.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay, thank you so
7 much. Would the Somali translator please do the call-in
8 instructions?

9 SOMALI INTERPRETER: Can you hear me?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

11 SOMALI INTERPRETER: Okay. (Instructions read in
12 Somali). Okay, thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
14 And back to the Pashto interpreter, if you could please
15 press star 6 on your telephone keypad to unmute yourself.

16 (No audible response)

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay, we will have to
18 come back to the Pashto interpreter; I will have staff
19 reach out to them.

20 At this time, we will be going to unique ID
21 number 036 and then up next will be 030. 036, I will be
22 promoting you now. 036, your speaker order number will be
23 Number 15.

24 CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ: Can you guys hear me
25 okay?

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. I have a
2 couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number
3 will be Number 15 if you will please make note of that for
4 future reference and if you'll please let the mapper know
5 what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

6 CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ: You guys can hear me
7 okay?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can, go ahead.

9 CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ: Okay, got it. I know I'm
10 on a time limit. My name is Christopher Rodriguez. I live
11 in the city of Oceanside, but right near the border of
12 Fallbrook. I'm a Marine Corps combat veteran and I'm a
13 Hispanic and I am married and I have seven children and a
14 small business owner.

15 The feedback I would like to provide to the
16 Redistricting Commission is the importance of Camp
17 Pendleton, the cities of Camp Pendleton, Fallbrook, and
18 Oceanside and how they really need to stay together.
19 There's a large military population in the city of
20 Oceanside, Fallbrook, and obviously on Camp Pendleton and
21 we are all dependent on each other from public
22 transportation, shared schooling, you know, veterans that
23 commute on and off base to the cities of Oceanside and
24 Fallbrook.

25 And so my feedback for the Commission is to

1 please keep the community of interest of our military
2 population together and keep Camp Pendleton, the city of
3 Fallbrook, and the city of Oceanside together with whatever
4 district lines are provided.

5 And my last recommendation is if you need to trim
6 from the district, the city of Del Mar and Encinitas is
7 just completely foreign to us here in North County, they
8 don't come up here, we don't go down there, and so that's
9 where I would recommend the Commission trims from. Thank
10 you so much.

11 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Caller, can I ask a question?

12 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Just a moment, Chair.

13 CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, can you hear me?

14 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Yes. Thank you for your input.

15 I just was -- wanted to understand, did you also want to
16 include the unincorporated areas around Oceanside and
17 Fallbrook and is Bonsall as a neighbor to both of those, is
18 that part of your --

19 CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ: Yes, absolutely. I mean,
20 I'll be honest with you, Fallbrook's a little bit more
21 expensive so, so there's not a lot of military that live in
22 -- I mean, I'm sorry, Bonsall's a little more expensive and
23 I think the population's like 3,000 or 4,000 and so and,
24 you know, it would make probably sense because Bonsall
25 connects, you know, right up against Fallbrook and

1 Oceanside.

2 But my biggest concern and the biggest point I
3 wanted to make is Fallbrook and Oceanside that border Camp
4 Pendleton, like the base entrances are there, I mean it
5 just, it just makes so much sense for our military
6 population to be together between those. But, yes, I
7 would, I would definitely recommend Bonsall to be a part of
8 that.

9 I just don't know the logistics of, you know, you
10 guys have a tough job of putting everything together and so
11 I just wanted to make my point with Fallbrook, Oceanside,
12 and Camp Pendleton being together, but Bonsall would be a
13 good fit as well because it's right there.

14 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay, thank you so much for
15 calling and giving us your input.

16 CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ: Absolutely, thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up
18 next will be 030. 030, I'll be promoting you now. Right
19 now, it will be 030 and then up next will be 026. I
20 apologize. 030, I'll be promoting you now. 030, your
21 speaker order number will be Number 16, if you will please
22 make note of that for future reference. If you'll please
23 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss,
24 the floor is yours.

25 NADINE HASSOUN: Hi, can we look at El Cajon on

1 the map, please? Okay. I'll begin now. Thank you. Hi,
2 Commissioners, my name is Nadine Hassoun, my community is
3 in El Cajon, California. I am a co-founder of and a
4 volunteer with the Arab Community Center in San Diego, also
5 called the Majdal Center. It's based in El Cajon. El
6 Cajon has historically been a hub for refugees and
7 immigrants, specifically from Iraq and Syria. My community
8 is connected through their shared experiences as refugees,
9 a common language, Arabic, shared cultural values, and
10 places of worship. They're renters, business owners, and a
11 huge proportion work in the service sector and are
12 recipients of government aid programs.

13 As community advocates, we've been involved in
14 the process of redistricting because there is a direct
15 relationship between the lived realities of the community
16 members we serve and federal policies as they relate to
17 housing, health care, immigration, and foreign policy.

18 We first began working or involving ourselves in
19 redistricting with the 2020 Census. Since the Census fails
20 to account for Arabs in the U.S., we made a concerted
21 effort last year to ensure our communities were registered
22 for the 2020 Census.

23 And since then, we've been mapping our community
24 members by having them mark their places of residence,
25 schools, and religious institutions on a map. We found

1 that our community is currently divided between District 50
2 and District 53 on a Congressional level, this means that
3 our communities don't have a strong say in federal policies
4 that have a direct implication on their lives in the U.S.
5 as well as the lives of their families abroad.

6 Currently, a lot of our members of -- our
7 community members are struggling with high housing costs,
8 school children are facing Islamophobia and bullying,
9 community members are about to take their citizenship tests
10 and are struggling to find resources to help them in the
11 process.

12 Additionally, a lot of them are new to the U.S.
13 and they're still getting used to life here and they really
14 rely on each other in tight knit communities for their
15 needs. I urge that the Commission pay attention to this
16 divide and work to redraw the lines in a way that keeps our
17 Arab and refugee communities in San Diego together so that
18 they have a real say on the policies that most affect them.
19 And that's all. Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
21 Right now, we will have 026 and then up next will be 033.
22 026, I will be promoting you now. 026, your speaker order
23 number will be Number 17, if you'll please make note of
24 that for future reference. You can now enable your audio
25 and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you

1 will please let the mapper know what area you would like to
2 discuss today, the floor is yours.

3 MAKHFIRA ABDULLAHI: Hi, can you all hear me
4 well?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

6 MAKHFIRA ABDULLAHI: So today I'd like to focus
7 on District 4, specifically the neighborhood Paradise
8 Hills.

9 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Thank you. Go ahead,
10 please.

11 MAKHFIRA ABDULLAHI: Thank you. So, hello, thank
12 you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Makhfira
13 Abdullahi and I serve as a leadership corps member of
14 PANA's Youth Congress, so I've been a resident of Paradise
15 Hills, San Diego for years and live on the street of
16 Montcliff Road. I spent my childhood here and view this
17 environment as my home and I really found that, like,
18 crucial to speak on this topic of redistricting within our
19 community.

20 So I participated in the community mapping
21 session posted by PANA. We're an organization of
22 immigrants, refugees, or children of immigrants and
23 refugees, and through such we define Paradise Hills by the
24 boundaries of Southcrest to Skyline Hills. These are just
25 a few locations to name that encompass the rich culture of

1 Paradise Hills and it's crucial that we protect our
2 communities.

3 We believe we share a lot of the shared community
4 characteristics with neighboring areas, such as City
5 Heights, La Mesa, Spring Valley, and the general southeast
6 of San Diego. In this case, I'd like to also highlight
7 City Heights in particular because although I'm not a
8 resident of there, I would like to say that this is
9 essentially a home away from home.

10 I've been able to attend Islamic school there and
11 the mosque all throughout my childhood and the La Mesa
12 community within City Heights and Paradise Hills share
13 languages, cultural practices, food, and common goals and
14 it's important that we connect these two and allow
15 representation equally for all.

16 For many years, our communities have paid tax and
17 have contributed to the economic and cultural vibrancy of
18 these areas and however, we have lacked representation. So
19 we hope that you don't ignore our community and the months
20 of participation that we have put into these.

21 And, overall, I'd just like to say thank you for
22 giving us the opportunity to testify today and we'll see
23 you at the September hearing. Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
25 Right now we will have 033; I will be promoting you now.

1 033, your speaker order number will be 18, if you will
2 please 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 BARRY JANTZ: Thank you very much. I'd like to
6 discuss the area of Jamul. Is that being pulled up?

7 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Like, it might have frozen.
8 There we go.

9 BARRY JANTZ: There we go. Thank you so much.
10 My name is Barry Jantz, I live in Jamul. I have lived here
11 for the last 11 years. Previously I lived in the city of
12 La Mesa, which is up north and to the west a little bit and
13 I served on the city council there for 16 years. But I
14 just wanted to mention Jamul from a Senate District
15 standpoint, it is currently part of Senate District 40 and
16 I believe it is probably more appropriate being part of
17 what is currently Senate District 38.

18 Senate District 40 stretches from urban San Diego
19 County and urban South County on the west all the way to
20 include Imperial County on the east and I don't believe
21 it's appropriate for that district because communities of
22 interest of East County which are north mostly shown there
23 north of Jamul are really more consistent with Jamul.

24 East San Diego County Region is a very diverse
25 geographic region including vast valleys, arid landscapes,

1 and mountainous terrain. The population's about 483,000
2 (ph.), maybe more, and it's comprised of four cities
3 including La Mesa, El Cajon, Santee, and Lemon Grove and a
4 number of unincorporated areas, rural communities, and
5 including Indian reservations (indiscernible) included in
6 that.

7 Many of those communities share outdoor
8 recreational opportunities, agriculture, open space, to
9 national and state parks and recreational activities as
10 well as one huge negative, extreme wildfire danger.

11 From a transportation standpoint, Jamul is
12 between Imperial County and urban San Diego as the crow
13 flies certainly, it really has nothing to do with either of
14 those. The closest communities are in the East County
15 where it is connected to Spring Valley by Highway 94, as
16 you can see there to the, to the west and to Rancho San
17 Diego to the north by Highway 54. Those are the two main
18 transportation corridors in and out of Jamul.

19 From an educational standpoint, Jamul shares
20 education districts with the other East County cities and
21 communities, not Imperial County or San Diego City. Jamul
22 shares both the Grossmont Union High School and Grossmont-
23 Cuyamaca Community College Districts with the other East
24 County community.

25 From a public safety standpoint, Jamul's public

1 safety programs are linked to San Diego County, certainly
2 not Imperial County or the city of San Diego. Like
3 surrounding communities, Jamul is served by --

4 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: 30 seconds.

5 BARRY JANTZ: -- the San Diego Sheriff's Office,
6 not the city of San Diego Police Department or the Imperial
7 County Sheriff's Office. And Jamul is also part of the
8 Grossmont Healthcare District, that special Grossmont -- a
9 special district --

10 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: 15 seconds.

11 BARRY JANTZ: -- (indiscernible). From a
12 wildfire standpoint, we also have much in common. So in
13 closing, Jamul is more appropriate with other like,
14 unincorporated, and incorporated cities making up East San
15 Diego County. Jamul is more appropriate as part of Senate
16 District 38. Thank you.

17 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Time.

18 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Caller? Oh, never mind.

19 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Just a moment, Chair.

20 Unique ID 033, the Chair had some questions for you,
21 please.

22 BARRY JANTZ: Yes, thank you.

23 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Go ahead, Chair.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, you're on mute.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There you are.

1 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. You brought up the
2 Senate District and then you gave us a community of
3 interest. Is that community of interest only for the
4 Senate District or in -- or community of interest for all
5 the maps we draw?

6 BARRY JANTZ: Assembly districts are obviously
7 smaller, so it's hard to say all of East County should be,
8 you know, in one assembly district.

9 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay.

10 BARRY JANTZ: Certainly a lot of these
11 communities of interest I mention East County due have
12 commonalities. I am speaking, you know, about the Senate
13 District specifically however.

14 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay, thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. At
16 this time, I'm going to invite those in the queue to please
17 press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to give
18 comment. I'd like to ask our interpreters -- all the hands
19 going -- actually most of the hands went up. Okay, we'll
20 do all the interpreters at this time as well.

21 Mr. -- the Somali, Hassan, if you could please do
22 the instructions to press star 9 to raise your hand if you
23 wish to give comment.

24 SOMALI INTERPRETER: (Instructions read in Somali).
25 Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 Thank you so much. Mr. Varoujan, Farsi.

3 FARSI INTERPRETER: Yes --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Would you please give
5 the instruction to press star 9 to raise your hand?

6 FARSI INTERPRETER: (Instructions read in Farsi).

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 FARSI INTERPRETER: You're welcome.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That is actually all of
10 our hands in the queue at this time, so we will go to the
11 hands. Caller 2512, if you will please follow the prompts
12 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. Caller 2512,
13 your speaker order number will be Number 19, if you'll
14 please make note of that for future reference and if you'll
15 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
16 discuss, the floor is yours. Do you need an interpreter?

17 (No audible response)

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller with the last
19 four 2512, can you hear me?

20 (No audible response)

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You are unmuted, can you
22 hear me?

23 MU ADHAM: Oromo.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oromo?

25 MU ADHAM: Yeah, Oromo.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Mr. Saliyo, will you
2 please press star 6 to unmute?

3 OROMO INTERPRETER: Yes, Mr. Saliyo is on the line.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
5 Caller 2512 is requesting your services, they're speaker
6 order 19, the floor is theirs.

7 (Whereas the following was interpreted from Oromo
8 into English).

9 MU ADHAM: Yes, ma'am, I say my name is Mu Adham
10 (ph.). I live in East San Diego for the last 19 years. So
11 he say Oromo community is located in City Heights Area and
12 Central San Diego -- La Mesa, and also Mission Valley,
13 Paradise, Paradise Hills, Normont (ph.) Heights, all the
14 map is (indiscernible) Oromo community where they live,
15 (indiscernible).

16 After that, we are barely (indiscernible). We need
17 the state of California recognize us, Oromo speakers, we
18 need (indiscernible) please our native languages to
19 be -- we need a translator on each government sectors, or
20 people in needed places.

21 OROMO TRANSLATOR: That's what he mentioned, ma'am.
22 Translation over.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Is the caller complete
24 with their testimony, will you please ask? Mr.
25 Interpreter, will you please ask?

1 (Whereas the following was interpreted from Oromo
2 into English).

3 MU ADHAM: Yes, ma'am, he testified that we need
4 it, especially my dad. He doesn't speak English.

5 But I testified (indiscernible) department is
6 (indiscernible) department is in any public benefit sector,
7 so we need Oromo person who translated by our languages, so
8 we need it. That's why he demanded, he mentioned it right
9 now.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay, thank you so much.
11 Is he complete with what he wanted to say?

12 OROMO TRANSLATOR: Can you repeat that Ma'am, what
13 did you say?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Is he complete with what
15 he wanted to say?

16 (Whereas the following was interpreted from Oromo
17 into English).

18 MU ADHAM: Yes, I completed my idea, especially
19 underlined one was all those elders, all those kids, all
20 (indiscernible) and new arrival from us. We are immigrant
21 from East Africa located, which is all East African
22 countries, so we needed a high demand of translation
23 of -- especially in the state of California. In other
24 state doesn't have -- they do have it, why California is
25 special, the (indiscernible) translator from different

1 states or different areas, that's why (indiscernible)
2 underline it and focus on it.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 OROMO TRANSLATOR: He finished it.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. All right.

6 Up next we have caller with the last four 2119 and then
7 after that will be caller with the last four 9306. Caller
8 2119, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at
9 this time by pressing star 6.

10 (No audible response)

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 2119, if you will
12 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6 on
13 your telephone keypad.

14 (No audible response)

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If I could please ask
16 the Somali interpreter to interpret the instructions to
17 press star 6 to unmute their telephone for caller 2119.

18 SOMALI INTERPRETER: (Instructions read in Somali).

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. The
20 Farsi interpreter, Mr. Varoujan, if you could please
21 interpret to press star 6 to unmute.

22 FARSI INTERPRETER: Yes. (Instructions read in
23 Farsi).

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 FARSI INTERPRETER: You're welcome.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If we could please have
2 the Oromo interpreter repeat the instructions to please
3 press star 6 to unmute. Mr. Saliyo, if you could please
4 repeat the instruction.

5 OROMO INTERPRETER: Yes, this is Saliyo, Oromo
6 interpreter. I think 29 --

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 2119.

8 OROMO INTERPRETER: No, no, 29036 was an Oromo. I
9 think he's on the line, doesn't push it. Let me call him
10 on another line so he can raise his idea so we can go
11 forward.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Could you please
13 interpret the instructions to press star 6 to unmute for
14 caller 2119, please, Mr. Saliyo?

15 OROMO INTERPRETER: Yes, ma'am. (Instructions read
16 in Oromo). I passed message.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
18 Could we please have a Tagalog interpreter? Is there a
19 Filipino/Tagalog interpreter available?

20 FILIPINO/TAGALOG INTERPRETER: Yes.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Could you please
22 interpret for caller 2119 if they could please press star 6
23 to unmute their telephone.

24 FILIPINO/TAGALOG INTERPRETER: (Instructions read
25 in Filipino/Tagalog).

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. If
2 we could please have an Arabic interpreter?

3 ARABIC INTERPRETER: Yes.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you could please
5 interpret for caller 2119 to press star 6 if they wish to
6 unmute.

7 ARABIC INTERPRETER: (Instructions read in Arabic).

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
9 Caller 2119 has decided to hang up at this time. Caller
10 9306 and then up next after that will be caller 3212.
11 Caller 9306, if you will please follow the prompts to
12 unmute at this time. Caller 9306, if you could please
13 press star 6 to unmute your telephone keypad.

14 HUSSEIN: Hello, hello. (Spoken in Oromo).

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Oromo? What?

16 HUSSEIN: (Spoken in Oromo).

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment. Mr. Saliyo,
18 if you could please interpret for caller 9306, their
19 speaker order number is Number 21, and the floor is theirs
20 and please let that mapper know what area they would like
21 to discuss.

22 OROMO INTERPRETER: Okay. (Instructions read in
23 Oromo).

24 (Whereas the following was interpreted from Oromo
25 into English).

1 HUSSEIN: Yes, my name, my name is Hussein
2 (indiscernible), thank you for having to me and to give to
3 me this opportunity and I'm very concerned about the state
4 of California, especially at this during COVID-19 pandemic.

5 Our population, especially the elder population
6 very suffering a lot because of due to translation in
7 public services, especially hospitals, in government
8 offices, in schools, in any benefit is taken to the doctor
9 bring back from doctor the need a person who translates for
10 them is call them out in different states and the people
11 who doesn't understand our local native languages.

12 So we really need the state of California focus on
13 this issue and we can go forward with you guys. Thank you
14 for offering to us and our population is living around the
15 Rancho Bernardo Area, Central San Diego by Mission Valley,
16 East San Diego, La Mesa, City Heights Area, so El Cajon
17 City.

18 We live around all those areas, so we need it as a
19 community, a special person or special from our community
20 people who knows our native language, we need a translator
21 as the state of California, we really demand it on it.

22 OROMO TRANSLATOR: Translation is over.

23 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Did he say Rancho Bernardo or
24 Rancho San Diego?

25 OROMO INTERPRETER: Rancho Bernardo.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
2 Right now will be caller 3212 and then up next will be
3 caller 5569 unique ID 029. Caller 3212, if you will please
4 follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 32 --

5 HAYDEN: Hi --

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. Your speaker order
7 number will be Number 22, if you'll please make note of
8 that for future reference and if you'll please let the
9 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
10 is yours.

11 HAYDEN: The area I want to discuss is the
12 California State University, San Marcos Area, and the 78
13 like freeway that runs through San Marcos to Vista. So my
14 name is Hayden and I'm a student at Cal State San Marcos
15 and I just want to come on here today and discuss some of
16 the issues that me and my classmates are interested in and
17 hope that you guys will consider.

18 So one of -- some of the big ones would be, you
19 know, clean beaches and environment and funding for higher
20 education, so I wanted to bring that forward. And I also
21 wanted to talk about transportation mainly. So we -- as a
22 student, I currently live in Vista, California and I rely
23 on the 78 Freeway to get to work and now that we're going
24 back in-person to school, I will be relying on that to get
25 to school.

1 And I also know quite a few classmates who will be
2 also using the Sprinter line to be able to get to Cal State
3 San Marcos for classes this fall, so I just wanted to talk
4 about how I believe that it's really important for the
5 transportation, especially that 78 corridor and the
6 Sprinter to be all linked in the same district because we
7 rely on those for transportation to and from school and a
8 lot of us to and from work.

9 And I believe that it would be a lot better for the
10 students and to be able to get to school if we were able to
11 have our transportation in the same district, it would be
12 able to work better, flow better, and we would also have a
13 lot more say in what would be happening in that district if
14 we were able to both live, go to school, and commute
15 through the same district.

16 So I just wanted to really talk about that because
17 I know that a lot of my classmates are low income or
18 minority students. Cal State is a school of about 15,000
19 students and it is considered a commuter college, which
20 means a lot of the students live in the area and I think it
21 would be a lot better if Cal State was linked into a
22 district with areas such as Vista and Oceanside, where a
23 lot of the students tend to come from, along with the whole
24 seven- -- with the whole Sprinter line as well.

25 I think our needs would be a lot better served if

1 we were linked to the college, such as like Mira Costa,
2 which is over in Oceanside and also linked to Palomar. If
3 we were all linked in the same district, I believe that
4 that would help with transportation needs --

5 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: 30 seconds.

6 HAYDEN: -- to and from school and also to work.
7 So I just wanted to bring that to your attention so that,
8 you know, students could have more of a say, you know, in
9 what's happening in our daily lives. So thank you so much.

10 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Caller?

11 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Just a moment, Chair.

12 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Of course.

13 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Caller 3212, if you could
14 please press star 6, the Chair has some additional
15 questions for you. Go ahead, Chair.

16 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Hi. Thank you for calling in and
17 sharing your thoughts. When you say the 78, you brought up
18 the 78, the Sprinter, and Vista and San Marcos, can you
19 give us a little bit more detail, is it all the 78, you
20 know, just and how far north and how far south, if you're
21 looking at the corridor?

22 HAYDEN: So I just basically, so what I was
23 thinking was more that I just want the area of Cal State
24 San Marcos --

25 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Um-hum.

1 HAYDEN: -- which is a little bit south of the 78
2 corridor.

3 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Right.

4 HAYDEN: I want that to be linked in with the more
5 western regions of Vista and Oceanside --

6 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay.

7 HAYDEN: -- because, yeah, that would keep the
8 lines together.

9 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay, that's perfect. Thank you
10 so much.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
12 have caller 1243 and then up next after that will be caller
13 4540. Caller 1243, if you will please follow the prompts
14 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. Caller 1243, do
15 you need an interpreter?

16 ALEENA JUNE: No, actually I don't, thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Your speaker
18 order number will be Number 23, if you'll please make note
19 of that for future reference and if you'll please let the
20 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
21 is yours.

22 ALEENA JUN: Thank you. My name is Aleena Jun; I'm
23 calling from CAIR, San Diego. I currently live in the
24 county of San Diego; I also live in -- off of Paseo
25 Montril, which is Rancho Penasquitos Area.

1 My background is education, so I work a lot with
2 the youth and one of the issues that we constantly bump
3 into is the fact that students, minority students are
4 underrepresented, particularly in Senate District 39 and
5 38.

6 We have seen this, in fact, it's even made it to
7 international media that students who are minorities,
8 especially if you're Latino, Black, or Muslim or if you
9 look Middle Eastern, you tend to undergo this stigma of
10 Islamophobia, even if you're not Muslim.

11 Recently in Escondido, Orange Glen High School,
12 when they were playing basketball, the students who are
13 predominantly Latino, were thrown tortillas at, it was a
14 humiliating experience for a youth to experience and on top
15 of that, it was just -- it wasn't the first time they have
16 experienced something like this.

17 We also had people who wore T-shirts that said
18 Convicts against Catholic (ph.). This rhetoric has been
19 going on for a while and this is coming from the
20 educational space. So the reason why I'm calling about
21 redistricting and why it impacts our youth is because we
22 don't have representation, we don't have curriculums that
23 emphasizes on the health of our youth, where they actually
24 can go to school, get the education they want without the
25 trauma and PTSD that come out because of this hateful

1 rhetoric.

2 I'm hoping that you can look into the map of the
3 Senate District 39 and 38 and realize there are over five,
4 there are over five mosques in District Senate 39 and then
5 there's over six mosques with educational facilities
6 attached to it in District Senate 38.

7 In both of these districts, they have huge private
8 schools attached to it too. 39 represents about 20 to
9 25,000 AMEMSA community, AMEMSA is American [sic], Muslim,
10 Middle Eastern, South Asian Communities. Senate District
11 38, it represents about even a larger map of it, which is
12 about 30 to 40,000 AMEMSA community.

13 I know this because I'm working on the census
14 myself. I'm trying to understand what is happening, why is
15 there so much bullying, there's so much, you know, trauma
16 that's coming out of those districts. We have done our
17 bullying through CAIR San Diego.

18 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: 20 seconds.

19 ALEENA JUN: We have done our statistics and it
20 shows that those two districts who are separated from their
21 Muslim community and their identities, they have the
22 highest turnout --

23 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: 10 seconds.

24 ALEENA JUN: -- when it comes to bullying
25 experiences. And I'm hoping that you could actually keep

1 our communities together instead of separating us so our
2 students, our youth, our children are protected --

3 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Time.

4 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Caller?

5 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Just a moment, Chair.

6 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Sure.

7 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Caller 1243, will you
8 please press star 6? The Chair has some additional
9 questions for you.

10 ALEENA JUN: Yes.

11 CO-CHAIR SINAY: You had brought up two Senate
12 Districts, but do you have actual -- to be able to keep the
13 community together, do you have some boundaries or to let
14 us know about?

15 ALEENA JUN: Yeah, I'm hoping that you do not
16 separate those Senate Districts. I'm hoping you're keeping
17 those Senate Districts together without coming in and
18 breaking the districts to smaller pieces where youth that's
19 already experiencing trauma are furthering their trauma.
20 So I'm hoping that 39 still is kept in 39, 38 is kept in
21 38.

22 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay, Thank you.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
25 caller 5569, which is unique ID 029, and then up next after

1 that will be caller 3325. Caller 5569, if you will please
2 follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 5569,
3 your speaker order number will be 24, if you'll please make
4 note of that for future reference and if you'll please let
5 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the
6 floor is yours.

7 JOSHUA RAINES: Can you hear me okay?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

9 JOSHUA RAINES: Okay, perfect. I am going to be
10 discussing the area of Oceanside, North County, San Diego,
11 Vista, San Marcos, Encinitas, Camp Pendleton.

12 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Thank you, go ahead,
13 please.

14 JOSHUA RAINES: Okay, my name is Joshua Raines; I
15 am an Oceanside homeowner and a 2-year resident. Prior to
16 that, I lived in Vista for about since 2011. I currently
17 am a criminal prosecutor for the state of California. I am
18 a part-time Air Force officer and I have experience on the
19 Oceanside Planning Commission.

20 I have two children, one goes to Guajome, which is
21 in Vista, one goes to Tri-City Christian, which is in
22 Vista. Specifically, I want to ask the Commission to keep
23 as far as the community of interest goes, I would like to
24 see a community of interest as far as like the Oceanside
25 Area, Camp Pendleton, San Marcos, and Vista kept as a unit

1 if you will. I will give the Commission some examples of
2 that.

3 As I stated, I'm a homeowner at Oceanside. My kids
4 go to the schools, as I had mentioned. My wine club
5 membership, North County Wine Company, is in San Marcos.
6 Occasionally, my wife and I will go on dates in San Marcos
7 to Restaurant Row. Additionally, I have many friends who
8 live in San Marcos who frequent the beaches in Oceanside.
9 I myself frequent the beach in Oceanside and I also
10 frequent the beach on Camp Pendleton.

11 I think I will echo one of the other callers who is
12 also military spoke to the importance of keeping Oceanside
13 and Camp Pendleton together. I echo that sentiment as a
14 military member myself; those two communities are pretty
15 much integrated.

16 And if you had to cut any area of the community or
17 declare it not a community of interest, I would
18 (indiscernible) would be the area that really doesn't kind
19 of jive or flow with our culture up in North County. I
20 really don't go there and nobody that I know goes there
21 unless you have a specific purpose for going that far.

22 We either just go down to San Diego and I know of
23 nobody that lives in Encinitas or Del Mar that comes up to
24 our area. And with that, I will conclude my comments
25 unless there are any questions.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 CO-CHAIR SINAY: All right, caller, a quick
3 question, you cut out on when you said who you wouldn't
4 want and then, and then you had said Encinitas and Del Mar,
5 so I didn't know if that's what happened when you
6 were -- when you cut out?

7 JOSHUA RAINES: I do apologize; the prompt that you
8 guys probably can't hear is screaming in my ear, I could
9 not hear one thing you said.

10 CO-CHAIR SINAY: No problem. You had cut out. You
11 had said the communities you wanted together and then you
12 said you could cut out and then unfortunately your phone
13 went, we didn't hear you. So where were -- what are the
14 communities you don't want?

15 JOSHUA RAINES: The communities I don't think
16 really fit well with the district would be Encinitas and
17 Del Mar.

18 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Thank you so much.

19 JOSHUA RAINES: Of course.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
21 right now we will have caller 3325 and then up next will be
22 caller 2119, and I would like to invite those that have
23 called in to press star 9 on their telephone keypad to
24 raise their hand if they wish to give comment, but right
25 now we will go to caller 3325. Caller 4540, I do see your

1 hand. Caller 4540, unique ID 037, we will be getting to
2 momentarily after this caller.

3 Caller 3325, if you'll please follow the prompts to
4 unmute at this time. Caller 3325, if you'll please press
5 star 6 to unmute your telephone at this time. Caller 3325,
6 your speaker order number will be Number 25, if you'll
7 please make note of that for future reference and if you'll
8 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
9 discuss, the floor is yours.

10 ASHMAN FAROOD: (Speaking in Somali). Somali.
11 (Speaking in Somali).

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Somali, one moment. Do
13 you need an interpreter?

14 ASHMAN FAROOD: Yes.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Somali?

16 ASHMAN FAROOD: Yep, yes.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Mr. Hassan.

18 SOMALI INTERPRETER: Yes, I'm here, ma'am.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect, thank you so
20 much.

21 SOMALI INTERPRETER: Yeah, I'm here.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Their speaker order
23 number -- oh, go ahead.

24 (Whereas, the following was interpreted from Somali
25 into English).

1 ASHMAN FAROOD: My name is Ashman Farood (ph.) and
2 I live in La Mesa and I've been here for almost three years
3 now, but my relatives, they're all over the place. Some of
4 them, they live here in La Mesa, some of them they live in
5 Temecula (ph.), and City Heights, City Heights, Paradise
6 Hills, El Cajon, and so on. (Indiscernible).

7 (Spoken in Somali).

8 So we live, we live -- there's not only us, but
9 there's like a lot of Somali immigrants, immigrants overall
10 in general, some of them are Somali, some of them they're
11 Oromo and we are living in different areas, so we would
12 like to have like a district where we can all be together
13 in the same area because we are all over the place now.

14 And (Spoken in Somali).

15 So for the last three months, there's a group
16 called PANA that used to come to us and they got a lot of
17 information.

18 PANA, sorry. And they collected a lot of
19 information about us and we would like to what they
20 collected or what they advised to be approved because we
21 want to be -- stick together and be in the same area.

22 (Spoken in Somali).

23 So (indiscernible) and areas again so that will
24 help us politically, economically, and education-wise, all
25 the immigrants in the area so we can be together.

1 And thank you very much for your time.

2 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Caller, could you be a little bit
3 more specific on to keep the Somali and Oromo community
4 together, where on the map you all are? You said
5 (indiscernible)?

6 (Whereas, the following was interpreted from Somali
7 into English).

8 ASHMAN FAROOD: So that we will all live in almost
9 in the same area for there's like highways and freeways
10 dividing us, so we would be all -- we want to be all be in
11 the same area so we can all vote in the same district and
12 not be separated.

13 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Great, thank you so much.

14 (Whereas, the following was interpreted from Somali
15 into English).

16 ASHMAN FAROOD: What was my number, 21 you said?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 25.

18 ASHMAN FAROOD: Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

20 SOMALI INTERPRETER: Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
22 caller 4540, unique ID number 037, and then after that will
23 be caller 1752. Caller 4540, if you will please press star
24 6 at this time to unmute. Caller 45- --

25 OMAIR KHAN: Hi, can you all hear me?

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Your
2 speaker order number will be Number 26, if you'll please
3 make note of that for future reference and if you'll please
4 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss,
5 the floor is yours.

6 OMAIR KHAN: Awesome, thank you. I live in Serra
7 Mesa, but I will be speaking also about North County. My
8 name is Omair Khan (ph.), I just -- as I said, I'm a
9 resident of Serra Mesa. I am here representing the CAIR
10 San Diego, which is the Counsel on American-Islamic
11 Relations. I'm also representing the many people in our
12 communities I engage with, that I ally with who cannot join
13 this call due to different issues of accessibility, as we
14 know, that's an issue in certain parts of San Diego and in
15 California.

16 CAIR is the Counsel on American-Islamic Relations.
17 We're a civil rights and advocacy non-profit with offices
18 nationwide and for here in California, we serve, you know,
19 over 100,000 Muslims in San Diego, but our work by its
20 nature extends to those, anyone who needs civil rights or
21 civic rights.

22 You know, one of our biggest projects in 2020 was
23 the census survey, where we surveyed about -- where we
24 reached about over 725,000 people and because that was so
25 important, redistricting is also a very important topic in

1 that process. Now that we've counted people, we want to
2 make sure that our communities are also accurately in the
3 redistricting process, are represented and are
4 participating.

5 We're currently, as a community, what we're working
6 with in the North County Area along with PANA, which has
7 been mentioned earlier, we're working in the data gathering
8 phase so we are getting addresses, zip codes, and surveys
9 from the community, pinning down, you know, where they
10 live, where they socialize, where they attend schools.

11 So currently, that is a process that we are
12 engaging in and not finalized and we are doing this
13 especially in the North County Area. And, you know, this
14 is important to me, this is important to my community.

15 I identify as a Muslim, I'm a person of color. You
16 know, as a representative of CAIR also by the nature of my
17 role, it's my job to ensure that the communities I
18 represent are fairly and accurately represented in the
19 redistricting of the county lines or the district lines.

20 And, you know, after a very saddening summer last
21 year filled with a lot of innocent lives that we lost,
22 primarily of Black (indiscernible) communities and with so
23 many protests asking for the justice system to be fair,
24 it's important that we have an accurate drawing of district
25 lines so that our community can have a fair shot at

1 electing candidates who will represent the communities they
2 serve and fight for those that they serve. Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
4 Right now, we will have caller 1752 and up next after that
5 will be caller 3914. Caller 1752, if you'll please follow
6 the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 1752, your
7 speaker order number --

8 MARIA LAJACAS: Hello. Buenas tardes.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi, what, do you need an
10 interpreter?

11 (Spanish conversation)

12 (Whereas the following was interpreted from Spanish
13 into English).

14 MARIA LAJACAS: Good afternoon, my name is Maria
15 Lajacas (ph.), I am an organizer with CHIRLA (ph.) and I
16 live in the community Hesperia. As a member of the
17 community for over years, I have seen the growth of the
18 Hispanic community in the High Desert area.

19 My community has grown in what used to be largely a
20 White area has become more of a Hispanic area, however
21 there are many other communities as well, communities that
22 speak other languages, not just Spanish.

23 This community in the High Desert area is composed
24 mostly of working class people from the lower working class
25 to a medium working class. The High Desert area does not

1 have many employment opportunities, many places where
2 people can work, and that is the reason why most of the
3 people in our communities go elsewhere for work.

4 There are many people, such as truck drivers and
5 other people who commute very lengthy distances to get to
6 work, like my husband, who works in Los Angeles. There are
7 work opportunities, but they saw opportunities in the
8 service industry, local stores, and but there aren't many
9 jobs that pay well.

10 The High Desert area lacks so many resources, such
11 as parks and community places, spaces, and hospitals and
12 different other tools. Sometimes we're sent outside of our
13 community for these types of resources.

14 Right now our community is composed of other
15 communities of interest that share no interest with ours
16 who are in a different economic status, places like Big
17 Bear and Lake Arrowhead, and these communities are not
18 similar to my communities at all.

19 So I would like to see these communities separated
20 and our communities to be in close or be together with
21 other communities that have more in common, such as
22 Victorville, Hesperia, and (Spoken in Spanish).

23 Yep, I would like Victorville, Hesperia, and
24 Adelanto to be part of these other areas mentioned such as
25 Lancaster, part of more -- part of LA, because these places

1 share a lot of common interest. We also share
2 transportations, like freeways and highways, and we also
3 share areas where we come to look for work.

4 It would also be better for us, we would have a
5 much better representation because for years we have been
6 ignored, our voices haven't been heard, and that is the
7 reason why I think this would be a good idea to group us
8 together. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
10 Right now we have caller 9767 and then up next, we have
11 caller 9808. Caller 9767, if you will please follow the
12 prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 9767, do you need
13 an interpreter?

14 RAMIRO RODRIGUEZ: (Spoken in Spanish) interpreter.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Uno momento.

16 SPANISH INTERPRETER: (Spoken in Spanish).

17 RAMIRO RODRIGUEZ: (Spoken in Spanish).

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Mr. Reyes, this is
19 the -- whoever I am -- if you could please let them know
20 that their speaker order number's Number 28, I would
21 appreciate that, thank you.

22 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Absolutely. (Interprets into
23 Spanish)

24 (Whereas the following was interpreted from Spanish
25 into English).

1 RAMIRO RODRIGUEZ: Hello, my name is Ramiro
2 Rodriguez and I'm a member of CHIRLA. Today I want to
3 speak about -- today I'm going to speak as a representative
4 of the community, speak about my experience living as a
5 resident.

6 In the community of the High Desert, Victorville,
7 and other communities mentioned, living there for 12 years.
8 Yeah, my community is very diverse. The data from the U.S.
9 Census has revealed that Hispanic population composes
10 almost 60 percent of the population in Inland Empire.

11 I have heard several languages spoken throughout my
12 community, such as Spanish, Tagalog, Korean, Vietnamese,
13 Farsi, Arabic, and last language not clear to the
14 Interpreter -- Hebrew, excuse me.

15 As an editor of a Spanish language magazine in the
16 High Desert area, I have seen people in these communities,
17 in my communities that live in extreme division between
18 wealth and poverty.

19 On the streets of Rodeo and 7th Streets in
20 Victorville, you can see people begging for money. While
21 in other areas, you see those big old houses with beautiful
22 views and a lot more access to resources.

23 In the Victorville and Adelanto Area, we have a
24 need for more employment; we only have certain companies
25 such as M&M, Pet Food (ph.), Dr. Pepper, and furniture

1 manufacturers. But most of the employment is found in the
2 service industry and these people live check to check while
3 they make the minimum wage.

4 The majority of the population of Victorville,
5 Hesperia, Adelanto, and the High Desert Area have to travel
6 elsewhere for work. We need more employment, the type of
7 employment that our people need in order not just to make a
8 living, but to be able to prosper.

9 The city of Victorville has access to a variety of
10 hospitals, parks, and recreational areas. Once again, in
11 the High Desert Area, we see the disparities of access to
12 the community resources --

13 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: 30 seconds.

14 RAMIRO RODRIQUEZ: -- and this has something to do
15 with the way that our politicians at the local and federal
16 level have shut the door right in our faces and
17 particularly if they hear us speaking Spanish.

18 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Quince segundos.

19 RAMIRO RODRIQUEZ: We need there to be a change in
20 the leadership and our political representatives that do
21 want to see our Hispanic communities prosper.

22 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Time.

23 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Señor?

24 SPANISH INTERPRETER: (Speaks in Spanish). Go
25 right ahead.

1 (Conversation in Spanish)

2 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Go right ahead, Ms. Patricia.

3 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. (Spoken in Spanish).

4 Can you tell us with who you want to be with?

5 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Could you please tell --

6 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Perdón.

7 SPANISH INTERPRETER: That's okay.

8 (Whereas the following was interpreted from Spanish
9 into English).

10 RAMIRO RODRIQUEZ: Okay. So Congress District
11 Number 8, Senate District 21, Assembly District 33, this is
12 where we are. It is -- I would like for the districts to
13 absorb other local districts so we can have a stronger
14 presence.

15 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Does he know which -- what cities
16 or districts he would like to be included?

17 RAMIRO RODRIQUEZ: So the communities mentioned and
18 also any other community that isn't next to us right now
19 but that they are communities like ours and that we would
20 be better if we were united.

21 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay, thank you.

22 RAMIRO RODRIQUEZ: Yeah, muchas gracias.

23 CO-CHAIR SINAY: So we are at our required break,
24 so that our ASL and other interpreters can all take a
25 little bit of a break. We'll be back in 15 minutes and so

1 we'll see you at 6, at 6:30.

2 (Off the record at 6:14 p.m.)

3 (On the record at 6:30 p.m.)

4 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Welcome back to the California
5 Citizen Redistricting Commission Community of Interest
6 Input Meeting. For anyone who has joined us recently,
7 we're offering language lines for Spanish,
8 Filipino/Tagalog, and Arabic language speakers to listen to
9 the meeting in their native language and a separate line
10 for those who wish to provide public comment or public
11 input.

12 Could I please have each of our interpreters
13 provide our language line numbers and the information to
14 provide public input? We'll start with Spanish.

15 SPANISH INTERPRETER: This is the Spanish
16 interpreter.

17 CO-CHAIR SINAY: I was just going to finish the
18 instruction. Just please read the site translation of full
19 call-in instructions.

20 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Will do, Chair, thank you.
21 (Instructions read in Spanish). Thank you.

22 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Gracias. Now to the
23 Filipino/Tagalog Interpreter, can you please read the site
24 translation of full call-in instructions?

25 FILIPINO/TAGALOG INTERPRETER: Thank you.

1 (Instructions read in Filipino/Tagalog). Thank you.

2 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Salamat. And now to the Arabic,
3 please read the site translation of full call-in
4 instructions.

5 ARABIC INTERPRETER: Sure. (Instructions read in
6 Arabic). Thank you.

7 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Shukran. This session is
8 specifically dedicated to those that did not have an
9 appointment; however, if you had an appointment and were
10 unable to call during your time block, we encourage you to
11 call now.

12 We will continue to take public input at this time
13 as well as invite the public to give us general public
14 comments. The phone lines for the public input and public
15 comments will close at 7 p.m., so we encourage you to call
16 right now.

17 We will get to all the callers who are in the queue
18 by the time -- all the callers who are in the queue by 7
19 and we'll go beyond 7 if needed. With that, I'm going to
20 pass you over, pass this over to Katy, our comment
21 moderator. Katy, after you read the instructions, please
22 instruct the Farsi and Pashto instructors to read the site
23 translation for the beginning of open line instructions.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. The
25 Commissioners will be taking community of interest input

1 and public comment by phone at this time. To call in, dial
2 the telephone number provided on the livestream feed, it is
3 (877)853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting ID number
4 provided on the livestream feed, it is 81933017362 for this
5 meeting.

6 When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply
7 press the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you will be
8 placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please
9 press star 9, this will raise your hand for the moderator.
10 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message that
11 says the host would like you to talk and to press star 6 to
12 speak.

13 If you would like to give your name, please state
14 and spell it for the record. You are not required to
15 provide your name to give public comment. Please make sure
16 to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent any
17 feedback or distortion during your call.

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

21 Mr. Varoujan?

22 FARSI INTERPRETER: Yes.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Could you please read
24 the call-in instructions at this time?

25 FARSI INTERPRETER: Sure. (Instructions read in

1 Farsi). End of translation.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 Mr. Aziz (ph.)?

4 PASHTO INTERPRETER: Yes, ma'am.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Do you have a copy of
6 these instructions?

7 PASHTO INTERPRETER: Yes, I do.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
9 Would you please interpret them at this time?

10 PASHTO INTERPRETER: Sure. (Instructions read in
11 Pashto). End of translation.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 PASHTO INTERPRETER: You're welcome.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time, we will
15 have caller with the last four 9808 and then up next in the
16 queue will be caller 3974 which is unique ID number
17 035 -- 035. But, right now caller 9808, if you'll please
18 follow the prompt to unmute at this time by pressing star
19 6. Caller 9808, your speaker order number will be Number
20 29. If you will please let the mapper know what area you
21 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

22 ERICA SCHWART: Hi, thank you so much. I would
23 like to discuss Assembly District 36 and I would like to
24 start by thanking the Commissioners for having this
25 opportunity for myself and my other fellow Californians to

1 participate in today's redistricting process.

2 My name is Erica Schwart (ph.) and I am with SBCC,
3 Strength Based Community Change, we work out of LA County.
4 I'm also representing Best Start Region 5 and the NALEO
5 Educational Fund.

6 I've lived most of my live in Los Angeles County
7 and for the majority of my life it is somewhere where I
8 love and I appreciate for everything that we have, but I'm
9 here today to talk about my specific region, which is the
10 Antelope Valley, which is engulfed within the Assembly
11 District 36.

12 It is located north of Angeles Forest Highway and
13 specifically where I live, which is Lake Los Angeles, the
14 community of Lake Los Angeles, we are as of 260th Street
15 East to the east of us, north is Avenue A, which is other
16 portions of the unincorporated LA County.

17 Then as we get into the city of Palmdale, our line
18 is 90th Street East on the west side and to the south of
19 us, Pearblossom Highway, which is Highway 138. This
20 community is unique because they -- we are predominantly a
21 Hispanic community, but that does not mean that we do not
22 have other demographics of ethnicities in our area.

23 It is something that we pride ourselves in, in
24 unique and diversity. We have one regional park that we
25 work out of in terms of community unity projects and things

1 that we used to do prior to COVID of course. We also have
2 a state park, Saddleback State Butte Park, and we have an
3 Indian museum that is managed by the state of California as
4 well.

5 We have several wildlife reserves, our neighbors to
6 the east of us is Phelan in San Bernardino County and to
7 the north of us is Edwards Air Force Base and further up is
8 Rosamond and Cal City.

9 I would like to state that my community of interest
10 is within the Antelope Valley, Lake Los Angeles. We hold a
11 unique title of being, you know, just at the tip end of the
12 Mojave Desert, but also we lack a lot of resources, so it's
13 difficult for us to be in a district where the home base
14 will be further out.

15 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: 30 seconds.

16 ERICA SCHWART: We would prefer to stay within our
17 district. We care about illegal dumping issues; we care
18 about the issues in our community as far as early
19 education. We only have two schools for a lot of community
20 members that live here, I think it's 12,000.

21 We're considered rural, but I don't believe that we
22 are backwards. We have to drive 20 minutes east or west in
23 order to get to any major grocery stores and what I feel is
24 that in order for us to really maintain a cohesive and
25 unity and that --

1 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Time.

2 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. I just wanted to
3 remind the public that at 7:00, we will be closing down our
4 lines, so please call in now if you'd like to speak, share
5 your communities of interest today or have a public
6 comment, and we will be here until past 7 to hear you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair. Right
8 now we have caller with the last four 9135 and up next
9 after that will be caller 6103. Caller 9135, if you will
10 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time.

11 (No audible response)

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 9135, if you will
13 please press star 6 on your telephone keypad to unmute your
14 phone. Caller 9135, do you need an interpreter?

15 (No audible response)

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 9135, can you
17 hear me?

18 (No audible response)

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You are unmuted, can
20 you --

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, I'm unmuted, I'm
22 unmuted, sorry.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's okay. Hold on
24 one second. Hold on. Your -- so your speaker order number
25 will be Number 30, if you'll make note of that for future

1 reference, and then if you'll please let the mapper know
2 what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, I'm actually calling
4 from the 39th District, Senate District, and the 79th
5 Assembly District for California. I live in Oak Park,
6 Southeast San Diego and just wanted to comment about my
7 area, a small area in Southeast San Diego, Oak Park.

8 I'm part of the Oak Park Community Council and just
9 wanted to say that our community is very diverse and
10 there's a number of issues, social issues affecting our
11 community, including homelessness, unemployment,
12 educational opportunities, et cetera, et cetera, sort of
13 like a microcosm of what other communities are
14 experiencing.

15 We have had a shift in our population as far as
16 it's primarily Latino, Asian, and Black, not --
17 (indiscernible) percent probably White, but the majority,
18 you know, African-American, Latino, and Asian. So I just
19 want to say that to continue with the same line, boundary
20 line, and that's all I wanted to say. Thank you so much.

21 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. Katy, I was -- could
22 we have the interpreters just quickly tell people that the
23 lines will be closed at 7, so if they want to speak to
24 please call in now? Can we go through each of the
25 interpreters?

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Do they have that
2 in their script or is it something that we need to do a
3 consecutive translation on?

4 CO-CHAIR SINAY: That's a great question. I don't
5 know if it's in their script, but I could, I could just say
6 it, is that what you're saying?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Marcy -- she said they
8 have already made this announcement in their intro.

9 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Oh, okay, then I apologize. Thank
10 you for making that announcement.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 CO-CHAIR SINAY: All yours, Katy.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Caller 6103
14 will be right now and then up next will be caller 2768.
15 Caller 6103, if you will please follow the prompts to
16 unmute at this time by pressing star 6 on your telephone
17 keypad. Caller 6103, do you need an interpreter this
18 evening?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, I do not.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Your speaker
21 order number will be Number 31, if you'll please make note
22 of 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 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I'd like to

1 discuss the Congressional District Area 52. I live in that
2 district currently in Torrey Highlands and I'm calling
3 because I would like to make sure Torrey Highlands, Pacific
4 Highlands Ranch, Carmel Valley, Del Mar Highlands,
5 Fairbanks, Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo, and Poway stay
6 together even if the district lines are changed.

7 I know Ocean -- excuse me, I know Coronado and down
8 by the San Diego International Airport are also in that
9 district, but the first part of what I mentioned for those
10 areas is important to stay together for the following
11 reasons: We share the 56 Freeway corridor from Del Mar to
12 the Del Mar Mesa Preserve all the way to the 56 which turns
13 into Ted Williams Parkway to Poway and Rancho Bernardo.
14 All our areas are interconnected by that 56 Freeway as well
15 as our main streets of Camino del Sur and Camino del Norte.

16 In addition to the location, the Poway School
17 District, which is in Rancho Bernardo and Poway Area
18 reaches into Torrey Highlands and it's important that those
19 districts stay together.

20 As mentioned previously, with being in the 56
21 Freeway corridor, we're connected by the Del Mar Mesa
22 Preserve and we have common interest in canyon
23 preservation, in our bike trails, in the bike path along
24 the 56 going into Poway and Rancho Bernardo, so we have
25 common interest in the schools and our land location.

1 And lastly, we all share in this area similar
2 socioeconomic status. Our median incomes are roughly the
3 same, our property values are roughly the same, and due to
4 the locations and how we're connected, this coastal living
5 lifestyle is minutes away from the beaches due to the 56
6 bond that we have.

7 So based on our location and our schools and the
8 area we want to preserve with our canyons, I'd like those
9 areas to stay district together even if the lines are
10 changed. Thank you.

11 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Caller?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: They're still there.

13 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Ma'am, are you there?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, I am.

15 CO-CHAIR SINAY: You had said you wanted to include
16 Fairbanks Ranch, it's currently not in the 52, but you
17 would like to include it?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I would like to include it
19 because Camino del Sur connects to San Dieguito Road and
20 we're all -- and I say we, I mean, many of the people in
21 this, we're kind of always looping around to include that.
22 I think that's important we share common ground as well,
23 they are not completely right on the coast as are we, but
24 in and out of going up to Camino del Sur down Carmel Valley
25 Road and to San Dieguito Road, we share that common area.

1 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay, thank you so much.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now it will be
4 caller 2768 and then up next will be caller 2119. Caller
5 2768, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at
6 this time. Caller 2768, your speaker order number will be
7 Number 32, if you'll please make note of that for future
8 reference and if you'll please let the mapper know what
9 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

10 MARIA AGRAVEL: Hello.

11 (Conversation in Spanish).

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Uno momento, por favor.

13 (Conversation in Spanish).

14 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Ms. Katy, can you repeat her
15 call number, please?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 32.

17 (Whereas the following was interpreted from Spanish
18 into English).

19 MARIA AGRAVEL: Commissioners, thank you so much
20 for giving me the opportunity to give you my testimony
21 today. I'm an active member of IHAD West (ph.) and I'm
22 also associated with the organization, SBCC, and I also
23 collaborate with the educational fund, NALEO. My community
24 is composed largely by African-Americans and Hispanics and
25 we share the same needs.

1 I have five children and four adopted children. I
2 have lived in Los Angeles for over 20 years. In the
3 District 8, which is by Normandie, but I identify more with
4 District Number 15.

5 Since all of my children have attended the schools
6 in Watts, the schools are mostly magnet high schools and
7 middle schools, in Compton between 104th Street and Compton
8 Boulevard. And also King/Drew High School which is located
9 on 120th Street in Compton and also Jordan High School
10 which is located on 103rd Street and Alameda.

11 I have been a volunteer in different schools in
12 Watts and other community groups. I'm also part of
13 different organizations; I shop at Food 4 Less, which is
14 located on 103rd and Compton, and also Superior store
15 market which is located on 104th Street in Avalon.

16 I would like for West, the Community of West Athens
17 to belong to District Number 15. Since my community has a
18 lot more in common with District 15, I would like for there
19 to be better quality of foods in our local stores.

20 So because our concern is mostly for us Hispanics
21 is to have better nutrition for all of our children, that
22 is, in fact, most of our concerns for all our families. I
23 thank you so much, all Commissioners, for your attention.
24 Good afternoon.

25 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Would there be any questions?

1 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Yes.

2 SPANISH INTERPRETER: (Translates to Spanish).

3 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Was she discussing the City
4 Council District 8 or was it, or was it another district?

5 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Did you say 8, Madam,
6 President?

7 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Yes.

8 SPANISH INTERPRETER: (Translates to Spanish).

9 (Whereas the following was interpreted from Spanish
10 into English).

11 MARIA AGRAVEL: I belong to District Number 8, but
12 I am more related to District 15.

13 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay, muchas gracias. Thank you.

14 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Muchas gracias, Señora.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 Right now will be caller 2119 and up next will be caller
17 0893. And I would like to invite those that have called in
18 that have not raised their hands at this point, to press
19 star 9 to raise your hand if you wish to give comment in
20 the reminder of our meeting.

21 Caller 2119, if you will please follow the prompts
22 to unmute at this time. Caller 2119, if you will please
23 press star 6 to unmute at this time. Caller 2119, your new
24 speaker order number will be Number 33, if you will please
25 make note of that for future reference. If you'll please

1 let the mapper know of an area if you'd like to discuss it
2 and the floor is yours.

3 Caller 2119, can you hear me? You are unmuted.

4 MICHAEL MURRAY: Yes, I can hear you just fine.

5 How are you?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I am wonderful, how are
7 you?

8 MICHAEL MURRAY: I'm doing well.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

10 MICHAEL MURRAY: I just wanted to -- yes, ma'am?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

12 MICHAEL MURRAY: Great. So my name is Michael
13 Murray, I'm a resident of the city of Oceanside, I'm on the
14 border of Fallbrook and I have some comments on the
15 redistricting that's coming up.

16 I just wanted to -- basically, I'm a veteran of the
17 Marine Corps, I'm a single dad, I live here in Oceanside on
18 the border of Fallbrook, like I said. And Oceanside,
19 Fallbrook, and Camp Pendleton have to stay together for the
20 following reasons: First of all, Fallbrook has a heavy
21 military population; that population uses the base
22 entrances that go through Fallbrook, public transportation
23 off base, and they weigh heavily on our local economy, not
24 to mention Camp Pendleton and the city of Fallbrook
25 actually share an education system.

1 So as a single dad who has two kids and actually
2 utilize that school system for a long time, it's really
3 important to me and our voters who all have similar
4 interests and we're all in a community of interest, I guess
5 you can say, that we all stay together.

6 As a solution, I actually heard another speaker
7 earlier who made a suggestion if we're going to keep
8 Fallbrook, then we should eliminate Del Mar and Encinitas.
9 I want to double down on that, those two actually have
10 nothing to do with this, this area. We don't go there,
11 they don't come here, and so I want to second that, that
12 motion as well, and that's all I have.

13 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
15 Right now we will have caller 0893 and then up next will be
16 caller 3914. Caller 0893, if you will please follow the
17 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. Caller
18 0893, your speaker order number will be 34, if you'll
19 please make note of that for future reference, and if
20 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like
21 to discuss, the floor is yours.

22 YASMEEN OBEID: Thank you. Can you guys hear me
23 well?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can, go ahead.

25 YASMEEN OBEID: Awesome. So I would like to look

1 at El Cajon, San Diego which is between 53rd and 60th
2 Districts and my apologies if there is background noise,
3 I'm actually driving. So basically, my name is Yasmeen
4 Obeid, I'm Muslim, Palestinian, and I work with Majdal, the
5 Arab Community Center of San Diego, which is a center
6 located in El Cajon.

7 And we're calling today to really ensure that in
8 the process of redistricting this year, our Arab community
9 is not split in between two districts. If you look at the
10 map, our community is literally in the little split between
11 both districts and that's also split in our Arab community,
12 our Arab refugee and immigrant communities in El Cajon.

13 So today we're asking that you make sure that does
14 not happen in this part of the redistricting and we also
15 want to make sure that we're (indiscernible) that our
16 community or El Cajon in general has the largest Arab
17 refugees in San Diego, the largest population of Arab
18 refugees in San Diego, honestly probably in the state.

19 And at the moment, when we're looking at the
20 districts in San Diego, if we need to be put in one
21 district, we would like to be put in the 53rd because we
22 share a lot of the same communities as the 53rd. The 53rd
23 has some of the largest refugee and immigrant populations
24 (indiscernible) areas like City Heights in the 53rd have
25 almost more than 80 languages spoken because of how diverse

1 it is and that resonates with our Arab community a lot as
2 well as our Muslim community (audio cuts out) --

3 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Are there any questions?

4 CO-CHAIR SINAY: No, we're good.

5 YASMEEN OBEID: Need to advocate that -- go ahead.

6 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: I'm sorry, you were -- you
7 got cut off there at the end. Caller, were you done with
8 your comments?

9 YASMEEN OBEID: I just have one last sentence. I
10 was adding that we would also like to include Rancho San
11 Diego and Spring Valley with El Cajon because it's really
12 critical for our communities since we share similar
13 socioeconomic statuses, we share again our Arab community
14 is dispersed within these areas, as well as (indiscernible)
15 communities as a whole.

16 So that concludes my comment. Thank you so much
17 for having me and have a great day. I'm here if you have
18 any questions.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
20 Right now we have caller 3914, this is our last raised hand
21 in the queue at this time, so if caller 9916 wishes to make
22 a comment this evening, please press star 9 on your
23 telephone keypad. But at this time, caller 3914, if you
24 will please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 3914,
25 your speaker order number will be 35, if you'll please --

1 AMAGALET: (Spoken in Spanish).

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Español?

3 AMAGALET: Yes, please.

4 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Buenas tardes. Qué tal?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 35.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening.

7 (Whereas the following was interpreted from Spanish
8 into English).

9 AMAGALET: My name is Amagalet (ph.). I'm a member
10 of CHIRLA. Today I will be talking -- today I'm speaking
11 as an immigrant who has been part of the High Desert Area
12 for the last 18 years. The communities in the High Desert
13 Area are areas where the Latino population has been growing
14 in the last decade.

15 There is a great division between the peoples that
16 live within this district. Some people currently live in
17 their cars, while other peoples, other people live in big
18 houses with huge plots of land.

19 The economic situation for many members of the
20 community is quite diverse. The largest employers in my
21 community are restaurants, clinics, and toys, toy
22 warehouses. In the community of Hesperia, a large
23 furniture warehouse is being constructed that we hope will
24 bring lots of employment.

25 There are many truck drivers who lived in this area

1 and because they can park the trucks in the large plots of
2 land, but that could also change. They want to start
3 charging for each truck that is parked within the homes,
4 the lands. My husband and my brother-in-law are truck
5 drivers and they depend on this for their living.

6 The fact that they want to charge for each truck
7 that is parked in our lots, it's due to the poor
8 representation that we have for our community. The type of
9 services that are available to my community are very
10 limited.

11 We don't have a hospital, everything is found on
12 the Victorville side. We only have two small parks and
13 only one library. There are very few service providers in
14 my community, like the IHP Center and the churches who help
15 us out with food baskets.

16 The Hesperia School District provides public
17 education and in some places they offer college classes for
18 those students who want to take the two year classes of
19 college courses.

20 The problem is that we do not have a community
21 college within our community. The only college that we do
22 have, which is San Jacinto, happens to be a private college
23 and the nearest community college that we do have is
24 located in Victorville.

25 We need more colleges and universities and no more

1 jails; we have plenty of those in our community. And also
2 because the only college that we do have in Victorville is
3 full to capacity --

4 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: 30 seconds.

5 AMAGALET: -- which is the reason why it is
6 necessary for us to stay together to continue advocating
7 for the needs of our community.

8 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Quince segundos.

9 AMAGALET: I ask that the communities mentioned to
10 be united to the communities of Palmdale (ph.), Lancaster,
11 and LA that -- yes, and be together, put together with
12 Palmdale (ph.), Lancaster, and Lake LA, which have common
13 themes with us.

14 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Time has expired.

15 AMAGALET: (Spoken in Spanish).

16 SPANISH INTERPRETER: (Spoken in Spanish).

17 AV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Chair, do you have any
18 additional questions?

19 CO-CHAIR SINAY: (Spoken in Spanish). There's no
20 questions.

21 SPANISH INTERPRETER: (Spoken in Spanish).

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. At
23 this time, we do have one caller in the queue that has not
24 chosen to raise their hand. Caller 9916, if you wish to
25 raise your hand, please press star 9. Rather than go

1 through all the interpreters, I am going to try pressing
2 allowed to talk, if they wish to star 6, we'll see. We'll
3 try.

4 So caller 9916, you are our last caller in the
5 queue. If you wish to give comment to the Commission this
6 evening, if you will please follow the prompts to press
7 star 6 and unmute your phone.

8 Caller 9916, do you need an interpreter?

9 MAGDALENA CASALES: Please por favor.

10 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Buenas tardes.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order
12 number will be 36.

13 SPANISH INTERPRETER: (Translates to Spanish)

14 (Whereas the following was interpreted from Spanish
15 to English).

16 MAGDALENA CASALES: My name is Magdalena Casales
17 (ph.) and I am representing Ms. Veronica Cardenas (ph.).

18 SPANISH INTERPRETER: She is part of SBC of El
19 Monte.

20 MAGDALENA CASALES: I am a resident of El Monte,
21 California, which is part of the San Gabriel Valley. It's
22 located 12 miles to the east of Los Angeles and it is
23 located between Highway 60 and Highway 10. My city is a
24 residential as well as an industrial area and we are very
25 friendly people.

1 In this community we have a park called Arceo.
2 This is a meeting place for many families to have many
3 activities. One of those activities is to work out and
4 spend time as a family. I am the voice of my community and
5 we have the need of an aquatic park.

6 Beforehand, we thank all the Commissioners. Have a
7 good evening.

8 SPANISH INTERPRETER: (Spoken in Spanish).

9 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Can you ask her what communities
10 she would like to keep together?

11 SPANISH INTERPRETER: (Translates to Spanish).

12 (Whereas the following was interpreted from Spanish
13 to English).

14 MAGDALENA CASALES: So because I'm speaking on
15 behalf of Ms. Veronica, I actually live in East Los
16 Angeles; she's actually a resident of El Monte. And
17 because she couldn't be present, I simply read what she
18 wrote for me.

19 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Muchas gracias, thank you.

20 SPANISH INTERPRETER: (Spoken in Spanish).

21 MAGDALENA CASALES: (Spoken in Spanish).

22 CO-CHAIR SINAY: That was our last caller, right?

23 All right. Well, today was -- this evening was another
24 successful evening. We broke our record today of the
25 number of interpreters and we always have two. I always

1 say we have ASL and English, but today we had eight
2 different languages going on.

3 So thank you everybody, muchas gracias, salamat,
4 shukran, thank you. Thank you all who called in and
5 participated in our meeting today. In the next two
6 weeks -- in the next week, I'm sorry, next week, we have
7 two more communities of interest meetings, the first is on
8 August 20th at 2 p.m. focusing on Alpine, Amador,
9 Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, and Tuolumne. And I know
10 I pronounced that wrong. I'm sorry. I even looked it up.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Tuolumne.

12 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. I looked it up and
13 everything. Tuolumne County and their surrounding areas.
14 We will have Spanish listening line and Spanish interpreter
15 available.

16 The second meeting is on August 21 at 9 a.m.
17 focusing on El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Placer, Sacramento,
18 Sierra, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba Counties and their
19 surrounding areas and we will also have Spanish listening
20 line and Spanish interpreters available.

21 Registration for each meeting closes two calendar
22 days before, two calendar days before at 5 p.m. The next
23 Commission business meeting will be on August 19th at 4
24 p.m. Callers at the communities of interest sessions are
25 not limited to the specifically mentioned counties. You

1 can visit the meeting page at our website to see the list
2 of additional upcoming communities of interest input
3 meetings. Our website is wedrawthelinesca.org and if you
4 go to the meetings tab, you'll find it.

5 Also we'd like to remind those who didn't call in
6 today, but now are inspired to share with us their
7 communities, to please use our community of interest tool.
8 It is in 14 languages and it will walk you through the
9 narratives and then allow you to draw the map and it will
10 be submitted directly to us and that can be found on our
11 website, wedrawthelinesca.org or you can go directly to the
12 tool, which is drawmycacomunity.org.

13 Gracias, salamat, shukran, thank you, thank you
14 everybody. This meeting is adjourned.

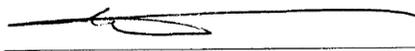
15 (Whereupon, at 7:26 p.m. the session adjourned).
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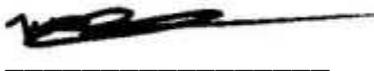
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