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1:01 p.m.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, and good afternoon,  
California. Welcome to today's meeting of the California  
Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Ravi, would please take roll for me?

MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair. Thank you.

Commissioner Le Mons?

(No audible response)

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

(No audible response)

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

(No audible response)

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

(No audible response)

MR. SINGH: Commission Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.



1 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

3 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

5 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

7 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

9 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Kennedy?

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I am here. I don't think you  
11 heard Commissioner Sinay. She was trying to press the  
12 talk button on her microphone, but she is here.

13 MR. SINGH: Thank you for the clarification.

14 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: And Commissioner Le Mons is  
15 here.

16 MR. SINGH: Thank you. Roll call is complete,  
17 Chair.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Ravi.

19 Are there announcements from any of the  
20 commissioners or staff? Okay. No announcements.

21 Next is recapping the iterations from December 11th.  
22 Are our mappers with us?

23 MS. CLARK: Hi, Chair Kennedy. Good morning. This  
24 is Jaime. We are here. Sivan is on, and our  
25 understanding was that today we would start in southern

1 California if you wish.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: That's -- yes, that is once we get  
3 to the actual mapping, but we have just a recap of where  
4 we left off on the 11th as a first order of business.

5 MS. TRATT: Chair Kennedy, I presented the one  
6 iteration on the 11th. Would you like me to repeat that  
7 recap? Otherwise, no changes have been made or requested  
8 by commissioners.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Let me ask Commissioner  
10 Fornaciari who is keeping track of things if he has  
11 anything that he can share with us.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, sorry. I have to  
13 dig my notes back up. I apologize.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Well, let's then postpone  
15 this until after the business meeting. We have a very  
16 brief business meeting that we need to hold at this  
17 point. There are just a couple of subcommittees with  
18 reporting.

19 So first of all, Executive Director Hernandez, I  
20 understand from you that we do not have -- Hernandez --

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Excuse me, Mr. Kennedy, did  
22 you --

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- that we do not have any director  
24 reports today.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Kennedy?

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Did you want a quick recap of  
3 where we were on Friday? On (indiscernible) Friday.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, we will do that after this very  
5 brief business meeting before we go into the mapping.

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

8 So Executive Director Hernandez?

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, there are no director reports  
10 for today.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: No director reports. Okay.

12 And then subcommittee reports. We have materials  
13 development. Commissioner Fernandez?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, thank you, Chair. For  
15 the materials development, we have been working on the  
16 draft for the final report that will go along with the  
17 maps, and we are in the editing process, and hopefully  
18 once we receive all those edits back by the end of the  
19 week, we can then discuss that at our meetings next week.  
20 Thank you.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.  
22 Litigation contract subcommittee. Commissioners Toledo  
23 and Yee? Oh, okay. Commissioner Sinay has a question.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just can you remind us like on  
25 Wednesday about getting you the comments. I'm foreseeing

1 all of us forget. Like, I could've done it yesterday,  
2 and I forgot that that was there. Just to send us a  
3 reminder. Thank you. Because I know you all worked  
4 really, really hard on that.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'll try to remember.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Hint, hint, staff.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: You can put it on --

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Maybe Chief Counsel Pane can  
9 remind me.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So litigation contract  
11 subcommittee. Commissioners Toledo and Yee, I understand  
12 you have something to report.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: We'll hear from Chief Counsel  
14 Pane on that matter.

15 MR. PANE: Yeah, I can just give a brief update.  
16 Trying to put the finalization to the Gibson & Dunn  
17 contract. Closing in on that. We are dogged, and we  
18 will get it done as soon as we possibly can. Each day we  
19 get closer and closer. Thank you.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chief Counsel Pane.  
21 Director Hernandez, were there other subcommittees?

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: One second, Chair.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Chair?

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad and



1 myself have our hands up.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Sorry. Commissioner Ahmad?

3 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I just  
4 wanted to ask finance and admin, I don't know if that's  
5 the right committee to ask, but we are hitting the one-  
6 year mark on some of our hires, executive hires, in which  
7 we need to conduct performance evaluations. So I am more  
8 than happy to help out where I can. I know we're all  
9 pretty -- spread pretty thin right now, so I just wanted  
10 to bring that forward so we can keep our word to our  
11 amazing team to conduct these performance evaluations.

12 So I'm not sure, Chair, if that's with finance and admin,  
13 if that's with the current Chair and Vice Chair. I will  
14 turn it over to you to decide how to divvy up that task.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. My understanding is that  
16 that would fall to admin and finance.

17 Commissioner Fernandez?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you,  
19 Commissioner Ahmad. Yes, we are -- we actually passed  
20 the one-year mark, and we have let staff know that as  
21 soon as after the 23rd, we will get to those performance  
22 evaluations, so we expect to do those in early January.  
23 And they can be backdated to when their one-year  
24 anniversary was. But thank you. We probably will take  
25 you up on your offer, though, so thank you.

1           COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I was going to say if you want  
2 to take me up on my offer, I am volunteering to do these  
3 now so we can meet up with our one-year commitment sooner  
4 rather than later.

5           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I believe Commissioner  
6 Fornaciari and I are in agreement that we are taking you  
7 up on that offer.

8           COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay.

9           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And if you want, once you  
10 draft it, if you want, you can run it by one of us.

11          COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay.

12          COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't mind. Commissioner  
13 Fornaciari's actually -- I guess keeping track of what's  
14 open, so you might be busy with that.

15          Nope, you're keeping track of what's open in terms  
16 our iterations and all that good stuff, so.

17          COMMISSIONER AHMAD: So it would be nice if I just  
18 have one point of contact so we can keep with Bagley-  
19 Keene and then --

20          COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I can do it.

21          COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay.

22          COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then I have a form that  
23 we use, so I'll try to remember to forward that to you,  
24 but I know that --

25          COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- Executive Director  
2 Hernandez will forward that to both of us. Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay. Sounds good. Then from  
4 there, I'll just reach out to our staff and schedule some  
5 time outside of our public meetings to conduct those  
6 evaluations. Thanks.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, both.  
8 Director Hernandez?

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair. So the other two  
10 subcommittees that would have something to report that  
11 I'm aware of are the lessons learned and then the line  
12 drawing.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Unless any other subcommittee has  
15 anything to report.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. So as far as lessons  
17 learned, we are working on an outline of the topics that  
18 we would like to address. We are still looking at  
19 potential dates and venues for this next step in our  
20 process. So once we have some tentative news on that, we  
21 will certainly share it with the rest of the commission.

22 Okay. With that, Kristian, could we go to public  
23 comment on the subcommittee reports, please?

24 MR. MANOFF: Certainly, Chair. In order to maximize  
25 transparency and public participation in our process, the

1 commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To  
2 dial in, dial the telephone number provided on the live  
3 stream feed. It is (877) 853-5247. When prompted, enter  
4 the meeting ID number provided on the live stream feed.  
5 It is 85932989398 for this meeting. When prompted to  
6 enter a participant ID, simply press pound. Once you've  
7 dialed in, you'll be placed in a queue. To indicate that  
8 you wish to comment, please press star nine. This will  
9 raise your hand for the moderator. When it's your turn  
10 to speak, you'll hear a message that says the host would  
11 like you to talk, press start six to speak. If you'd  
12 like to give your name, please state and spell it for the  
13 record. You're not required to provide your name to give  
14 public comment. Please make sure to mute your computer  
15 or live stream audio to prevent any feedback or  
16 distortion during your call. Once you're waiting in the  
17 queue, be alert for when it is your turn to speak, and  
18 again, please turn down the live stream volume. And  
19 again, the commission is taking comments on the --

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Subcommittee reports.

21 MR. MANOFF: -- subcommittee reports. For those who  
22 have dialed in, if you wish to give comment on the  
23 subcommittee reports, please press star nine. Again, if  
24 you've called in to give comment on the subcommittee  
25 reports, please press star nine.



1 We do have a hand. Stand by.

2 And Chair, for this, would like us to enforce a one  
3 minute and thirty second time limit?

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

5 MR. MANOFF: Sounds good. Okay, caller with the  
6 last four digits 4109, if you could please follow the  
7 prompts to unmute. Go ahead.

8 FEMALE SPEAKER: I'm sorry. I don't think it allows  
9 you to lower your hand if you're a dial in. I just  
10 wanted to comment on the general mapping.

11 MR. MANOFF: Okay.

12 FEMALE SPEAKER: I don't think that's  
13 (indiscernible). Sorry.

14 MR. MANOFF: There'll be time for that later. Thank  
15 you so much.

16 And we do have another hand. Just a moment. Again,  
17 we are taking comment on the subcommittee reports.

18 Caller 6968, please follow the prompts.

19 MR. BARSAMIAN: Hi. Yes, can you hear me?

20 MR. MANOFF: We can. Go ahead.

21 MR. BARSAMIAN: Wonderful. So my name is Edward  
22 Barsamian, and I'm reaching out on behalf of the Armenian  
23 National Committee of the American Western Region, and  
24 I'd like to express our deep discontent with the  
25 consistent pattern of disenfranchisement that we've seen

1 in every iteration of the state assembly maps.

2 Specifically, the districts that serve Glendale, Burbank,  
3 and La Crescenta Valley. I'd like to point out a few --

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Excuse me?

5 MR. BARSAMIAN: -- very important -- oh, yes.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. We're taking comment right now  
7 on our subcommittee reports. We'll be taking comments on  
8 the mapping later.

9 MR. BARSAMIAN: Oh, okay. Okay. Understood. I  
10 didn't realize this was a separate meeting.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

12 MR. BARSAMIAN: All right. Well, I'll call back in  
13 -- I'll call back later.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much.

15 Okay. With that, that is the -- those are the main  
16 items from the business meeting. We can now move to our  
17 live line drawing, which includes a review of iterations  
18 and discussion and direction to line drawers.

19 So Commissioner Fornaciari, would you be prepared to  
20 give us an update on the recap of the iterations from the  
21 11th?

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I will share what I have  
23 on my list and hopefully Commissioner Anderson will have  
24 anything that I missed. Jamie has her hand raised.

25 Ms. Clark?

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Ms. Clark?

2 MS. CLARK: Thanks so much. Just a broad overview  
3 of where we left off and also for commissioners and for  
4 the public, the current iteration that we'll be working  
5 off of today is on the map viewer. And I believe that  
6 other associate files have been posted. So that's for  
7 everybody to see where we're at right now. And what  
8 we're working off of right now, of course, is the  
9 statewide map. Where we left off last week, or rather on  
10 the 11th, is that there's no changes to the Bay area  
11 maps. Tamina was not working with any commissioners on  
12 any iterations over the last couple of days. Kennedy has  
13 been working with a number of commissioners on a number  
14 of iterations over the last couple days, and she'll be  
15 able to present those later today when we get to her area  
16 in inland northern California and throughout the Central  
17 Valley. Sivan was not working with any commissioners on  
18 any iterations over the last couple days. And so what is  
19 on the map viewer is what she'll be presenting. And over  
20 the last couple of days, I, in Los Angeles County, was  
21 working with a couple of commissioners on very minor  
22 changes to the map. Those are also currently reflected  
23 in the map viewer. And we would be able to take a closer  
24 look later today and also revert any of those changes.  
25 All of the -- everything that is in the map viewer right



1 now was discussed and agreed upon that it's a general  
2 direction commission would like to take. So, again, we  
3 can take a closer look at those later. And then I have  
4 one iteration that was presented by a commissioner that I  
5 will be able to show later today. And it's not in the  
6 map viewer. So that is an overview of where we left off  
7 and where we're at today.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much, Ms.  
9 Clark.

10 So up next, Sivan and Andrew are going to give us a  
11 run through on Southern California, and we will see if we  
12 need to do any further work in that area. Please  
13 proceed.

14 MS. TRATT: Sorry, my mute button disappeared for a  
15 second.

16 Hi. Thank you, Chair Kennedy. So as I mentioned  
17 earlier, the commission did not leave off in Southern  
18 California having made a decision about the iteration  
19 that I previously presented. That iteration was in  
20 collaboration with Commissioner Sinay. It's on the  
21 website as CD iteration S1 for the commission and the  
22 public's reference. And just as a reminder, those  
23 proposed swaps had to do with the unincorporated area  
24 outside of Fallbrook, as well as making a swap for  
25 Escondido and Carlsbad. So I will just display that.



1 One moment, please. So those proposed changes are in  
2 orange, and I will turn off the current plan, which is in  
3 black.

4 Commissioner Sinay, did you have anything to add?

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: She does.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Sivan.

7 So I just want to say to everybody from the  
8 beginning, when we looked at San Diego, I had said, you  
9 know, this iteration could be better in reflecting North  
10 County and the city of San Diego. But in the spirit of  
11 compromise, the greater good, and also hearing the people  
12 who did comment, which unfortunately were really -- a lot  
13 of them were from the coast, some were from Escondido,  
14 but they didn't -- what they asked for, was what we were  
15 doing, which was creating the 78 corridor. And I also  
16 wanted to say we explored this -- well in the spirit of  
17 it, I'm going to take out a take away the iteration, my  
18 proposed iteration. But I did want to thank Andrew and  
19 Sivan for exploring this. We had about twelve different  
20 ideas on how to improve that really noncompact district  
21 that goes from San Pasqual, which is very, very rural,  
22 all the way to downtown San Diego to Carlsbad. This was  
23 the only one that didn't really change the whole map.  
24 And that's why I had presented it, you know, chose to  
25 present this idea. It was a small, small piece, but it

1 allowed those communities who were working class, very  
2 mixed cities where they have both rural and urban  
3 centers, but they're some of our lowest income  
4 communities in the north San Diego County. But, and you  
5 will see that this didn't come from nowhere, that we had  
6 gotten a lot of input for the 78 corridor, including  
7 comment, public comment 36505, which says, look, the San  
8 Diego County's redistricting efforts is looking at this,  
9 creating the 78 corridor, and I think they will -- I'm  
10 sorry they approved something on Saturday night, but I  
11 didn't look. But I just -- but I think what makes our  
12 effort really difficult is that it is connected to Orange  
13 County and it would be a district comprised of two very  
14 different communities, but it would be two communities of  
15 interest in two different counties. But having said  
16 that, in the spirit of compromise and because we need to  
17 move forward, I am going to pull it. And I hope that  
18 other commissioners will follow my lead if it happens  
19 that that we need to do -- move forward.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

21 Any comment at this point? Commissioner Akutagawa?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So just for clarification,  
23 I thought when we talked about it on Saturday, it was an  
24 option or an exploration. I didn't think that we had  
25 actually agreed to or approved that this would be the

1 change. So if I'm hearing Commissioner Sinay right, so  
2 she's withdrawing this, I think. Right? Okay. I just  
3 want to make sure I'm clear. Thank you.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Correct.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Any further comment? Okay.

6 Sivan and Andrew, back to you.

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Excuse me, I have a hand up.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: I didn't see it. I still don't see  
9 it. Your background makes it impossible to see. Sorry.  
10 Commissioner Andersen.

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Yeah, I'm just  
12 wondering, I missed the -- because we were just starting  
13 to talk about this, and we soon got into it. And so --  
14 but now you're withdrawing it just so we can move on? I  
15 thought they were actually valid community of interest  
16 testimonies, which is why you're looking into this. So  
17 why just -- did I miss entirely? I thought that's why --  
18 the only reason it was being pulled.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.  
20 Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, I did bring it forward  
22 because there was a lot of valid public input. And there  
23 still is valid public input. But there is also, we've  
24 received input the last few days from the public, both  
25 from the San Diego and the Orange County side, really

1 requesting that it remain coastal. I do want to make it  
2 very clear that it never was an all coastal district,  
3 that we always kept Oceanside Vista, San Marcos, and  
4 Carlsbad together, as they had requested in the 78  
5 corridor, and we were just looking at bringing in parts  
6 of Escondido. So The District, the way it -- none of the  
7 changes that we had brought up, we think that, you know,  
8 in the spirit of compromise and moving forward, we can go  
9 in that direction. And in the spirit of listening to  
10 what the public was asking, both ways.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

12 At this point, I would like to ask Sivan and Andrew  
13 -- it seems to me that we would still want to clean up  
14 that area between Fallbrook and Bonsall, if nothing else.

15 MS. TRATT: Yeah.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: I don't think that should have a  
17 major impact on the maps. Sivan?

18 MS. TRATT: Thank you for bringing that up, Chair  
19 Kennedy. So there are about 10,000 people that live in  
20 this small unincorporated area. Earlier this morning, I  
21 was playing around, and it looks like there is sufficient  
22 population in a more southern area. So this  
23 unincorporated area that falls between Bonsall, Hidden  
24 Meadows, Vista, and of San Marcos and Escondido, so that  
25 would be what we had worked out as a less disruptive swap

1 to reincorporate this area into the East County district  
2 and then just extend this line slightly outside of Vista  
3 rather than stopping the Vista supporters.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay. Are there comments on  
5 that concept of trading the unincorporated area between  
6 Fallbrook and Bonsall for unincorporated area south of  
7 Bonsall Long Island, east of Vista?

8 Commissioner Fernandez?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm not fast enough on my  
10 hand raise; I have to go two clicks.

11 So is it just like esthetics to get rid of the  
12 jutting out? Is that the purpose for it?

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: No so much esthetics. I mean, we --  
14 it will better comply with criterion five.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, thanks.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

17 Commissioner Sinay?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's also, you know,  
19 unincorporated areas are connected to those cities that  
20 are around them. And so it was one of the cleanups that  
21 we were doing in the proposal that was submitted  
22 originally. And so that would allow that unincorporated  
23 area to be part of Fallbrook and Bonsall. That part is  
24 mountainous, and so they would all be better, you know,  
25 be able to work better together in that way. So they

1 would be better represented that way.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner  
3 Sinay. Any further comment? Okay. Without objection,  
4 Sivan, could you proceed with that switch?

5 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Would the commission prefer that  
6 I do it live or offline quickly?

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Would anyone like this done live?  
8 No. So you can proceed with this offline, Sivan.

9 MS. TRATT: Okay. I will proceed with making that  
10 swap.

11 Where would the commission like to talk about next?

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Where would you recommend that we  
13 discuss next? Do we have any further work on SECA or  
14 BEAVICAL?

15 Commissioner Fernandez?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I will assume, but it's not  
17 good to assume, that Sivan has gone through, because  
18 obviously we haven't gone through every single boundary,  
19 just to make sure that the boundaries are, I don't know  
20 how I want to say it, but it makes sense in terms of like  
21 with the whole Fallbrook and Bonsall, you know, just as  
22 long as it evens out. Thank you. And that was like for  
23 the whole state because we haven't really had a chance to  
24 look at every boundary. Thanks.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay. Perfect.

1           So Sivan, could you walk us around the boundaries of  
2 SECA, BEAVICAL, and MORCOA to start with, and then we'll  
3 move inwards?

4           MS. TRATT: Yeah. I definitely can. I would like  
5 to assure the commission that before these maps are  
6 finalized for the final vote, we will be running reports  
7 on them to make sure that there aren't any unintentional  
8 splits. You know, usually that occurs with census blocks  
9 that don't have any population and sometimes can be  
10 picked up by accident because these maps are going  
11 through so many rapid changes, we haven't taken the time  
12 to really finalize and clean them up just until the  
13 commission is more settled on what they want the final  
14 draft look like. But I'd be happy to do that.

15           This is to the county border right here. So I'm  
16 just going to start going around SECA in this area, as  
17 that's the first place where it deviates from county  
18 borders. So if there's anything you want me to stop,  
19 just let me know. But I will just slowly start to pan  
20 around the outside border of the SECA district.

21           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Chair?

22           CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, Commissioner Fernandez.

23           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, what I meant is  
24 what Sivan said is -- what she's going to do is she's  
25 going to ensure that no one's left out. That was my

1 biggest fear, was to ensure that no one was left out. So  
2 thank you.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay. Thank you.

4 Commissioner Yee?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. So I was  
6 interested in the Morongo Valley and whether there's any  
7 interest or desire to move it south with the district  
8 below, SECA. The reason being it would enable us to  
9 honor the COI for Calle Mesa to join it with Yucaipa.  
10 But if there is no desire, if Morongo Valley and Yucca  
11 Valley and Joshua Tree, if they're all very happy in  
12 MORCOA, then I would not be motivated to look into that  
13 possibility.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that. I mean,  
15 speaking as a local, I would say that we did get some  
16 public input asking us to keep the entire Morongo Basin  
17 whole. The Morongo Basin, as opposed to Morongo Valley,  
18 comprises Morongo Valley, Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree,  
19 Twentynine Palms, Landers, you know, perhaps Homestead  
20 Valley. I believe that's one of the local communities  
21 that's included in the supervisorial district with the  
22 Morongo Basin, but we have also had community of interest  
23 input from Yucaipa wanting to remain with or to be  
24 grouped with Calle Mesa. The issue that I would see is  
25 that if we do move Yucaipa in, we might also end up



1 having to bring in Loma Linda and the remainder of  
2 Redlands, possibly, I guess, the remainder of Mentone.  
3 And I don't know if that is something that you had also  
4 looked at.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: I was actually thinking going the  
6 other way. So in BEAVICAL the border there, below Calle  
7 Mesa.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: That would adjust the border  
10 somewhere in Palm Springs or North Palm Springs and  
11 enable SECA to go up into the Morongo Valley, but that  
12 would be the Morongo Basin. But as you describe it, it  
13 would not be able to take in the whole basin. So  
14 excluding the basin is pretty undesirable, then I would  
15 not see a way to pursue this this idea.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. So you would you would move  
17 Calle Mesa and Cherry Valley into MORCOA?

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's correct.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: And the population of that is how  
20 much?

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: That is -- it depends how much  
22 you take. It could be about 17,000, I think it was. I  
23 don't have my notes right here. It would be about the  
24 same as Morongo Valley through Joshua Tree only.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yucca Valley should be in the

1 neighborhood of 25,000, I think. Morongo Valley is 3,500  
2 or so.

3 MS. TRATT: Chair?

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. Go ahead.

5 MS. TRATT: I believe there was advice from counsel  
6 about stopping this BEAVICAL district at the county line.  
7 I just wanted to check in with Mr. Becker to make sure  
8 that moving that south of Calle Mesa would be  
9 permissible.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I don't know if Mr. Becker is  
11 with us.

12 Sal, can you fill us in?

13 MR. PEREZ: Yeah, I'm here in his stead. I believe  
14 the commission settled on the county border because it  
15 was contemplating going further north, further extending  
16 the W. But if the intent here is to go south, then that  
17 would be appropriate.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, thank you.

19 Commissioner Sadhwani?

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I'm thinking from a  
21 compactness lens having -- and I think that we had  
22 discussed it before. We've had probably the same person,  
23 I think, call in several evenings in a row about Yucaipa  
24 and Calle Mesa and Cherry Valley all wanting to be  
25 together. I think if we if we -- I'm assuming that

1 there's very little population or no population in those,  
2 that white area, which is a part of the long arm or neck  
3 that extends out of BEAVICAL. The possibility of going  
4 almost as far as Lakeview would seem generally  
5 reasonable. But again, I'm not sure what -- SECA is a  
6 VRA district, so I would just want to be cautious about  
7 what the impact to a Latino CVAP would be if we included  
8 Morongo Valley or Yucca Valley.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Thank you for that. Yes,  
10 certainly the area between Beaumont and Moreno Valley,  
11 for those who have driven the 60, those are the Badlands.  
12 Don't think anybody lives there. The area north of  
13 Moreno Valley, as we've mentioned before, is home to a  
14 population of wild burros. But beyond that, I think  
15 there's little, if any, population.

16 Commissioner Fernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. I wanted to go  
18 see the burros. I'll wait.

19 So the proposal, I just want to make sure I  
20 understand it, was to -- the tradeoff of Calle Mesa and  
21 Cherry Valley for Morongo Valley, Yucca Valley, and  
22 Joshua Tree. Was that correct? Or what was the  
23 tradeoff? I think I got lost in there.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's correct. But it would  
25 also, since there's three districts involved here, we'd

1 also have to adjust the border in Palm Springs or North  
2 Palm Springs or somewhere around there. And, of course,  
3 (indiscernible) CVAP for SECA closely.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. I thought there was  
5 also COI regarding Twentynine Palms and Joshua Tree, but  
6 I'll look that up. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm sure there is. I'm sure as  
8 Commissioner Kennedy noted, the whole Morongo Basin would  
9 love to stay together. So that's part of the  
10 consideration here, whether a split is even contemplated  
11 at all.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee and  
13 Commissioner Fernandez.

14 Commissioner Fornaciari?

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I think Commissioner  
16 Yee just answered my question. So you would propose like  
17 a three-district swap just right local and balance  
18 BEAVICAL back out.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's correct. correct.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Because I just want  
21 to remind us all the extensive conversation that we had  
22 about putting the border there and leaving it there,  
23 because otherwise, if we take population out or put  
24 population in BEAVICAL, it has to go all the way out  
25 through Orange County and through LA, and we would have

1 to redo all those entire maps. So.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: No, no desire to do that now.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Only if it works here.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner  
6 Fornaciari.

7 Commissioner Andersen?

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Before we  
9 do any anything in this area, could we see the terrain  
10 level, please? I think that's --

11 MS. TRATT: Yes. One moment, please.

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- really help us in looking  
13 at this in terms of what are the hills and valleys that  
14 we're talking about?

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: And can you zoom in a bit on that  
16 red area?

17 MS. TRATT: Is this a good view for commissioners or  
18 --

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

20 MS. TRATT: Okay. Great.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Now, if you can pull it south a bit.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Can we take the red off so  
23 we can --

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Turn it -- the other south.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: (Indiscernible).

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

2 Okay, and Commission Fornaciari has asked if we  
3 could remove the shading. Okay.

4 Commissioner Sadhwani, you had your hand up, but it  
5 went back down.

6 Commissioner Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I mean, like  
8 Commissioner Fornaciari, I do remember the conversation  
9 we had, and I feel that removing it just creates other  
10 communities of interest that we're dividing. And I  
11 actually like the way it looks right now. That's just my  
12 recommendation. Thank you.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

14 Commissioner Sadhwani, last call. I don't know if  
15 you are still interested in saying anything on this.

16 Okay. So at this point, Commissioner Yee, my sense  
17 is that we are not comfortable with making this change.  
18 That does not preclude the change being made at some  
19 point down the line.

20 Commissioner Sadhwani, you're back in your seat. I  
21 just want to check and make sure that you didn't have  
22 anything that you wanted to say on this before we move  
23 on.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No, I apologize. I just had  
25 to go grab something. So I'm assuming we're not moving

1 in this direction.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: That that is the general sense at  
3 this point.

4 Commissioner Akutagawa?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just wanted to ask Sivan  
6 if she could move the map a little bit to the right so we  
7 could see the area next to Phelan. Oh, actually the  
8 other way around. Sorry. Like my right. Okay, thank  
9 you. I just wanted --

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, could you do that  
11 and put the terrain layer on, please? Oh, thank you from  
12 me.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Sivan.

14 So we've looked at the outlines of SECA and MORCOA,  
15 I believe, and we should take a look at BEAVICAL and then  
16 move towards the coast from there.

17 MS. TRATT: So starting in that area where we were  
18 just looking at south of the San Bernardino County  
19 border. Highlighted in red is the BEAVICAL district.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Sorry, Sivan. Could you go back to  
21 the northwest corner there, Palm Springs/Whitewater area?  
22 Okay. I don't know -- that looks to be a small piece of  
23 tribal land right -- yeah, right there. Is there any way  
24 of -- Agua Caliente. Okay, that's fine then. We do  
25 divide the Agua Caliente lands in Palm Springs and

1 Cathedral City and a little bit in Rancho Mirage, but we  
2 don't see a way around that at this point.

3 Commissioner Akutagawa?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chair, I have a, I think a  
5 question. It's more, I'm going to direct it more towards  
6 you because you'd probably be more familiar with this.  
7 But the area that Commissioner Yee had brought up. When  
8 I was looking at the terrain layer, my recollection,  
9 having driven to Palm Springs a number of times, there is  
10 -- there is a -- it's essentially like a pass, and it's a  
11 pretty --

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Long pass.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, it's a pretty narrow  
14 and, you know, it looks like a mountain, but it's  
15 probably a hill. But in seeing the terrain layer and the  
16 placement of, I think it's Calle Mesa and Beaumont on, I  
17 don't know if -- I guess -- I don't -- I guess this is  
18 maybe more of a question for you. I'm fine with it as it  
19 is, but I also can see just from looking at the terrain  
20 layer, you know, do we need to think about this? And I'm  
21 assuming you're more familiar -- I mean, I feel like  
22 you're more familiar with this than I am. So I'd be  
23 interested in your thought on that because we have been  
24 receiving well, at least, you know, several calls around  
25 this. So just for the question to be asked.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Okay. Thank you. Yeah. You  
2 know, Yucaipa and Calle Mesa, because of their  
3 surroundings are pretty closely linked. That said, I  
4 would -- my own sense is that most of Yucaipa's  
5 population is at the crest of the hill as you come up  
6 from Redlands, whereas Calle Mesa's -- the bulk of Calle  
7 Mesa's population, is not in the immediately adjacent  
8 portion of Calle Mesa. It's, you know, if most of  
9 Yucaipa's population is there on the western side as you  
10 come up the 10 from Redlands, then there's another area  
11 of low-density population, and there's a rest area along  
12 the 10, and then you go up another hill and then you're  
13 into Calle Mesa or where more of the bulk of Calle Mesa's  
14 population is. You know, I would be happy either way. I  
15 think that, you know, I've said on a number of occasions,  
16 I'm always looking at how things can be made a bit easier  
17 for election administrators. And certainly following the  
18 county lines would be the easiest for election  
19 administrators. But I don't have a strong feeling on  
20 this one either way.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa? Commissioner Vazquez?

22 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I just wanted to echo  
23 your analysis of where the populations are in this area,  
24 being from Redlands. And I can also go either way. I  
25 think there are good, solid arguments for either

1 iteration, this iteration or the one Commissioner Yee  
2 proposed. So I would look for maybe a stronger opinion  
3 from the rest of the commissioners in terms of go or no  
4 go on this proposal.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.

6 Okay. Can we -- so we'll set this aside right now,  
7 Sivan. Can we move then to the San Bernardino and  
8 Riverside areas and then towards Ontario and Fontana?

9 MS. TRATT: Sorry, I didn't realize I was on mute.  
10 Is this an okay view for commissioners or should I zoom  
11 in further?

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: I think that's good. So there's a  
13 split in Eastvale. We know that we have a small split in  
14 Corona. The San Bernardino, okay, let's look at the San  
15 Bernardino district. Okay, so we have northern Redlands.  
16 We have part of Mentone, most of Highland, most of San  
17 Bernardino, most of Colton, all of Grand Terrace, all of  
18 Bloomington, all of Rialto, all of Muscoy, the northern  
19 part of Fontana and portions of Rancho Cucamonga.

20 MS. TRATT: I would also remind the commission that  
21 these are VRA areas. Let me add the CVAP numbers to the  
22 labels for your reference. One moment, please.

23 Should I continue panning around the map?

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

25 So Sivan, I'm seeing eight people over the target

1 population in MORCOA and MORCOA doesn't border on that  
2 many districts. So I'm guessing that we're going to have  
3 to --

4 MS. TRATT: Yeah, so I was actually --

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- play with multiple districts to  
6 balance that out.

7 MS. TRATT: Yeah, so I was messaging with the other  
8 line drawers about that. We have a plan to move that  
9 population south. I believe there's also an overage of  
10 five people over deviation in the Ventura area. So we  
11 were kind of just waiting again until we had a closer to  
12 final version of these maps before we did those cleanup-  
13 type operations. But the commission has been pretty  
14 clear in their message to the line drawers in wanting to  
15 not establish new city splits or any other unnecessary  
16 splits when balancing out the population deviation. So  
17 we will keep all of those in mind. And of course, the  
18 commission will have final approval to vote on those  
19 cleanups before the maps are published.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

21 So can we go to the Pomona, Montclair, Fontana,  
22 Ontario area?

23 Okay. And from here, because Jaime will take us  
24 through Los Angeles County in the next block, can we come  
25 down to Orange County?

1 MS. TRATT: Absolutely. So let me zoom out so you  
2 can see this district that starts at Chino Hills. And  
3 just let me know when you're ready, and I'll zoom into  
4 the next district.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I will take this opportunity  
6 to say that one of the things that occurred to me  
7 yesterday during our day off was that there might be some  
8 further refinement to the border between SAVANAANA and  
9 North Orange Coast. I did ask Jaime to help me walk  
10 through what that might look like. So basically, instead  
11 of a very irregular boundary between Huntington Beach on  
12 the one hand and Westminster and Fountain Valley on the  
13 other, I wanted to explore what smoothing that out might  
14 look like. And Sivan, I don't know whether you have that  
15 from Jaime or not. If not, I can wait for Jaime to show  
16 us what that might look like. The idea was that there is  
17 an area in the northern part of Huntington Beach. So you  
18 would essentially extend that southern boundary of Seal  
19 Beach eastward for most of that length and then cut south  
20 and back over to where Huntington Beach borders Fountain  
21 Valley. But it would just -- it would smooth out that  
22 border between North Orange Coast and SAVANAANA. It  
23 would hopefully pick up a significant portion of the  
24 population that community input from Little Saigon has  
25 been hoping to have in SAVANAANA, but it would not -- we

1 had explored having none of Huntington Beach, all of  
2 Huntington Beach, and only one other option, which was  
3 using Garfield as a dividing line, and it occurred to me  
4 yesterday that there might be another possible dividing  
5 line that would help us. Not everyone is going to be a  
6 hundred percent happy, but it would help us increase the  
7 level, the general level of satisfaction. So, again,  
8 Sivan, I don't know whether you've gotten that from  
9 Jaime. If not, we'll wait until Jaime is with us.

10 In the meantime, Commissioner Sadhwani?

11 MS. TRATT: Chair, I'm just going to stop screen  
12 sharing for a moment while I pulled that from my email.  
13 I believe Jaime sent it over. So one moment, please.  
14 Thanks for your patience.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

16 Commissioner Sadhwani?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, thanks. Just to  
18 confirm in terms of smoothing, the current line is where?  
19 At the Huntington Beach city line?

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Correct.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So it actually follows the  
22 whole city --

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: It does. It does.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- (indiscernible) all.  
25 Thank you.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: But in looking for, you know,  
2 another option, it just occurred to me that it might be  
3 possible to add some population from Huntington Beach,  
4 but not nearly as much as we had been moving previously.

5 Commissioner Akutagawa?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think we've also heard, I  
7 mean, we've heard lots of different COI testimony. I  
8 also, you know, want to just point out that we've had  
9 requests to keep Huntington Beach whole. I'm also  
10 concerned about the ripple effects to the other cities in  
11 Orange County at this point right now. And I think we're  
12 in a satisfactory place. It's not exactly what everybody  
13 wants, but I think we're in a satisfactory place. And  
14 I'm just concerned about then once we open this up, it's  
15 going to open up a whole other set of, can of worms and  
16 ripple effects that we've had lots of conversation about  
17 this, and I'm just concerned about people saying you're  
18 back at Orange County again, and then if you're going to  
19 do that, then why don't you fix everything else that's  
20 wrong with Orange County? And so.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. And we are, you know, but  
22 again, what I was trying to see if there was any greater  
23 satisfaction in moving a smaller amount of population  
24 from Huntington Beach into SAVANAANA. And the only  
25 change elsewhere on the map would be moving Los Alamitos

1 and Rossmoor into North Orange Coast with Seal Beach.  
2 And I understand that there has been, you know, a fair  
3 amount of support for grouping Seal Beach, Rossmoor, and  
4 Los Alamitos.

5 Commissioner Akutagawa?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think in this case, I  
7 would prefer to just see, you know, a city kept whole,  
8 and I think we're just trying to minimize the splits at  
9 this point. And then I think, again, we are getting  
10 mixed testimony. And so I would prefer to just leave it  
11 as it is.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

13 Commissioner Sinay?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Do we know, I mean, I tend to  
15 agree with Commissioner Akutagawa, but, you know, when we  
16 make this move, is it improving? You know, is it -- is  
17 that where the Vietnamese community is living? Or are we  
18 assuming because that's the closest to Little Saigon? I  
19 mean, I would hate to make, split a city and then we  
20 don't get it right.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. So this is more, you know,  
22 kind of going on the assumption that closer is better.  
23 Again, you know, it's not a completely regular shape  
24 because of just population and smoothing it out would  
25 cause us to have to find population elsewhere. But, you

1 know, the idea was to include some of the northern part  
2 of Huntington Beach. What we had been hearing from the  
3 Little Saigon community was Garfield, which is that  
4 southern boundary of Fountain Valley and running that  
5 west, which ended up being a lot of population. And it  
6 just occurred to me that if we took a different boundary  
7 like the southern boundary of Seal Beach and ran that  
8 roughly east, that we might move less population and have  
9 less ripples to deal with.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa?

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I would be curious to see  
12 what the, what all the CVAPs would be for both areas.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

14 Sivan, are you able to show us the CVAPs for both  
15 versions, for the current version and then the  
16 exploration?

17 MS. TRATT: Yes. One moment, please while I form  
18 out those labels? Let me make this look a little more  
19 clear. One moment, please. Thank you for waiting.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: In the meantime, Commissioner  
21 Andersen?

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. I was just  
23 wondering. Now this, I don't know if it's both versions  
24 keep the Korean community of interest in Buena Park and  
25 Fullerton together. I'm a little confused because I can



1 only see part of the block, and I don't know which is  
2 which now, at this point. This particular version does  
3 indeed have part of Buena Park with Fullerton. I'm just  
4 wondering if that -- I thought that was one of the -- one  
5 -- when we did the change, this last change, that we did  
6 unite that as well. I just want to --

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: That is my understanding.

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

9 MS. TRATT: So neither of these are VRA districts,  
10 but the resulting Latino CVAP for SAVANAANA would be  
11 twenty-three percent. It is currently at 23.02 percent.  
12 And for the OCCOAST district and NOCOAST, the Latino CVAP  
13 would be 13.44 percent, and it is currently 13.54.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: May I ask what the CVAPS  
15 for all the other groups would be?

16 MS. TRATT: Yes. The black CVAP would be 1.9  
17 percent. And the Asian CVAP would be 19.13 percent. And  
18 the NOCOAST district, I don't have white or indigenous  
19 CVAP that is -- was exported with this layer. And then  
20 for SAVANAANA, it would, the black CVAP would be 2.8  
21 percent, and the Asian CVAP would be 37 percent.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So minimal changes in any  
23 direction on any of those. Any further comment on this?

24 Commissioner Yee?

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I hear Commissioner

1 Akutagawa's thought about keeping cities whole as far as  
2 we can, but I mean, they asked to include Huntington  
3 Beach. You know, it was one of our strongest tasks for  
4 sure, and to include at least part of it. You know, we'd  
5 go partway there, so I can see the merit in this. And  
6 getting Los Alamitos and Rossmoor down to Seal Beach,  
7 that's a plus two, I think.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

9 Commissioner Sadhwani?

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I'm not a, I mean, I'm  
11 not a big fan of -- we've had so much conflicting  
12 testimony from Huntington Beach when we had split it and  
13 put Huntington Beach with Little Saigon. We received so  
14 much testimony saying, no, we're coastal, we want to be  
15 coastal. So I feel like there's this back and forth.  
16 And the testimony that we had received -- and the Little  
17 Saigon testimony, I'll just be honest, right. Over the  
18 summer, it was Westminster, Garden Grove, and Fountain  
19 Valley. Suddenly now it's been Huntington Beach. So and  
20 when it was Huntington Beach previously, it was north of  
21 Garfield. This is not north of Garfield. So I don't  
22 feel like this, to me, is based on any specific  
23 testimony. It's like a, I don't know, breaking up stuff  
24 somewhat haphazardly. I think at this point, you know,  
25 for Orange County, where we're fairly well settled, you

1 know, in keeping Huntington Beach whole and a coastal  
2 district. And so I would prefer to just keep what we  
3 have. Thank you.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.  
5 Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. I would  
7 also like to keep what we have. And again, I know we  
8 tend to, or it seems like there's more weight attached to  
9 bigger asks, and I don't think that's what we're here  
10 for, is to attach more weight to bigger asks, but more to  
11 evaluate the communities of interest information that we  
12 have. Regardless of how many call in. Long Beach called  
13 in I don't even know how many times, and we ended up  
14 having to split them potentially. So I just want to  
15 remind everyone that, and I want to remind myself that,  
16 as well. So thank you.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.  
18 Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, thank you for that  
20 reminder, Commissioner Fernandez. I wanted to also just  
21 think back to something similar to what Commissioner  
22 Sadhwani did also say. During the summer, the early  
23 community testimony we did spoke very specifically about  
24 Westminster, Garden Grove, and Fountain Valley. Then  
25 later on, we got very, I will say, coordinated testimony

1 around Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, Seal Beach, and Huntington  
2 Beach all being part of Little Saigon. Now, it has  
3 changed to, as I think Commissioner Sadhwani said, you  
4 know, north of Garfield or to include all of Huntington  
5 Beach north of Garfield. I -- right now at this point, I  
6 think, yeah, I think we're just opening ourselves up. I  
7 think I'm just -- I'm just -- I guess I would just -- I  
8 think we're in a good place with keeping the city whole.  
9 And we did get a lot of testimony that people did not  
10 want to see Huntington Beach split either. We also got  
11 lots of testimony that Rossmoor, Los Alamitos, and  
12 Cypress also go together, as well as the other way around  
13 Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, and Seal Beach go together. But  
14 we've gotten that kind of testimony all over the state.  
15 There are -- depends on who you ask. You know, people  
16 see their communities very differently. And so I think  
17 to echo what Commissioner Fernandez said, I think, you  
18 know, it's not about the quantity, but it is trying to  
19 assess what you know, what we can in terms of just, you  
20 know, what we can do best with these with these maps.  
21 Thank you.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

23 So at this point, we will we will set this aside. I  
24 appreciate consideration. I hope I explained my intent  
25 well enough in coming up with this as a potential

1 compromise. And I think with that, we have finished  
2 reviewing Imperial, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino,  
3 and Orange Counties, which was our goal for this ninety-  
4 minute block.

5 Before we move on to Los Angeles, do we have any  
6 further comments on Imperial, San Diego, Riverside, San  
7 Bernardino, or Orange Counties?

8 Commissioner Akutagawa, is you hand up?

9 Okay. Sivan, thank you very much for your  
10 assistance with this. We will, hopefully, not have to  
11 come back to you for a while and give you some time to  
12 relax. And again, thank you so much for all your help  
13 with this.

14 Andrew?

15 MR. DRECHSLER: Chair, I just wanted to remind you,  
16 we we're going to look at that one unincorporated area  
17 between Bonsall and Fallbrook.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: That's fine.

19 MR. DRECHSLER: So at the next break, yeah. Yeah,  
20 we will, at the next break, we will, or one of the  
21 breaks, we'll come back and just show that and just allow  
22 the commissioners to take a look at what that would look  
23 like if we made that change. So I just wanted to remind  
24 you that. That's something we're going to be working on.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect. Very good. Thank you so

1 much, Andrew.

2 Jaime, welcome.

3 MS. TRATT: S1: I'm going to go ahead and stop  
4 sharing my screen so Jaime can take over. Thank you,  
5 everyone.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Sivan.

7 MS. CLARK: Good afternoon, commissioners. I shared  
8 my screen, and as you wish, Chair Kennedy, I can just go  
9 over the small changes that have been incorporated into  
10 the map over the last couple of days.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Please do.

12 MS. CLARK: Thank you. So where we last left off,  
13 the commission asked me to just balance out and look at  
14 the split, or rather the boundary, between SP 710 and LB  
15 North. I did that and balanced them to plus or minus one  
16 person, and I will read off the CVAP numbers for each  
17 district. For SP 710, the Latino CVAP is 51.01 percent.  
18 The black CVAP is 15.02 percent. The Asian CVAP is 12.91  
19 percent. And the white CVAP is 18.66 percent.

20 For LB North, the Latino CVAP is 52.35 percent. The  
21 black CVAP is 8.53 percent. Asian CVAP 9.52 percent.  
22 And the white CVAP is 28.14 percent. So that was the  
23 first just small change was balancing out population in  
24 these two districts.

25 Second, the commission had expressed wishing to work

1 on this line in the neighborhoods north of LAX. I worked  
2 with Commissioner Yee on this change and this boundary is  
3 roughly Sepulveda, and this boundary is Westchester. And  
4 between SHORELINE and STHLA, these districts are both  
5 balanced to one person.

6 And additionally, the commission pointed me in the  
7 direction of public input around Angeles National Forest.  
8 There were some small -- there are small numbers of  
9 population here in these areas. And so there also was  
10 some minor balancing between districts just to get  
11 everything down to plus or minus one person. And the  
12 changes mostly included extending the boundary north here  
13 in CD to 10 to include more of the forest. In GLEN2BA  
14 also extending the boundary a little further north to  
15 include more of the forest, as with SFB. And just a note  
16 that the public input that the commission got around this  
17 area, the boundaries that were submitted by the member of  
18 the public who submitted the testimony, they didn't  
19 exactly follow census block lines, and so this is the  
20 best representation or the best I could do representation  
21 of sort of their guidance to the commission as the census  
22 blocks are drawn, and happy, of course, to take a closer  
23 look at that if the commission wishes.

24 And those are the only changes since yesterday, and  
25 again, this is on the map viewer.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Jaime.

2 Commissioner Toledo?

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime. Thank you  
4 very much for all the work you're doing. Just wondering  
5 on the LB North district, how many people are in the Long  
6 Beach Signal Hill area? Can you can you give me an  
7 estimate of the number of individuals who live in that  
8 area? And the reason I ask is, as we all know, the  
9 voting rights requirements are really up in the northern  
10 part of this district not in the southern part. And, of  
11 course, any time when you have such a densely populated  
12 large city with all these smaller communities that we've  
13 -- a lot of small communities up in the north, the power  
14 is going to shift to the non-VRA area. So it just -- we  
15 just have to be cognizant that the more -- and what our  
16 direction to Jamie was to add more of Long Beach and more  
17 of Signal Hill and to essentially split more of these  
18 smaller communities up in the northern part of the  
19 district, so that does have an impact, as well. I just  
20 wanted to raise that to make sure that the commission is  
21 aware and wanted to get the number of people in the  
22 southern part of the district, Jaime.

23 MS. CLARK: Yes. So the highlighted area includes  
24 parts of the city of Long Beach, all of Signal Hill, and  
25 there's one small unincorporated area that's included.



1 And this is 278,000 people.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime. That's all.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

4 Commissioner Andersen.

5 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair.

6 Yes, Jaime, could you show us where is the airport,

7 the Long Beach Airport, in this area?

8 Okay. And can you zoom in a little bit, please?

9 MS. CLARK: Yep. Sorry. I was unmuting. The  
10 airport is here just north of Signal Hill --

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right, so --

12 MS. CLARK: -- and it's included right now in the LB  
13 North district.

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So that is included  
15 with most of the downtown area and then the residential  
16 around it is sort of -- you know an airport, sometimes  
17 there's most people on one side or the other. Can we  
18 sort of see in this area which way the people are? Or is  
19 -- it might be just right completely in the middle of  
20 densely populated. I don't know. If you can kind of  
21 zoom in a little bit, please?

22 MS. CLARK: Would you like me to turn on the block  
23 layer with population figures?

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Just -- yeah, just quickly,  
25 please. Because we did hear that.

1 MS. CLARK: So there's population west of the  
2 airport and south of the airport and in Signal Hill and  
3 here east of the airport -- or west. (Indiscernible).

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: West and east.

5 MS. CLARK: (Indiscernible) fix that. But yes, it  
6 looks like there is population surrounding the airport.

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Yeah, but we have -- as  
8 again, these are VRA districts, so we're working on that.  
9 Great. Thank you. We did hear from the airport who  
10 said, yes, this is wise. It is very important that they  
11 are connected to the port and also the downtown  
12 businesses, as with that, you know, it is a federal  
13 issue. It's the FAA working with the ports as well. So  
14 thank you very much.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.  
16 Commissioner Yee?

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you so much, Jaime. I  
18 wanted to just give you more details about the north of  
19 LAX move that we made. So this is the Westchester  
20 neighborhood north of LAX, and you may recall there was a  
21 diagonal split of it previously. They had hoped to get  
22 the entire Westchester neighborhood together all the way  
23 to the 405. We couldn't do that without splitting other  
24 places, of course. So this is at least a better split,  
25 splitting off the sub-neighborhood of Kentwood more

1 cleanly than the previous splits. And that's what that  
2 was. And it didn't involve any other population splits.

3 Also I wanted to comment on the (indiscernible)  
4 adjustment to the national forest area north of it.  
5 Thank you for working on that. I wanted to just check  
6 that it did include both the West and East Fork  
7 recreation areas now that were mentioned, perhaps that  
8 was the (indiscernible) that you were referencing. It  
9 looks like it actually doesn't. The input we got that  
10 would be that the area would go farther northeasterly  
11 across the reservoirs, a bit more north and quite a bit  
12 more east, so perhaps, you and I can take a look at that  
13 and possibly adjust it.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

15 MS. CLARK: Yeah, we might have been referencing two  
16 different pieces of input.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: There were several iterations, yes.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'll take a look. Thanks.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee. Thank  
20 you, Jaime.

21 Commissioner Fornaciari?

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So being the effective  
23 note taker I am, I have one extra note here. I think  
24 Commissioner Vazquez suggested trading parts of Mount  
25 Washington for more of Glassell Park. Did you did you

1 get a chance to look at that?

2 MS. CLARK: Thank you. I did. And I apologize for  
3 not mentioning that previously. I -- so I did include --  
4 in GLEN2BA, I included these areas, Mount Washington, the  
5 area in Mount Washington with GLEN2BA. And then I  
6 believe that the direction was to include more of Eagle  
7 Rock in with CD and ELA, and so I moved the line here  
8 north to include more of those areas. Thank you.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thanks, Jaime. Thank you,  
10 Commissioner Fornaciari. Thank you, Jamie.

11 Commissioner Ahmad?

12 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I just  
13 wanted to ask if it's okay to make a zero population  
14 change based off of community of interest testimony to  
15 reunite both Long Beach college campuses. So the one  
16 that I'm referencing in particular sits right above the  
17 airport. And if you can turn on the population layer,  
18 yeah that corner right there. So it would be, I believe  
19 it's four, those five zeros into LB North, and this is  
20 based off of COI testimony.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Any objection to making that  
22 change, that zero population change, adding the community  
23 college area back into LB North? No objection.

24 Jamie, please go ahead and proceed with that.

25 Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.

1 Commissioner Toledo?

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I just wanted to note that  
3 Equality California did submit, and they told us to read  
4 public comment, submitted suggestions on this particular  
5 map. And I just wanted to make sure we all have seen the  
6 suggestions. They would go into Orange County. I think  
7 that, for us, is not something that we are looking at at  
8 this point, but maybe something we could take a look at  
9 it if there's time. Thank you.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Did you want to go over that in any  
11 more detail, Commissioner Toledo?

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I mean, they achieved some of  
13 the goals because they obviously, like many of the  
14 community groups, have been following this very closely.  
15 They achieve our goal to only split Long Beach twice. So  
16 to also maintain the Latino CVAPs and increase the Latino  
17 CVAPS in the northern part of these districts to maintain  
18 all of the majority-minority districts, especially the,  
19 and in particular the districts to the north and to the  
20 east and at the same time strengthening some of the COIs  
21 in southern -- in Orange County is what they're stating.  
22 I mean, I reviewed the maps. There might be some  
23 suggestions we might want to take a look at and explore a  
24 little bit further, but, as we as we deliberate on all of  
25 the maps here in Los Angeles County.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner  
2 Toledo.

3 We have about seven more minutes until our break.  
4 And then we will have -- we're planning to have Jaime  
5 back with us for perhaps as much as the first half of the  
6 next ninety-minute block. So we'll see how we go.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I just wanted to ask  
9 a similar question to what Commissioner Toledo mentioned.  
10 I know that Equality California is concerned about taking  
11 so much more of Long Beach. I know they asked not to do  
12 that. But I think to ensure that we can keep at least  
13 most of the LGBTQ, as well as the Cambodia Town COI in  
14 there.

15 I also heard what Commissioner Toledo was saying  
16 about maybe try not to split Bellflower. And so this is  
17 my question. Jaime, based on the shapefiles that  
18 Equality California sent, is there a way to be a little  
19 bit more surgical in terms of where we might be able to  
20 still take from Long Beach and then offset what we took  
21 from Bellflower? Or is this as good as it gets? I'm not  
22 advocating for change per se, but I'm just asking the  
23 question now at this point.

24 MS. CLARK: Thank you for your question. So if  
25 you'll recall during the last day of line drawing in this

1 area, we first started just by splitting Lakewood and  
2 then having more of Long Beach. Just by splitting  
3 Lakewood and then having more of Long Beach with SP 710.  
4 And then the commission decided to go with additionally  
5 splitting Bellflower and having less of Long Beach and SP  
6 710. So the commission did look at that live and opted  
7 for the split in Bellflower. I also would say that I  
8 have the Equality California shapefile that they sent  
9 today, I believe, loaded into the map. We can look at  
10 it. They do have higher Latino CVAP numbers in SP 710  
11 and LB North. However, they have lower Latino CVAP  
12 numbers in CD, COB, and STH 60. So there's also a  
13 tradeoff there in terms of the areas the commission is  
14 looking at that have VRA considerations.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We may take a look at that  
16 after the break.

17 Commissioner Andersen, followed by Commissioner  
18 Turner and Commissioner Sinay, please?

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. I was interested in  
20 looking at that after the break, please, just because I  
21 couldn't actually -- I was having trouble looking at the  
22 maps, and it sounded like there were a lot of things that  
23 were accomplished.

24 Actually, right now, I'd like to go back to that LAX  
25 area, and could we see the CVAPs, both the previous and

1 the new addition, please, so we can compare those and all  
2 the CVAPs, please. Just want to have a look at what the  
3 changes resulted in.

4 MS. CLARK: Okay, so with this change -- current --  
5 so what's currently on the map in black line is the  
6 current version and then, oh, you know what? Hang on.  
7 Here we go. Oh, this doesn't represent -- let me find  
8 that once again.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, I think it was up initially,  
10 and then --

11 MS. CLARK: There we go. Let me find -- let me add  
12 this label. I apologize. So what's in green right now  
13 is where the line was previously. That's in the draft  
14 since we hadn't touched that line. And I'm just going to  
15 add the rest of the CVAPs to the label. And I will make  
16 the label match the color of the boundary, so it will be  
17 green, as well. Thank you, all, for your patience. So  
18 here he is with the draft, so it's not balanced. I'm  
19 having a hard time finding the exact layer. So with the  
20 draft, and again, we haven't changed it a ton. The STH  
21 LA Latino CVAP has decreased from 46.8 percent to now  
22 47.47 percent. Additionally, the black -- actually all  
23 of the CVAPs have decreased. And in SHORELINE, the CVAPs  
24 have remained pretty similar. The Asian and white CVAPs  
25 have increased a little bit in SHORELINE.



1 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, that's --

2 MS. CLARK: That's just from the draft.

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. Yeah, that's what I  
4 was a little concerned about.

5 MS. CLARK: Here we go. Here is a more recent and  
6 balanced version, so balanced to one person. So this is  
7 from 12/10. And again, in black is the current boundary  
8 and in orange is the older boundary with the older CVAP.  
9 So in STHLA, the Latino CVAP has increased by 0.1  
10 percent. The black CVAP has increased by about 0.2  
11 percent. The Asian CVAP has increased by about 0.1  
12 percent. And the white CVAP that has decreased by about  
13 0.5, or 0.4 percent.

14 For SHORELINE, the Latino CVAP has decreased by one  
15 one-hundredth of a percent. The black CVAP has decreased  
16 by 0.1 percent. The Asian CVAP has increased by about  
17 0.05 percent, point one percentish. And the white CVAP  
18 has decreased by about, oh no, has also increased sent by  
19 0.18 percent.

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, thank you.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good.

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: So in southern LA, the black  
23 CVAP has gone up a little bit with this change, as well  
24 as the Latino CVAP has gone up a little bit with this  
25 change. All right, great. Thank you.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.  
2 My apologies to Commissioner Turner and Commissioner  
3 Sinay. We will need to come to you after the break.  
4 It's 2:30; we will be back at 2:45. Thank you.

5 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for your patience,  
7 everyone. We are back in today's meeting of the  
8 California Citizens Redistricting Commission. There were  
9 a couple of hands raised before the break. I wanted to  
10 check in with Commissioner Sinay.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks. This one jumped out at  
12 me. It was -- a couple of people had submitted it, and  
13 it jumped out at me just because I am -- I did go to  
14 UCLA, and we cut kind of UCLA -- we -- at first, I was  
15 like, oh, we did a pretty good job, but really we've cut  
16 off the students who live in the apartments from the  
17 actual college. And I don't think it's critical,  
18 critical, but if it's easy to move that that line, yeah,  
19 to Veteran. If we move it to Veterans Avenue all the way  
20 down to Wilshire, it would be it would capture more of  
21 the students. But again, I don't think it's critical. I  
22 don't I don't want us to change the whole maps for it.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. The  
24 next item was to -- we were asking Ms. Clark to pull up  
25 the Equality California maps so that we can take a look

1 at Long Beach. We can continue with this for a moment  
2 first, though.

3 MS. CLARK: So the population in this highlighted  
4 area, which does follow Veteran to Wilshire and would  
5 bring the highlighted area into the SHORELINE district,  
6 is 13,160 people. Is there an area that would be traded  
7 out in exchange? I'll zoom out to see more of the map.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Jaime, do you have a suggestion  
10 on what would -- what might make it easy.

11 MS. CLARK: One kind of -- one trade could be here  
12 in -- just south of Wilshire, perhaps.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, I was thinking of that  
14 area too.

15 MS. CLARK: So this area would be moved into  
16 SHORELINE, so SHORELINE would need to shed population.  
17 So actually, given that, then maybe this area, which is  
18 north of Santa Monica Boulevard. Currently, it's in the  
19 West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council, and maybe that  
20 could be a trade. So --

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Could you give us the population for  
22 that area?

23 MS. TRATT: One moment, please. That's 13,438, so  
24 there'd be a couple-hundred-person difference. And I  
25 could make -- if the Commission wishes, I can make this

1 change, and adjust for population offline. Or I'm, yeah,  
2 happy to explore anything further if this is not an ideal  
3 change.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So let's limit our discussion  
5 right now to this -- to this swap.

6 Commissioner Akutagawa, are you on this item?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So okay, so it would  
8 have to be a swap between Malibu SFV, right, and  
9 Shoreline, because what you're looking at is a  
10 historically Japanese-American community around there.  
11 That's that Sawtelle Boulevard, Little -- what they call  
12 Little Osaka now.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that. Commissioner  
14 Turner, are you on this one?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, the same area. I was  
16 just going to say you're going to be breaking a COI there  
17 too. Thank you.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner  
19 Vazquez?

20 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I'd like to hear from  
21 Commissioner Turner, which COI would be broken up beyond  
22 West L.A. I appreciated Commissioner Akutagawa's  
23 specificity. I do think this is, potentially, a change  
24 that we could or should make. It makes a lot of sense to  
25 have the students of UCLA together with the actual

1 school. Not interested in blowing up the map, but I do  
2 think I'd be willing to consider, you know, breaking up  
3 COIs in order to get students, but I want to know which  
4 COIs are in question.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you, Commissioner  
6 Vazquez. Commissioner Turner?

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I'm bringing it up, one  
8 moment. I'm in our Airtable.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: In the meantime, Commissioner Sinay,  
10 or Jaime, or do you see any other areas where we might  
11 take population from? There's, you know, a bump out in  
12 Santa Monica, for example, very close to the area that's  
13 currently highlighted. I don't know how densely  
14 populated that is. Are there areas in Beverly Hills that  
15 would make sense to move to Malibu SFV?

16 Commissioner Sinay?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: What I was thinking, was going  
18 the wrong direction, so sorry.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Chair?

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Turner?

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. This may have been  
23 going too. This speaks about excluding the neighborhood  
24 of Westchester from the Shoreline iteration. Is that  
25 what we're doing now? Kids from Westchester going to El

1 Segundo, it's this the same area that's further south?

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. Commissioner Akutagawa?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. I just wanted to  
4 correct myself. I took a closer look at the map. And so  
5 it is not going to break up that Little Osaka COI. So  
6 we're -- it looks like -- I think -- I think to  
7 Commissioner Vazquez's point, I think it would be okay, I  
8 guess. I haven't seen anything yet. I'm looking.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Turner?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No. If that's further south,  
11 this is the one that talked about -- I thought, right  
12 here at -- so we talked about shoreline here, so  
13 that's -- I think I'm in the wrong area also.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay; any further discussion on  
15 this?

16 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Chair?

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Vazquez?

18 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. I just -- I'm fairly  
19 familiar with this area. I used to have a good friend  
20 who lived over here. It's mostly apartments, it's --  
21 this area that we're talking about right here along  
22 Wilshire is, you know, pretty residential, and I would  
23 say could go -- sorry, no, not the student portion, but  
24 the portion that we're talking about removing from  
25 shoreline, I think could comfortably go in terms of

1 community of interest and affinity to Malibu SFV, to the  
2 community north of -- north of it. So I think this is a  
3 good -- this is a good swap.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. So I'm sensing a  
5 consensus on this. Any objection? Okay, please proceed.  
6 And we will -- we would ask you to finish cleaning up  
7 after you make this -- this shift of the student housing  
8 area. You can finish balancing population offline.

9 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So then next would be to  
11 bring up the Equality California maps in the Long Beach  
12 area, please.

13 MS. CLARK: What's in red is the boundaries from  
14 Equality California, so I'll just kind of review. It  
15 sounds like there's mostly interest in kind of looking at  
16 the Long Beach and Orange County areas, and other  
17 districts that would be impacted. So just looking at the  
18 Commission's map they -- so SP 710, it looks like  
19 differences are kind of around the boundaries in Long  
20 Beach.

21 For NOCOAST, North Orange Coast, they include  
22 Lakewood, Signal Hill, much of the City of Long Beach,  
23 with Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, Seal Beach, Huntington  
24 Beach, western areas of Costa Mesa with Newport Beach.  
25 The other part of Costa Mesa is with North Tustin, and

1 Tustin, Irvine, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo areas.

2 Somewhat similar to the MALDEF map, they include  
3 sort of eastern areas of Orange County, and the City of  
4 Orange, parts of the City of Anaheim with some of these  
5 Western Riverside areas along 15, including going out to  
6 Coachella Valley, it looks like. And the overall  
7 architecture of the Anaheim, Santa Ana District is very  
8 similar.

9 There's a split in Santa Ana. I believe the  
10 Commission's current version of the map doesn't split  
11 Santa Ana. The Little Saigon area is with Artesia and  
12 Cerritos, and Buena Park, Fullerton, most of Placentia  
13 and part of Yorba Linda.

14 Moving north, this is pretty different from, right  
15 now, the STH 60 that the Commission has. It's part of  
16 Chino Hills, part of Yorba Linda, with Brea, Walnut,  
17 Diamond Bar, Roland Heights, Hacienda Heights, the  
18 southern part of El Monte, Pico Rivera, Montebello, the  
19 eastern portions of East Los Angeles, and Whittier. And  
20 what is the Commission, CDCOV (ph.), a big difference is  
21 Pomona is included in this district, and again the  
22 northern part of El Monte is in here.

23 And looking at some of these Northern Gateway  
24 cities, it looks like this would be Little Tokyo and  
25 parts of Boyle Heights, with Vernon, Bell Gardens,



1 Downey, Bellflower, Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, La Mirada  
2 with La Habra.

3 And these are some of the bigger differences that  
4 are kind of jumping out at me right now. I really just  
5 got this file and haven't spent a ton of time with it.  
6 But in Orange County and L.A. County, those are the big  
7 differences. And of course, we had a sneak peek into  
8 some of the big differences in Riverside County, too.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right, very good. Thank you so  
10 much, Jaime. I just wanted to check in with the VRA  
11 counsel, to see if there are any initial reactions. I  
12 realize that you may not have had any more time than Ms.  
13 Clark to take a look at this, but there are very  
14 significant differences between this map, and our map in  
15 relation to what we currently have as VRA districts. So  
16 I want to touch base with you and get your sense.

17 MR. PEREZ: Thank you, Chair. No immediate initial  
18 reactions, but we can take a look at this more closely  
19 related to that.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

21 Commissioners, any reaction to the Equality  
22 California maps? Commissioner Turner?

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I think my  
24 initial reaction, I was really pleased to see the  
25 increase in the CVAP numbers that they shared, and it

1 seemed that what was proposed, and I'm looking at it now  
2 on the map. But what was written, as far as taking in  
3 consideration of what the Commission has previously  
4 talked about, and keeping a lot of these COIs together,  
5 and the minimal splits in Long Beach, I thought for sure  
6 was impressive, to say the least. And I just would want  
7 us to keep looking at this for considerations of where we  
8 can make adjustments to -- particularly to increase CVAP.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much,  
10 Commissioner Turner.

11 Commissioner Sadhwani, your hand was up.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, yeah. I was just -- I  
13 haven't had a chance to dig into this closely. I mean,  
14 generally speaking, there's pros and cons here. I was  
15 just curious if anyone, who's taking a closer look. Do  
16 we still have the same number of districts with fifty  
17 percent above, in terms of Latino CVAP? Does anyone  
18 know?

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: (Indiscernible) --

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes?

21 MS. CLARK: And just a note on that. Just again,  
22 really briefly, looking at these, and specifically  
23 focused on L.A. County. So the district with -- which is  
24 like SP 10, which is very similar to the Commission's  
25 current SP 10, and the one that goes from La Habra to

1 Vernon, and parts of Boyle Heights, et cetera. That  
2 does -- those two have a higher Latino CVAP than the  
3 Commission's current versions.

4 And then here in CDCOV, and STH 60, right now the  
5 Commission has about fifty-five percent in each of those,  
6 and these are fifty-two percent Latino CVAP. So kind of  
7 like switched right now. The Commission again, here, has  
8 about fifty-five percent Latino CVAP, and these are both  
9 in the fifty-two percent I think. Whereas, the  
10 Commission, in SP 710 and the North Long Beach District,  
11 those are fifty-one and fifty-two, whereas they have  
12 these around fifty-five percent.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

14 Commissioner Toledo?

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Yeah, I did take a  
16 look at them. I mean, there are some benefits to the  
17 more Gateway City CVAPs, but then we have some reduction  
18 in the other CVAPs that Jaime just noted. I mean, I  
19 think there are some good ideas here. So I wouldn't -- I  
20 think a good idea is to take a look at as we look at this  
21 region. And so I wouldn't discount them. I just, you  
22 know, I have to process it a little bit more. But thank  
23 you.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner  
25 Toledo. Commissioner Turner?

1           COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And Jaime, you are  
2 confirming, yes, though they have the same number of VRA  
3 districts that we have.

4           MS. CLARK: In L.A. County, yes.

5           COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

6           MS. CLARK: And I haven't -- I haven't looked  
7 outside of L.A. County.

8           COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. No, I'm speaking of  
9 L.A. County. Thank you.

10          CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Commissioner Turner.  
11 Commissioner Sinay?

12          COMMISSIONER SINAY: We are near the end of kind of  
13 our mapping for the Congressional district, and yes, we  
14 have -- we can always go back and make adjustments. I  
15 was just hoping that we could get some clarity on what  
16 are our decision points, versus looking at different maps  
17 and thinking about maybe redoing it all.

18                 If we go back to our draft map, what is keeping my  
19 colleagues from thinking that the maps are good? What  
20 can make them better? What are -- what are the decision  
21 points? That's -- I guess that's why I keep getting lost  
22 in this area. We keep coming back to this, but I don't  
23 know what are the sticking points.

24          CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. I  
25 think at this point, these maps are new enough to us that

1 colleagues may need some more time. And again, we have  
2 very little time remaining. So it may be that any  
3 changes are very marginal, but we do want to consider the  
4 input that we are getting. Commissioner Andersen.

5       COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Yes,  
6 Jaime, I see it, the flip back and forth. Could you  
7 possibly put them all at the same time for a little bit  
8 so we can kind of see? What I'm actually looking at is,  
9 you know, is using parts of their ideas to increase the  
10 CVAP, you know the -- obviously in the LBNORTH and LB --  
11 and 710. We all know that Long Beach is not really an  
12 area that needs to be covered by the VRA, and I'm looking  
13 at what other changes they've made in Orange County  
14 without blowing up the maps.

15       You know -- you know, to try to see the change,  
16 because if we can add more of the areas around CDCOVE  
17 (ph.), and the others to keep those numbers also high. I  
18 think this -- this does bear a little bit more, but I  
19 have not had a chance to really look at them. But I  
20 think this does bear a little bit of exploration to it,  
21 because it's a -- there could be a possibility here  
22 without blowing up the map to make an exchange.

23       So I, you know, I would like to see a little time  
24 possibly spent on this, again, with the idea of being  
25 increasingly CVAP in all four of our VRA districts in

1 L.A.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, colleagues.

3 Jaime, could we just take a look now, kind of going  
4 northwards from STHLA through 10 Corridor, the NELA  
5 District, and into the San Fernando Valley, and beyond.  
6 We also have to look at Northern Los Angeles County.

7 We've got about twenty minutes, or so, that we had hoped  
8 to complete this exercise in Los Angeles County.

9 MS. CLARK: Yes, absolutely. And did you want to  
10 keep looking at the Equality California submission?

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: No; back to our maps.

12 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Yes. So I'm going to zoom  
13 into STHLA this -- again, the only change here was  
14 adjusting this line and now, as opposed to being more  
15 diagonal, it's roughly at Sepulveda Avenue, balanced a  
16 couple blocks off -- census blocks, and city blocks, off  
17 just for deviation.

18 And it still includes Inglewood, Hawthorn, and Del  
19 Aire a whole, Lawndale, Torrance, the part of Torrance  
20 that is west of Hawthorn and north of Sepulveda, includes  
21 all of Gardena, Compton and Watts. At 10 Corridor, this  
22 includes all of Culver City, South Robertson, Pico, Mid-  
23 City, West Adams, Jefferson Park, Downtown Los Angeles,  
24 south of Little Tokyo, it includes all of South Central  
25 L.A., Zapata King, Central Alameda, Ladera Heart --

1 Ladera Heights, Park Mesa areas.

2       And to the NELA District again. And thank you,  
3 Commissioner Fornaciari for reminding me that we didn't  
4 make this change of excluding Mount Washington from this  
5 district, to be able to include more of Eagle Rock. So  
6 this includes part of Eagle Rock, Highland Park, El  
7 Sereno, East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, Chinatown,  
8 Little Tokyo, Historic Filipinotown, Koreatown, Pico  
9 Union, Thai -- and Thai Town. And just a reminder, we  
10 moved this north up, roughly to Franklin to include both  
11 sides of the street of Hollywood Boulevard.

12       Shall I continue on?

13       CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

14       MS. CLARK: So the Glenn --

15       CHAIR KENNEDY: Hold on, hold on just a second,  
16 Jaime. I'm sorry. Commissioner Turner?

17       COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Thank you, Chair.

18 While we were here in the southern part, still, we have  
19 received no less than five different public inputs for  
20 the Black Census and redistricting for very small street  
21 changes. I wonder. Can I just give you those and see if  
22 they'll make changes? I don't think we're looking to  
23 change the entire map, but there may be some small shifts  
24 that can be made in this area.

25       CHAIR KENNEDY: Please go ahead.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. So Jaime, going back to  
2 STHLA; the request is that we're bringing in more of  
3 South Los Angeles, moving a boundary that is north  
4 between Vermont and Central up to Manchester. And  
5 move -- then move the border north in Gramercy --  
6 Gramercy Park up to 94th Street between Venice and  
7 Harvard. Tell me if you see it. I'm reading and not  
8 following you, Jaime.

9 MS. CLARK: Which part, please?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh. It's moving the north  
11 boundary between Vermont -- Vermont and Central up to  
12 Manchester, and then move the border north and -- oh,  
13 Gramercy, north and Gramercy Park up to 94th Street  
14 between Venice and Harvard -- Harvard.

15 MS. CLARK: Uh-huh.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And it says, "Plus a few other  
17 blocks for population balance near Century Boulevard."  
18 And this is referring back to some lines that they've  
19 sent a few different times.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Could we -- could we ask  
21 Jaime to do this offline, and come back to us with this?

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. I have two more then.  
23 Okay?

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Go ahead.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So for that and Shoreline, and



1 Jaime, I can send it to you in writing, also, if you  
2 don't have it. For Shoreline, the request is that we're  
3 taking in the Westchester area west of the 405. Some of  
4 this we may have already done, the 405 and north of the  
5 airport, out of South L.A. and adding it into Shoreline.  
6 I think we just worked on this area.

7 And then take in areas north of Manchester to  
8 balance the population, and un-fit Westchester and  
9 Shoreline. And you don't have to get it all. I'm going  
10 to send it to you. But so that it's stated for the  
11 public, that one of 10 Corridor is bringing Century City  
12 and a portion of Palms for population balance into the 10  
13 COR (ph.). The note here is that the entertainment  
14 industry in Century City is an important asset to the  
15 Black community in South Los Angeles. Thank you.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

17 So Jaime, you can proceed with our -- with the  
18 review of the district boundaries, and then work on those  
19 explorations offline and come back to us later on.

20 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much. And yes, please,  
21 Commissioner Turner, if you could, just email me.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I sent them.

23 MS. CLARK: I appreciate that.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh.

25 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: They're sent. Thank you.

2 MS. CLARK: Thank you. So looking at the Glenn to  
3 BA District, this includes West Hollywood, Mid-City, most  
4 of Greater Wilshire, Hollywood, Hollywood Hills areas,  
5 with Silver Lake, Glassell Park, western parts of  
6 Pasadena, all of Glendale, all of Burbank, Foothill  
7 Trails, Pacoima, and Sunland-Tujunga, and we extended it  
8 north to include more of the National Forest.

9 San Fernando Valley, we have the district called  
10 SFV, it includes Reseda, Lake Balboa, Van Nuys, north of  
11 Oxnard, Greater Valley Glen, North Hollywood, Greater  
12 Toluca Lake, Sun Valley area, Panorama City, Arleta. I'm  
13 sorry; this one includes Pacoima, Mission Hills, and San  
14 Fernando, the City of San Fernando, and additionally, we  
15 extended this north to include more of the National  
16 Forest.

17 I'm going to move to CD 210, so we don't skip over  
18 that one. This includes western parts of San Bernardino  
19 County, north of 210 and west of 15, including Lytle  
20 Creek, Wrightwood, North Western Rancho Cucamonga,  
21 Northern Upland, and San Antonio Heights.

22 In Los Angeles County, it includes Claremont, North  
23 Glendora, North Monrovia, Arcadia, Monterey Park,  
24 Alhambra, Rosemead, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, most of  
25 the City of Pasadena, Altadena, La Canada Flintridge, and

1 La Crescenta. And also includes large portions of  
2 Angeles National Forest.

3 Moving on to AVSCV: This includes Antelope Valley,  
4 Santa Clarita Valley, and Sylmar. And then eastern  
5 portions of Northeastern Los Angeles County are not  
6 included in this area, so to balance population with the  
7 MORCOA District.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa?

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I just wanted -- just  
10 a question. Could you repeat that part about the  
11 entertainment area? I didn't fully hear it all. So I  
12 just wanted to just understand: What was the direction  
13 on that?

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, I can. Let me go back to  
15 the email. The public comment says, here we go. Oops,  
16 sorry. Like I said, they sent it about five times. I'm  
17 getting the right iteration of it up. Oh. Here we go,  
18 balance Shoreline, oh, this one, "Under the 10 COR, bring  
19 Century City with Cheviot Hills, and if needed, a portion  
20 of Palms for population balance, into 10 COR. Note: The  
21 entertainment industry in Century City is an important  
22 asset to the Black community in South L.A." Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Could we just see the  
24 entirety of the 10 Corridor? It looks like it's already  
25 included in it. Or is that -- okay.

1 MS. CLARK: And so Century City is out here

2 (indiscernible) --

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh. Is that a fact?

4 MS. CLARK: -- neighborhood council.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I see. Okay. I  
6 guess my only comment on that is I understand what's  
7 being requested; however, Century City is also a very  
8 affluent area. And to be honest, I think the  
9 entertainment industry is important to a lot of  
10 communities in that L.A. area. So that would be my only  
11 comment. Not to say that it shouldn't be, but it is a  
12 very different kind of community around there from the 10  
13 Corridor community, so.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.  
15 Commissioner Fernandez?

16 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Jaime, can  
17 you go to the SFV District please? Oh, wait, is it that  
18 one? Can you go -- can you zoom out just a little bit,  
19 please? A little bit more, zoom out slowly. Okay, so  
20 SFV, at the north part of the Angeles Mountain. Do you  
21 see that little piece of the Angeles Mountain that's left  
22 out? Is there any population there? Or is there a  
23 reason why we left it out of a district?

24 MS. CLARK: So the public comment that was  
25 requesting these districts, SFV and Glenn 2BA (ph.), to

1 be extended further north. They actually had included  
2 kind of this whole area that the arrow is circling, with  
3 the AVSCV, it's just the way that the census blocks are  
4 shaped, didn't really allow for that.

5 So this is kind of the closest shape that I could  
6 get to what they had submitted to the Commission, and  
7 then leaving this area. So basically their testimony was  
8 to include some of the National Forest with the AVSFV  
9 (ph.) District.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

11 MS. CLARK: And this is just the way that the census  
12 geography is shaped.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, because it just  
14 seemed odd that it wouldn't be -- like the line wouldn't  
15 be right next to where there was a city or community like  
16 Santa Clarita, or something like that. So I thought it  
17 was -- it looked interesting. But thank you for  
18 explaining that. Thanks.

19 MS. CLARK: So this is one census block that's next  
20 to Santa Clarita. So basically their comment was  
21 essentially to have the line go east to west right here.  
22 This is, it's thirty-four people live in this census  
23 block. I'm happy to include it with Santa Clarita as  
24 opposed to SFV, yeah, again, just kind of trying to work  
25 with their comment, and also the census geography itself.

1 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Jaime.  
2 Thanks for explaining that.

3 Okay. I'll be taking over as chair for a few  
4 minutes. Commissioner Sadhwani?

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, you know, before we  
6 move on in this area. I just wanted to also note, I  
7 mean, we've had a whole lot of testimony regarding the  
8 Santa Clarita, so I just wanted to acknowledge that, and  
9 remind everyone, as well as the public that looking at  
10 different iterations for Santa Clarita was actually the  
11 first thing that we did in our visualizations. And that  
12 there was -- that there is a lot of testimony as well as  
13 a huge population increase in Santa Clarita. So I think  
14 that's kind of where we are now. And I think this is  
15 pretty settled.

16 The one thing I just did want to lift up and ask  
17 Jaime about, we've also had a lot of testimony that  
18 Sylmar is very much a part of that -- the Latino kind of  
19 working-class community that's based in the SFV District.

20 And if there's any thoughts on like, is it feasible  
21 to make a three-district swap to keep Sylmar a part of  
22 that district that would require pulling something out of  
23 Malibu SFV, and putting something else back into AVSCV?  
24 If it's not doable, it's not doable. But I -- and we've  
25 definitely gotten a whole bunch, that I believe the

1 Latino CVAP in Sylmar is pretty high. I just wanted to  
2 explore those possibilities.

3 That being said, we've also heard that Sylmar does  
4 go with Santa Clarita because it's -- because it's along  
5 the 5 Corridor. So if it needs to stay, it needs to  
6 stay.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

8 MS. CLARK: Yeah, so. Oh. I'm sorry. Would you  
9 like me to respond?

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

11 MS. CLARK: Sure. Yeah, so the Latino CVAP in  
12 Sylmar is very high, or is higher than some other areas  
13 in San Fernando Valley. And the reason Sylmar is with  
14 Santa Clarita in this visualization, or in this district  
15 is based on Commission -- the previous Commission  
16 direction. We can certainly make a three-district swap  
17 to include Sylmar in with SFV.

18 Just the way that the map is constructed right now  
19 to, like be able to maintain Greater Toluca Lake, and  
20 North Hollywood with Van Nuys, and to be able to maintain  
21 the split at Oxnard. Essentially, we'll be taking in I  
22 think the rest of North Hills West and North Ridge South  
23 neighborhood Council areas.

24 And additionally, I would assume at least part of  
25 Reseda in with Malibu SFV to make that swap, and then

1 moving probably Granada Hills, potentially Porter Ranch.  
2 I'm not a hundred percent sure of, like the exact  
3 population in all of these areas, but that's what the  
4 swap would look like for those three -- if it was a  
5 three-district swap.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: And just to remind Commissioners.  
7 Part of the reason that we ended up with Sylmar, and this  
8 may have been mentioned while I was out of the room, I  
9 apologize, but we did have, I believe, Granada Hills and  
10 Porter Ranch, which didn't make sense because there  
11 weren't connections. And so we shifted those to the  
12 Malibu SFV District and replaced them with Sylmar, which  
13 does have the connection along the 5, with the -- with  
14 the AVSCV District. Commissioner Vazquez?

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I was going to move to  
16 a different area, back to the Black Census Hub's request  
17 to put in Century City into the 10 Corridor District.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Let me -- let me check with  
19 Commissioner Sinay.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I was still on the one  
21 we were talking about in San Fernando Valley. If we  
22 move -- if we did move --

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Sylmar.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sylmar, Sylmar in with the  
25 other district would -- do we know how -- I mean, it



1 makes sense, you know, because they feel an affinity to  
2 that district and we've gotten the request, but I'm  
3 wondering -- I mean, I would like to explore that as a  
4 possibility, I guess is the point. Do we want to -- does  
5 Jaime want to work with Commissioners? Or does she want  
6 to do it on her own?

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I would suggest, unless  
8 someone is eager to do this, that Jaime bring us back a  
9 couple of options. I know that she has reworked this  
10 area innumerable times, knows pretty well what the trade  
11 offs are, and could develop a couple of options for us to  
12 look at in relatively short order. So that would be --  
13 that would be my instruction to her.

14 Commissioner Sadhwani?

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I certainly agree  
16 with that. I'm sure Jaime knows this area very well.  
17 And I'm pretty sure that that's more of -- that reflects  
18 also I think what we did in the Assembly maps, and it was  
19 Porter Ranch and Granada Hills with Santa Clarita and  
20 Sylmar there, again kind of connected with some of the  
21 working-class communities in that -- in that area that  
22 we've heard a lot from.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner  
24 Sadhwani.

25 Commissioner Fernandez, is this on the same subject?

1 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Please go ahead.

3 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Jaime, I  
4 think you already mentioned this, but you did say that  
5 Sylmar -- Sylmar had a higher Latino -- I just wanted to  
6 make sure that the current CVAP would not go down. So it  
7 sounds like it might help it out. Thank you.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you. So Jaime, if you  
9 could -- if you could come up with a couple of options  
10 offline, for us to review later, we would be very  
11 grateful for that. Commissioner Vazquez?

12 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, sorry. To go back to  
13 the Black Census Hub's request. If the rest of the  
14 Commission is interested in accommodating that request, I  
15 do think it's not quite as simple as just how they  
16 propose. And so I think we might consider doing --  
17 trying that right now in live line drawing because we  
18 have to find a population to move out of the 10 Corridor,  
19 respectively.

20 So I'm not -- I'm not opposed, but I don't think  
21 it's just a matter of Jaime moving some lines. I think  
22 she needs some direction about where to remove population  
23 in the 10 Corridor.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Jaime?

25 MS. CLARK: Thank you. So my understanding; and I

1 was -- thank you, Commissioner Vazquez for bringing that  
2 up, because that's -- I was, like, thinking about that,  
3 too. And I think that this change would be tied in to  
4 the other request that Commissioner Turner noted, which  
5 would be then: Moving this boundary -- the boundary  
6 between South L.A., and then also including these areas  
7 north of LAX into Shoreline; so essentially the proposal  
8 is making a population swap between these three  
9 districts, Shoreline, 10 Corridor, and STHLA.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Jaime. My sense  
11 is that that's a little bit more than we want to bite off  
12 right now in live line drawing. I'm not opposed to  
13 seeing options, or even to having a more extensive verbal  
14 description of what changes might be involved later in  
15 the day.

16 But we are at the point where I would like to shift  
17 to Tamina. So I would prefer to ask Jaime to, once  
18 again, develop some options for us offline and come back  
19 at a later point with those.

20 Commissioner Vazquez, can we proceed that way?

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. That sounds fine. I  
22 just -- I wasn't aware that it was looped into their  
23 other asks. So I just didn't want to leave that little  
24 request -- what I thought was a slightly little request  
25 hanging; but yeah.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right, right. Okay. Thank you very  
2 much. And Jaime, thank you. You have some direction to  
3 develop some options for us to view later on. And we  
4 really appreciate your work on this.

5 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much. And Tamina is right  
6 here, and we would just need a couple of minutes to  
7 switch. And additionally we -- I did get a message from  
8 Sivan that she would be prepared to show you the option  
9 that you asked her to look on offline. So whatever your  
10 preference, we can move to Tamina or to Sivan now.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: We'll move to Tamina right now.  
12 Thank you. We can stand at rest for two minutes.

13 MS. CLARK: Sorry. Chair, did you say we're going  
14 to Tamina or to Sivan, right?

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Tamina.

16 MS. CLARK: To Tamina.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

18 MS. TRATT: Chair?

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

20 MS. TRATT: This is -- this is Sivan.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Hi, Sivan.

22 MS. TRATT: I have those changes pulled up. If I  
23 could just share my screen, it would be like thirty  
24 seconds to just show the Commission the swap I made in  
25 this envelop.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thirty -- thirty seconds you  
2 have because we were going to stand -- we were going to  
3 stand at ease two minutes, so.

4 MS. TRATT: You're welcome to time me, but just to  
5 highlight --

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

7 MS. TRATT: -- where those changes occurred.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

9 MS. TRATT: It was removing this --

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Correct.

11 MS. TRATT: -- unpopulated -- or excuse me,  
12 unincorporated area, yes populated, outside of Fallbrook  
13 and swapping it just South of Bonsall. So the old is in  
14 yellow, and the change is in black, and then I also just  
15 cleaned up some of the coastal blocks that didn't have  
16 any population, just so it looked a little bit cleaner.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Comments, objections?

18 Commissioner Fernandez?

19 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Just a quick question,  
20 because we talked about the unincorporated areas, and I  
21 am really very aware that unincorporated areas do have a  
22 lot in common with the neighboring communities. So I'm  
23 just wondering, the other unincorporated area that we're  
24 swapping out, is there a association with their  
25 neighboring communities, either Vista, Hidden Meadows or

1 San Marcos? That's just my only concern right now.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, essentially, we're putting the  
4 unincorporated area between Fallbrook and Bonsall, with  
5 Fallbrook and Bonsall, and then we're putting the  
6 unincorporated area east of Vista, south of Bonsall, with  
7 Vista and Bonsall.

8 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yeah, I read it the  
9 wrong way. Thank you.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Okay. Commissioner Toledo?  
11 You're on mute, Commissioner Toledo.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Sorry about that.  
13 I was just wondering if there's a -- if Commissioner  
14 Akutagawa would be interested in just exploring some of  
15 the options around Long Beach. It would be purely  
16 expirational -- explorational rather. And so I was just  
17 curious if she's -- if she has an interest or stomach for  
18 that.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. All right; at the moment  
20 we're on this swap, so we can come back to that.

21 Commissioner Andersen?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Yes,  
23 similar to what Commissioner Fernandez had just said.  
24 You know, often just outside the city there are areas  
25 that are unincorporated which actually are closely

1 related to the city. I'm wondering if we might be able  
2 to, rather than draw this line hard against the city  
3 limits of Bonsall and Hidden Meadows, if we might be able  
4 to pull back a little bit, and possibly kind of delve  
5 into those.

6 Not getting -- and not quite as close to the Vista  
7 line, but kind of, you know, keep it sort of further in  
8 and out of those areas, so there's a little bit of a  
9 buffer zone around the city line of Vista, the city line  
10 of Bonsall, and the city line of Meadows, still getting  
11 the proper population in there.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.  
13 Bonsall itself is not incorporated, as I read the list.  
14 I believe Vista is, but we're moving away from the city  
15 limits of Vista and Hidden Meadows, as I read the list,  
16 is also unincorporated, so I --

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And that's a --

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- I'm not that there's a -- there's  
19 a need. If we get some reaction from the local area, we  
20 can reconsider this. But I think at this point, we're  
21 good with where we are.

22 Okay. So Commissioner Toledo you were -- wanting to  
23 know if Commissioner Akutagawa was interested in  
24 exploring some further changes in Long Beach and Orange  
25 County. Commissioner Akutagawa?

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Specifically around the  
2 Equality maps.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: To move the suggestions --  
5 suggested map changes.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: My only concern is that  
8 I -- as I think we -- my concern is that it's going to  
9 have bigger ripple effects, looking at the Equality  
10 California maps. I did like some parts, some parts I was  
11 a little less enamored with, I guess. But I'm also  
12 seeing that -- I guess in my quick review of them it's --  
13 we're looking at L.A., Orange County impacts, but also  
14 San Diego, Riverside, and San Bernardino.

15 And I guess that's just a question of whether or not  
16 we all want to do that. I'm not saying no, Commissioner  
17 Toledo, but looking at the maps I think there could be,  
18 you know, more than just the two-county kind of, you  
19 know, exchange here. Although, I'm open, I'm game.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think the goal would be to  
21 regionalize this as much as possible and localize any  
22 changes if we can. I mean, just because -- of course, we  
23 wouldn't be adopting the Equality California maps, we'd  
24 be trying to see if there's any -- anything in there that  
25 might be able to help us achieve the goals set out by the



1 Commission.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you for that,  
3 Commissioner Toledo. Commissioner Andersen.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I would support,  
5 again, just again, sort of localize. You know there's,  
6 we know portion would go into Orange County, now what  
7 area that would benefit this switch around, you know, the  
8 border that are VRA districts in L.A. that we pull in to  
9 balance it, not, not venturing further. Certainly not in  
10 San Diego, and certainly not into Riverside, or within  
11 that district, I think that would be really worth  
12 exploring.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner  
14 Andersen.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Towards a solution.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sinay?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: At this point, if we do some  
18 explorations, I would like us to be very clear on what  
19 the goals are. I'm saying the goals of the Commission,  
20 is a little broad at this point. As I asked earlier, I  
21 just want to understand, if we go into the Long Beach and  
22 making -- you know, look at that. What is it  
23 specifically? What COIs are we trying to keep in place?  
24 Is it CVAP we're trying to raise? What is it that the  
25 goals are, so we can measure the effectiveness of the

1 changes later? Because sometimes we go into these  
2 explorations, and I'm not -- you know, we're not clear on  
3 what the goals are. So please, if we go in what --  
4 clearly, what are the goals?

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.  
6 Sivan?

7 MS. TRATT: Hi. I just wanted to quickly pop in and  
8 just ask about this change here, if this is something  
9 that the Commission is thinking they will move forward  
10 with.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

12 MS. TRATT: Again, those swaps in Orange County are  
13 not for an equal amount of population. This is moving  
14 roughly 9,000 people in and out of these two districts,  
15 so yeah, just wanted to bring that up. And I'm happy to  
16 zoom out and look at -- a larger look at the region; if  
17 we did want to just talk about at this point.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: We only want to talk about this. It  
19 is done. Thank you, Sivan. And we are moving on.

20 Commissioner Yee.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, you know, my personality is  
22 everything can always be improved, but we have deadlines,  
23 and I'm just wondering. I mean, in my mind, I believe we  
24 went into this today thinking today was the day to  
25 complete the Congressional plan. So I just want to hear

1 from the Chair. Is that indeed the goal? And we're, you  
2 know, going to stay until it's done. I just want to have  
3 some sense of how much time we have to work on what,  
4 before we need to finish. Thank you.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: We have negative eleven minutes in  
6 this area. I had wanted to have Tamina on with this  
7 eleven minutes ago. So that's where we are on that.  
8 There is time in the calendar for some final review and  
9 refinements over the weekend. And you know, I would be  
10 happy to entertain proposed refinements at that point.

11 But today is, indeed, the last day for the  
12 Congressional maps at this point. So within those  
13 parameters, I'm happy to move forward.

14 Commissioner Toledo?

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes. Can I respond to  
16 Commissioner Sinay's request for clarification, so if  
17 there were any changes, and if the Commission was  
18 interested in exploring this further. The goals, of  
19 course, are to maintain -- to aim to increase the Latino  
20 CVAP in those districts, especially the Gateway  
21 communities.

22 To connect like communities with one another, to  
23 maintain the historical districts that we have, to try  
24 to, more rationally, connect the Asian-American COIs  
25 in -- both in Los Angeles and Orange County. So that

1 would be the goals. It's just trying to -- not major  
2 refinements, it will be -- it will be minor refinements,  
3 to try to achieve those things. Thank you.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner  
5 Toledo. Commissioner Andersen?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. That was my  
7 intent with that also, the hope that all four VRA  
8 districts would stay the same or go up but -- and I --  
9 again, if you need someone to work with it, I would  
10 volunteer.

11 But going back to what Sivan said, I thought she  
12 said that there wasn't -- the populations were not  
13 balanced. And I don't know if she was looking for  
14 directions of where to balance them, or if it was just so  
15 small that she could balance on her own. So I did not --  
16 you know, I wasn't clear. That sounded like she looked  
17 for Commission direction on that.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: My understanding was that those  
19 populations were balanced when she came back and showed  
20 us the other option. So I'm proceeding on that basis.  
21 If that's not the case, then the mappers will let us  
22 know.

23 Commissioner Toledo, your hands down now.

24 Okay, so Tamina?

25 MS. RAMOS-ALON: Yes, Chair. Where would you like

1 to begin?

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Where would -- I guess we can start  
3 with a review from the north to the south.

4 MS. RAMOS-ALON: Absolutely. We have not changed  
5 much in the North Coast. This has been the Del Norte to  
6 Marin District for much of our work here. Next to North  
7 Coast we have Yolo Lake. Also hasn't changed in recent  
8 iterations, has all of Yolo County, so we have got some  
9 pretty big city layers on here, Napa and Lake and parts  
10 of Sonoma.

11 Our most recent change came from the NORTHCONT --  
12 sorry, slowing down for the interpreters; just trying to  
13 get your 11 minutes back, Chair. Our most recent change  
14 came from NORTHCONT, where we smoothed out the line in  
15 Vacaville, made Fairfield whole, and moved the line to  
16 incorporate some of Antioch into this district, which  
17 stretches across the Highway 4, and then up to Fairfield  
18 through Vallejo, in Solano County.

19 CONCORDTR has pretty much remained the same. We've  
20 changed the line from Pleasant Hill, where it was before,  
21 to up here in Martinez, and the Antioch line, as I just  
22 mentioned, which used to cut off at Pittsburg, now takes  
23 in certain communities in Antioch.

24 OAKLAMORI, the only change that we've made recently  
25 here, the addition of Albany, instead of the bottom part

1 of San Leandro, creating this new San Leandro split in  
2 the southern side. SCALRATRACY this, aside from the San  
3 Leandro line, has not changed. We did do an exploration  
4 of the line in Dublin. Greater EDs (ph.) splits Fremont  
5 and keeps together -- we really haven't done a whole lot  
6 of moving around here, because there were so many COIs  
7 that were involved right in these areas.

8 And so really, the only lines that we've changed in  
9 recent weeks have been very, very limited movements in  
10 the blocks in San Jose.

11 NORTHSANM has remained, I can turn on the  
12 neighborhoods -- let me see what it is -- has remained  
13 the same for a couple of iterations that we've had here,  
14 we did do some exploring, but ultimately went back.  
15 GREATERSA and Santa Clara we did explore, you know,  
16 whether we wanted to split them east to west, or north to  
17 south.

18 And did a lot of work around Redwood City and North  
19 Fair Oaks, and so this is where we are now. We have  
20 GREATERSA, which comes down the 101 Corridor, it takes in  
21 Emerald Hills, all a Redwood City, all of North Fair  
22 Oaks, Menlo Park, and East Palo Alto.

23 And then we have Santa Clara, which takes the  
24 coastal areas of Pacifica down through a Half Moon Bay  
25 and Pescadero to the county line, and then comes in to

1 Santa Clara County, taking the Palo Alto, Mountain View,  
2 Los Altos area, as well as coming to Saratoga, Campbell,  
3 and Los Gatos and into San Jose City.

4 Cupertino and Mid Coast, we explored together most  
5 recently. Cupertino being our district that includes San  
6 Benito and begins up in the Alum Rock neighborhoods of  
7 downtown San Jose and takes in eastern Santa Clara  
8 County.

9 Go south, takes Interlaken, Watsonville, Amesti, and  
10 Freedom in Santa Cruz County. And then scrolling out,  
11 takes all of San Benito County and the 101 Corridor of  
12 Monterey County. There is a split in Prunedale for  
13 population.

14 Mid Coast is the other side, really the mirror of  
15 Cupertino, when we have a district which begins with  
16 Santa Cruz County. Takes the entire border -- sorry, the  
17 entire coastline, and goes down the coastline of  
18 Monterrey, through Marina, Del Norte Forest, and the  
19 Carmels, Down South into San Luis Obispo.

20 In San Luis Obispo County, we have the line that has  
21 not changed for several iterations, which comes right  
22 underneath Atascadero, and ends the Mid Coast District.

23 We then have the South Coast District, which picks  
24 up the rest of the San Luis Obispo area, including all of  
25 the coastal cities. It picks up all of Santa Barbara

1 County, including its associated islands, and comes into  
2 Ventura County to take Ojai, Oak View, Mira Monte,  
3 Meiners Oaks, and Ventura City. Again, this hasn't  
4 changed in several iterations.

5 Which brings us to Ventura, also unchanged, which  
6 takes the balance of Ventura County, including its  
7 associated islands. The Port Hueneme through Piru areas,  
8 Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks area; does not include Bell  
9 Canyon, but does include Calabasas, Agoura Hills, and  
10 Westlake Village.

11 Currently, this is the only district which is over  
12 the plus-one/minus-one for Congressional deviation, and  
13 which will be -- which will be solved as you as you like,  
14 now that we are in the south. And that is -- that is all  
15 of my area.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Tamina.

17 Commissioner Andersen?

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you, Tamina,  
19 for all this work. I'd just like to see two areas  
20 further north, the San Jose and San Francisco. Let's  
21 look at San Jose first please. I just want to see how  
22 many times San Jose has been cut up, between four or five  
23 districts.

24 MS. RAMOS-ALON: The San Jose is this, all of this  
25 purple area here, including these areas, and



1 noncontiguous areas up here? So it would be in Mid  
2 Coast, which is one; Santa Clara, which is two, GREATERED  
3 which is three, and Cupertino which is four.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That is a great deal of  
5 cuts, I'm just -- I know we've had a really good look at  
6 this, I'm just sort of wondering if there might be  
7 something we could do to minimize some of that. I don't  
8 see anything right off the top of my head, but --

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And you can continue thinking  
10 about it.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And at this point, can we  
12 look at San Francisco? I'd just like to zoom in on the  
13 lower area that has been removed. San Francisco does not  
14 have enough population to fill an entire Assembly -- you  
15 know, House district. But can we have a look at -- a  
16 close in at what areas have been removed from San  
17 Francisco -- or not been removed. What areas of San  
18 Francisco are grouped with the Daly City and San Mateo?  
19 The Outer -- the Outer Mission of (simultaneous  
20 speech) --

21 MS. RAMOS-ALON: Outer Mission, Excelsior, Crocker-  
22 Amazon.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.  
25 Commissioner Toledo, and then Commissioner Sinay.

1           COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I was going to comment on the  
2 San Bernardino District. And just want to thank Tamina,  
3 for all of her hard work on all of these districts.  
4 She's done such an amazing job, in helping us through  
5 this.

6           With this district, I just want to point out again,  
7 I know where our focus has been developing a Central  
8 Coast District in this area. And I think we've done the  
9 best we can given our constraints. And certainly we're  
10 still looking at all these various options, and then  
11 trying to make sense of them. I just wanted to point out  
12 that 360,000, a little bit over that, 360,000 of the --  
13 of the residents of this district would be coming from  
14 the City of San Jose.

15           So even though it's a small -- it looks like a tiny  
16 piece of the district, because it's much more urban and  
17 dense, it ends up being a very significant portion of the  
18 district. Although, I mean, in my head, the way I'm  
19 reconciling it, is that these are essential work areas  
20 that are connected to, and with the history of connection  
21 to the agricultural -- agricultural and food processing  
22 parts of this Central Coast District.

23           And certainly it's something that just -- I just  
24 wanted to just raise that it is a significant population  
25 from the San Jose area. And I don't see how we can find

1 other populations around this area to meet all of our  
2 compliance requirements. But I wanted to flag that.

3 And to thank Tamina for doing such an amazing job,  
4 and helping Commissioner Fernandez, and the rest of the  
5 Commission, and myself to look through, and turn every  
6 rock, and try to find every possible CVAP that we could  
7 potentially find in this area. So thank you.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.  
9 Commissioner, Sinay?

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. Definitely, thank you.  
11 And I do understand why were connected -- yeah why San  
12 Jose is connected to certain areas. But is there an --  
13 do we have an opportunity to maybe relook at some of that  
14 area? Because four cuts in one city is a lot, especially  
15 if they hadn't been cut in the past.

16 I mean, San Diego has been grouped, and they're kind  
17 of used to that from what I was getting from the input we  
18 were receiving from the public, is that in the past, you  
19 know, what they're asking for would be a whole district.  
20 But could it be possible to have one of these districts  
21 be a majority San Jose district? And maybe what you're  
22 saying, Commissioner Toledo, is that it's so dense that  
23 all four of these districts are a majority San Jose  
24 district.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, it's not that they would be

1 majority. I think Commissioner Toledo cited a figure of  
2 300,000--and some, which is not a majority in a  
3 Congressional district, but it is certainly a significant  
4 portion of the population. You know, if colleagues are  
5 interested in doing some further exploration of potential  
6 refinements, again, I think that's -- that is certainly  
7 something that could be entertained down the road.

8 Commissioner Ahmad?

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. I've  
10 been looking over this area, too, over the past couple of  
11 days. And I think what is also to consider is that we do  
12 have some VRA restrictions in the area. San Jose's  
13 population is about a million some change, so there is no  
14 way that all of San Jose would be in one Congressional  
15 district.

16 Then also looking at our conversations from earlier  
17 regarding the population distribution down the Peninsula,  
18 and how that shapes up given the geography of that area.  
19 I'm definitely opening -- open to considerations on how  
20 to address this, but I have yet to figure out a solution.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. And one thing that I  
22 would like to just ask Tamina to center the map again on  
23 the North Contra Costa District, you know my recollection  
24 and I've heard comments around that, you know, the  
25 portion of Antioch that is included in North Contra Costa

1 might not be the most appropriate, or we might want to  
2 look at adjusting the lines there.

3       Again, I'm not closely familiar with this, but my  
4 recollection, as I stated the other day, was that I  
5 thought we were going to be looking for more of the  
6 northern portion of Antioch to be attached to Pittsburg.  
7 So I just wanted to invite colleagues who do know this  
8 area better than I to contribute any thoughts they have  
9 on this before we move on. Commissioner Sadhwani?

10       COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. I don't have any  
11 thoughts on that. But as we're talking about Antioch, I  
12 just wanted to raise. We've also, in the last couple of  
13 days, with most recent iteration that splits San Leandro,  
14 we've had a lot of comments about that concern.

15       And so, as we're thinking about Antioch, perhaps  
16 there's an opportunity to think about San Leandro, and  
17 again making some swaps, all localized within about three  
18 districts to perhaps achieve multiple goals. I just want  
19 to raise that. But I don't have a specific suggestion.

20       CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.  
21 Commissioner Yee?

22       COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, Commissioner Sadhwani, I  
23 think I saw those inputs, too. I think it actually had  
24 to do with the Assembly district where we split San  
25 Leandro from Oakland, and a lot of folks including the

1 Mayor, would rather have San Diego be included with  
2 Oakland, which it is here, mostly, in the Congressional  
3 district, so of course, also wanting to be whole.

4 I'll take another look at the assembly map. I just  
5 don't see a way to do it, unfortunately, starting with  
6 the population, you know. And in West Contra Costa and  
7 coming down, which is such a narrow -- you know, a narrow  
8 strip of population. And I'll take another look at that.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you so much, Commissioner Yee.  
10 Commissioner Sinay?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Addressing the Chair's question  
12 about Antioch. We have received some input on ways to  
13 look at it: To make sure that we're cutting it at the  
14 right -- not cutting it, dividing the district in the  
15 right place. The comment 37716, I haven't confirmed it,  
16 but what they say is a better -- a better division would  
17 be to include anything north of Redwood Drive, Putnam  
18 Street, Hillside Road, Davidson Drive, and west of Harbor  
19 Drive, Hillcrest Avenue, and they include a map. So it  
20 might be worth exploring that entry, which is 37716.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

22 Tamina, did you note that number?

23 MS. RAMOS-ALON: I did not. I'm sorry.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

25 MS. RAMOS-ALON: The number was?

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sinay, could you  
2 repeat?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sure. It's 37716.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: So Tamina, if you could take a look  
5 at that input, and bring us a visualization of what a  
6 minor change in Antioch, along those lines, might look  
7 like.

8 MS. RAMOS-ALON: Yes, Chair.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you so much. Anything else  
10 with -- in Tamina's region? Well. Thank you very -- ah,  
11 Commissioner Fernandez?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No. I was just going to  
13 say as well -- as long as she's in there, she's got that  
14 negative (ph.) too -- I mean that you can work with. I'm  
15 just saying, you know.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: That's it? Okay, thank you.

17 Tamina, thank you so much, you've got off pretty  
18 easy. We didn't use your entire forty-five minutes.

19 MS. RAMOS-ALON: We made up for your record.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, yeah. You more than made up  
21 for it. And Sivan has reported back. I don't know if  
22 Jaime has had time to do anything for us. Otherwise, we  
23 have the next fifteen minutes to get started on Kennedy's  
24 area. And I know of three areas that we were going to  
25 take a look at with Kennedy so --

1 MS. MACDONALD: (Audio interference).

2 MS. RAMOS-ALON: Kennedy is right here, we're on the  
3 same map, so she can jump in right away.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Karin, did you have  
5 something?

6 MS. MACDONALD: Hi. Thank you so much. We just had  
7 an audio conflict here. I just wanted to say that Jaime  
8 is working on the changes that you requested.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect.

10 MS. MACDONALD: And I will let you know when she's  
11 ready. Thank you.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Perfect. Kennedy, welcome, I  
13 hope you had a nice weekend.

14 MS. WILSON: (Indiscernible).

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. So you have probably been  
16 very busy. I'm thinking that -- I know that Commissioner  
17 Fernandez and Commissioner Turner have an exploration to  
18 present. Commissioner Yee, as I understand it, has an  
19 exploration to present. And that Commissioner Sadhwani  
20 and Commissioner Toledo may have an exploration to  
21 present.

22 Of those, Commissioner Yee, is yours likely to be  
23 the smallest and most straightforward? We might start  
24 there.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm actually drawing a blank on



1 whether I have something here.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: So what did we work on, Kennedy?

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Then let me -- very good. Then let  
5 me go to Kennedy and ask her to take us on a tour around  
6 her region, before we break at 4:15.

7 MS. WILSON: Okay. So there are two different  
8 proposed changes. I will start with those that were in  
9 the Central Valley. And so I worked on that with  
10 Commissioners Toledo and Sadhwani. And I will -- oops,  
11 this is the wrong one, sorry, we have a lot. Here's the  
12 right one.

13 And so what we did, if you recall before, in the  
14 King, Tulare, Kern, we had Kings County whole. Here we  
15 went and split Lemoore Station, and Lemoore going north  
16 into Fresno/Tulare. We split into the northwestern part  
17 of Hanford, and then took everything below that. And  
18 then we also took in more of Tulare and took out the  
19 northeastern part of Tulare.

20 And all of this resulted in a three percent increase  
21 in Latino CVAP in King, Tulare, Kern; and then moving  
22 north into Fresno/Tulare; as you can see, there is a  
23 positive 5,000, and a negative 5,000 in STANISFRESNO  
24 (ph.), and that is due to removing Old Fig Garden, which  
25 I will move in a little closer so that you can see that.

1 So we removed Old Fig Garden from Fresno/Tulare, and that  
2 overpopulated Fresno/Kern.

3 And then this was under 5,000, so we adjusted the  
4 border just slightly along this line to take 5,000 into  
5 Fresno/Tulare to balance it to negative one.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

7 MS. WILSON: And so this one is at a negative five  
8 due to that. Just due to balancing and working the  
9 population through in this area, and keeping it  
10 centralized.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: So we would still have to shift  
12 people between STANISFRESNO, and Fresno/Kern?

13 MS. WILSON: Correct.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

15 MS. WILSON: So there is, you know, if you want to  
16 keep these the way they are, I would recommend doing that  
17 through ECA, and probably up towards the north in this  
18 district, but obviously there's plenty of ways that you  
19 can figure out to do that. And so that's what this  
20 change looks like here.

21 And if I may; I can go on to explain the other one,  
22 or we can stay here, whatever course of action you would  
23 like to take.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Go ahead and explain the other one,  
25 please.

1 MS. WILSON: Okay, one moment. So next, I worked on  
2 an iteration with Commissioner Turner and Commissioner  
3 Fernandez about the Modesto situation. And so previously  
4 we had Modesto out with Mono and Inyo, and so they took a  
5 brand new approach.

6 And I will start here and -- actually we started in  
7 the north, and we made Roseville whole before the  
8 iteration that I had worked on previously had a split in  
9 Roseville. And so we took all of Roseville and put all  
10 of Placer into ECA, and then we took out -- then it was  
11 overpopulated in ECA, so then we took out the Gold  
12 Country Counties of Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and  
13 Mariposa, and we put those in with the remaining portions  
14 of Stanislaus County.

15 We have Manteca up to Lodi, and Dogtown, Woodbridge,  
16 up to the San Joaquin County line. And then we moved  
17 into the Sacramento area where we have Tracy, Mountain  
18 House, and Lathrop with Stockton, and we have the Delta  
19 in Sacramento.

20 And then moving up to the northern part of this  
21 district -- I'm going to zoom in so you can clearer -- we  
22 have Elk Grove and parts of Vineyard. We started at  
23 Excelsior Road and kept taking to meet our population  
24 requirement. And then we continued to move into  
25 Sacramento, now NORTHSAC. All of these names are a

1 little bit off due to how we move things around.

2 So this Sacramento has Sacramento whole, we were  
3 able to move Florin, parts of Vineyard -- most of  
4 Vineyard, except for this portion here, Parkway,  
5 Fruitridge, all of those areas are back together in this  
6 version, and the City of Sacramento is whole, and with  
7 West Sacramento as well. We also took a portion of  
8 Arden-Arcade, and we have Rio Linda, Elverta in here as  
9 well.

10 And then moving to PLACERSAC, which is now just in  
11 SAC County, we moved in, Galt, Herald, Clay, Wilton, the  
12 rest of the cities and CDPs that are in Sacramento  
13 County. And we removed Rancho Murieta, and put that also  
14 along with ECA, which was in ECA, and a further iteration  
15 as well.

16 And I think that just about explains all the changes  
17 that we had. And so I can zoom out so you can see the  
18 full thing. But yeah, those are the changes that were  
19 made with both sets of Commissioners.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Kennedy.

21 Commissioner Turner?

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: My question was back on the  
23 other change.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Are you ready for that

1 Commissioner -- Chair?

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Yeah, I wanted to  
4 understand on. So we have had a lot of testimony in  
5 regards to Old Fig Garden. Of course, wanting it to be  
6 kept together, but more importantly, also not wanting it  
7 with Clovis, and it looks like that's exactly what we  
8 did. We took all of the Old Clovis -- all of the Old Fig  
9 Garden, the Fig Garden -- can you zoom in on that area  
10 again, let me see how much we've taken?

11 MS. WILSON: It was actually just -- the only  
12 boundary here from the Fresno, was there's a slight 5,000  
13 people taken here, but it was just Old Fig Garden that  
14 was removed out, is really the major change.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: But as I'm understanding it,  
16 all of that is in with Clovis, right?

17 MS. WILSON: Correct. All of Old Fig Garden is up  
18 north and with Clovis.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. So that -- that breaks,  
20 I think that COI -- I'm pulling it up again here. Yeah,  
21 here we go. So the request had been to -- for the  
22 Fresno/Tulare area is to include areas near Old Fig --  
23 Fresno State that's south of Bullard and Shaw. So then  
24 we were looking to have that area included, bring in  
25 areas near Old Fig and Fresno State, bring in small

1 portion of Old Fig, but all of it into the Fresno/Tulare.

2 And I guess you can just speak to that. Was it  
3 because of numbers? Or we were meeting a different COI  
4 testimony? Or what we were doing in moving the rest of  
5 Old Fig out.

6 MS. WILSON: And Commissioner Sadhwani, and Toledo,  
7 I think, can speak to that.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Thank you.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, before we get to them.  
10 Commissioner Andersen?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Actually go ahead. Mine was  
12 about the -- you know, the ECA, that area. So go ahead  
13 with Commissioner Sadhwani.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you. We've got eight  
15 minutes until our break. So we will -- we'll probably  
16 focus on this between now and the break, and then come  
17 back and complete the discussion after the break.

18 Commissioner Sadhwani?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Thank you. And thank  
20 you for that, Commissioner Turner, because -- I'll just  
21 say, we spent a whole lot of time looking at various  
22 options. And I think, you know, Kennedy, if we can kind  
23 of pan out a little bit more, maybe further back down the  
24 Bakersfield area.

25 So, you know, the community testimony that we've

1 been getting on these VRA districts has really suggested  
2 that -- in particular for the Bakersfield district that  
3 the -- and also -- but also for Fresno/Tulare, I get that  
4 the CVAP needs to be higher in order for these -- these  
5 districts to perform.

6 We had very specific for the King, Tulare, Kern,  
7 very specific testimony about removing Lemoore, Lemoore  
8 Station, and East Hanford. And so we were -- we were  
9 looking at that. We had had specific testimony about  
10 North Tulare. We also had testimony about South Visalia.

11 So before -- before we, like get too far down, I  
12 wanted to talk a little bit about some of the other  
13 things we explored. One of the things that we looked at  
14 was trying to create an arm, or a neck, if you will, from  
15 the Fresno/Kern District, spanning upwards to take out  
16 that portion of North Tulare/Visalia, and coming over  
17 into Hanford and Lemoore, to push that out to  
18 Fresno/Kern.

19 Once we started doing that, however, the population  
20 became extraordinarily high. I mean, we were talking  
21 about like a hundred -- 100,000 people, or something like  
22 that. And it was very clear to us that that probably  
23 isn't going to work unless we change the integrity of our  
24 maps at this point in time, because we would still need  
25 to be getting population from somewhere else.

1           So we shifted the -- given that most of the concern  
2 was in that Bakersfield area District, we did make some  
3 changes and looked at options around Shafter and Oildale,  
4 but we kind of landed on removing -- following the  
5 community testimony, of removing Lemoore, and Lemoore  
6 Station, and portions of Hanford, and keeping them in  
7 Fresno.

8           As you can see that boosted, previously we were in  
9 the King, Tulare, Kern at about fifty-five percent.  
10 We're now up at fifty-eight. In Fresno/Tulare, however,  
11 that means that we had to take something out, and we have  
12 gone back and forth on the Old Fig piece. We've had all  
13 different kinds of testimony.

14           So we went in that direction, and we were able to  
15 stay above fifty, at 51.16. And then in the San Joaquin,  
16 obviously, we still have some population left over there  
17 that we would need to shift as well. And I'm sure,  
18 Commissioner Toledo, perhaps you have some additional  
19 context that you want to add to this.

20           COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. Thank you. So our goal  
21 in this was to try to raise the CVAPs in those two areas,  
22 the King, Tulare, Kern Districts, as well as the  
23 Fresno/Tulare Districts. And also look at -- when we  
24 weren't just looking at the Latino CVAP, because  
25 obviously we recognize that, that this area is complex,



1 and so we were also looking at the various other CVAPs,  
2 including -- especially up in the Fresno Tulare, the  
3 African-American community. Those worked pretty  
4 cohesively with the Latino community. So we were looking  
5 at that. And maybe we can see those numbers as well,  
6 Kennedy, so that we can see.

7 We were able to keep the Latino -- Latino CVAP went  
8 down, the African-American CVAP stayed about the same in  
9 -- if I remember correctly, in Fresno/Tulare. In  
10 King/Tulare the Latino CVAP went up, and the African-  
11 American actually stayed about the same. So we were --  
12 the goal has been to try to look at these numbers  
13 holistically.

14 And so maybe, is there a way to see what they were  
15 prior, and what they are now?

16 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. And the Commission  
18 can just take a look. So the goal has been to try to  
19 increase the CVAP based on community input. The  
20 community input they were getting is that the CVAPs, and  
21 especially in the Southern District, in the King, Tulare,  
22 Kern District is -- is on the lower ends, although --  
23 although with the African-American and Latino CVAP, I  
24 think we're getting to where it's a little bit more --  
25 gives Latinos a greater opportunity to elect candidates

1 of their choice.

2 Of Fresno/Tulare, that is certainly something  
3 that -- a place where we wanted to increase that even  
4 more, we just -- because I mean, we were able to  
5 actually -- the one way we were able to increase the  
6 King/Tulare and the Fresno/Tulare Districts was by  
7 creating that arm. By creating that arm, we actually did  
8 achieve about a fifty-eight, and we were able to maintain  
9 the CVAPs in Fresno/Tulare, actually, I think improved it  
10 slightly.

11 The only problem with that, the major problem, is  
12 that it would cause us to -- or to have to shift  
13 significant populations up the maps. And so that was the  
14 biggest issue that we saw is, there really wasn't a way  
15 to do that from that perspective.

16 And so because -- we at that point started looking  
17 at where could we, potentially, make a cut that would  
18 allow us to raise the CVAP down in King/Tulare and the  
19 one place that -- that helped to do that -- and we've  
20 tried many different things -- was the Old Fig cut. And  
21 so that allows us to get up to fifty-eight while  
22 maintaining the African-American CVAP. And actually, I  
23 think it increases that, if I remember correctly that.  
24 But Kennedy, correct me if I'm wrong.

25 MS. WILSON: And you're talking about in the

1 Fresno/Tulare?

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: In the Fresno/Tulare.

3 MS. WILSON: Yeah. And you're talking about the  
4 Black CVAP?

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, the Black CVAP, I  
6 believe those upward --

7 MS. WILSON: So before -- yeah, I have the new one.  
8 It goes up from its -- the numbers just flip flop because  
9 it goes from 4.17 to 4.71.

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So by taking Old Fig out, we  
11 actually increase the Black CVAP we -- the Latino CVAP  
12 goes down slightly. In King, what that allows us to do  
13 in King/Tulare is to increase the CVAP, the Latino CVAP  
14 to 58.7. It does decrease the African-American CVAP  
15 slightly to 6.48 -- I mean to 6.09 from 6.48.

16 So there were some tradeoffs. I think we still  
17 would have to work out those 5,000 people, which we  
18 thought, perhaps, we can shift up to ECA. But certainly  
19 there were other options as well. It's just none of  
20 these options are easy, and at this point, wanted to  
21 bring it to the Commission to see what -- where we are  
22 with this. And of course, we prioritized VRA over COI.  
23 So we did look at other options as well, but these were  
24 the options that seemed the most viable.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo. And

1 where we are is at break time. So colleagues, please  
2 continue to consider what you've seen over the next  
3 fifteen minutes, during our break. And we will be back  
4 at 4:30.

5 I want to take this opportunity to alert or remind  
6 the public that the plan for the rest of the evening. We  
7 will come back for one more ninety-minute block, from  
8 4:30 until 6. We will have a dinner break from 6 to  
9 6:45. At 6:45 the lines will close, and we will begin to  
10 take public comment.

11 We anticipate that that might involve at least two  
12 ninety-minute blocks, which would take us till 10:00.  
13 But if there are more people in the line who want to make  
14 comments, we will continue. But at this point we will  
15 close the lines at 6:45 and begin to take comment at that  
16 point.

17 Thank you. We'll be back at 4:30.

18 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:16 p.m.  
19 until 4:30 p.m.)

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone, for your  
21 patience. We are back from our mandatory fifteen-minute  
22 break. We were looking at the -- some possible changes  
23 in the Southern Central Valley with Kennedy and with  
24 Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Toledo.  
25 Commissioner Toledo had just finished. So next up, is

1 Commissioner Fernandez.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. My question --  
3 or I guess, I shouldn't say question. I'm a little  
4 concerned, and let me know if I'm wrong, Kennedy, because  
5 my numbers are going backwards. For the King/Tulare --  
6 wait -- yes, for the King/Tulare we had a 55.5, right?  
7 That's what our old one was? Okay.

8 So I mean, I'm comfortable with that. My concern is  
9 Fresno/Tulare went down from 53 to a 51.16. And that  
10 concerns me, regardless of crossover voting, that that is  
11 very concerning to me. So I'd be very hesitant to make  
12 this change because of that. Thank you.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.  
14 Commissioner Fornaciari?

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So question about  
16 STANISFRESNO, we're 5,600 folks short. I know you spent  
17 a lot of time searching around to find population to  
18 keep -- to get the CVAP where it was. Do you have ideas  
19 of where you might find 6,000 people with 51.66-plus  
20 CVAP?

21 MS. WILSON: Is that a "me" question?

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I guess it's to any of  
23 the -- any of the three of you who had a thought of that.  
24 I guess if you guys explored it more, or whatever.

25 MS. WILSON: So it was not explored more. However,

1 it's as you can see -- I'm going to turn off the current  
2 districts -- the population is pretty equal from  
3 Fresno/Kern to STANISFRESNO. So it would more so be  
4 about walking it through a different area to get it back  
5 to this area. Not so much you have to find it, because  
6 it is here, sitting here, but you would have to probably  
7 work it through Fresno, somewhere in here, and then push  
8 it back in somewhere, either up in Modesto, Turlock, or  
9 somewhere over there, to bring it back in.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. But unless the distribution  
11 was exactly the same -- that population was exactly the  
12 same as the distribution of the population that's in  
13 STANISFRESNO. The Latino CVAP is going to change, and  
14 most likely it's going to go down.

15 Can you walk it through? I mean, the most obvious  
16 place to walk through is that line in Fresno. I mean, is  
17 that -- but it's -- so you haven't done it? Okay. Thank  
18 you.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner  
20 Fornaciari. Commissioner Sinay?

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sorry.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's kind of going back to Old  
23 Fig Garden. To me it's a mystery. We've gotten a lot of  
24 conflict -- conflicting testimony. I feel like I've  
25 been -- I keep looking it up and it becomes the one area

1 I haven't quite figured out. So I guess I need some  
2 clarity on why. I don't know if there is a way to get  
3 clarity on why, since some communities want Old Fig  
4 Garden included, some don't, and all that.

5 But back to Bakersfield, and yes, we were okay at  
6 fifty-five. We've been told very clearly from the  
7 community that that one needs to be very high. And so  
8 that's I believe why the subcommittee or the -- not  
9 subcommittee, but the two Commissioners worked to get it  
10 as high as they got it, because we've been asked, you  
11 know, for it to be a VRA district that is -- I forget all  
12 the legal terms -- but that works. It needs to be a lot  
13 higher.

14 And so I think we're -- the feedback we've received  
15 is fifty-one is okay for further north, but for down  
16 there, fifty-eight is critical.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

18 Commissioner Turner?

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. For the  
20 Kings, Tulare, TULAKERN (ph.) District that is what  
21 Commissioner Sinay said exactly the point. I think the  
22 further south you go, and I think there has been analysis  
23 and reports that's been turned in through public comment  
24 to support that, where we were satisfied and looking at a  
25 CVAP number, an L-CVAP number that the community, for

1 sure, felt like that was not sufficient.

2       However, looking at the Fresno/Tulare decrease  
3 that's there; and Kennedy, I know we've -- I've looked at  
4 this area, too. We've looked at it a bunch of different  
5 ways. And I guess the only thing would be is, if there's  
6 any way we can get that number up again. We keep saying  
7 that, and I think we keep looking at it. And at some  
8 point, I guess, someone should probably just say no,  
9 there's not a way. Because we keep looking at it. We  
10 keep saying it, because it sounds like, you know, the  
11 thing to say. You know, let's just keep looking to see  
12 if we can get it up. And we've done that. And I didn't  
13 find a different way to increase that, though I'm glad  
14 we've increased the KINGTULAKERN district.

15       So we've gone -- yeah, I don't know. I don't know  
16 where else to find it at without bringing harm to the  
17 districts around it.

18       CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner. I  
19 just wanted to check and see if Commissioner Sadhwani or  
20 Commissioner Toledo had anything further to say on this.

21       Commissioner Toledo?

22       COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I was just curious if we can  
23 get legal to just weigh in on this. I know that we  
24 certainly consulted with them, and just wanted them to  
25 just review the proposed -- the exploration that we've



1 done and just give their latest thinking on these.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

3 Sal?

4 MR. PEREZ: Sure thing. We've reviewed this. We  
5 are comfortable that it complies with the VRA. You did  
6 an admirable job of increasing Latino CVAP in  
7 KINGTULAKERN. Obviously, that came with a slight  
8 decrease in Latino CVAP at FRESNOTULARE, but we're  
9 comfortable where that's at. If possible, we'd like to  
10 see that back to where it was, which I believe was around  
11 fifty-three percent, but we're comfortable here.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So that -- and that's  
13 referring to the proposed changes?

14 MR. PEREZ: Correct.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

16 Commissioner Sinay, you -- your hand is just --  
17 okay. Thank you.

18 Commissioner Fornaciari?

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Kennedy, can you  
20 move the map south for me? So we're looking -- oh,  
21 sorry. I mean, the other way. I tried. Was -- is that  
22 a Fernandez? Yeah, can you zoom in kind of at the  
23 Modesto -- I mean, Stanislaus-San Joaquin interface  
24 there?

25 Yeah, not a lot of people down there. Thank you.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.

2 Commissioner Turner?

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Can we see the census numbers,  
4 the Os and Is?

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: In this area?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. In this -- well, no, no,  
7 actually back where we were in Fresno because, I think,  
8 this is what we did before. Because it looks like  
9 there's red in all of those areas that you can just  
10 easily grab and increase the CVAP. But when you put the  
11 numbers there -- and I guess we don't need to see it. I  
12 guess I'll just state that, when you put the numbers on  
13 it, it's very few population. So the number just doesn't  
14 change. That's all I wanted to say. Thank you.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Thank you for that reminder.  
16 Commissioner Akutagawa?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm looking at the COI  
18 inputs and there's some references to maps from, I guess  
19 it's the Dolores Huerta Foundation as well as MALDEF and  
20 the Equitable Maps Coalition. And they're talking about  
21 that they've been able to create three effective Voting  
22 Rights Act Congressional Districts, and that they've  
23 submitted it to us.

24 I am just kind of curious. One, what numbers -- I  
25 have not been able to find -- I'm just scrolling through

1 as quickly as I can to find these maps that they're  
2 referring to. But I haven't seen their maps and I'm not  
3 sure what their CVAPs are. Are we in alignment with  
4 them? You know, I guess, I'm just kind of -- since we  
5 did the same in LA County, I'm just curious if we could  
6 do the same here and make sure that we've done, you know,  
7 the best we can because we have gotten testimony that  
8 some of the CVAPs do need to be higher, at least in that  
9 one particular area that they were -- I think Fresno-  
10 Kings-Tulare.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think that one got up  
13 some.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: So Kennedy, are you familiar with  
15 those maps? Or do you possibly have them --

16 MS. WILSON: I am.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- already loaded? Is that  
18 something you could show us?

19 MS. WILSON: So I do have the Delores Huerta, but  
20 that's from when they had only two. And that was  
21 something that the Commission did not go forth towards --

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

23 MS. WILSON: -- and I don't have the newest MALDEF  
24 maps, but I do know that they had numbers close to sixty  
25 in KINGTULAKERN, close to fifty-three or at fifty-three

1 in FRESNOTULARE, and around fifty percent in  
2 STANISFRESNO.

3       However, they do that kind of arm thing. They take  
4 this part out of Visalia, northern Tulare, but that  
5 population with how you've drawn other parts of the  
6 state, and that's what we looked at with Commissioner  
7 Toledo and Commissioner Sadhwani. And so it's a lot of  
8 population to bring out to make exactly their lines.  
9 However, this is a very -- this line here that was able  
10 to bring up KINGTULAKERN to fifty-eight, does match quite  
11 closely to the MALDEF lines.

12       CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much.

13       Okay. Lots of hands, some of which I think are just  
14 still up. So I'll very quickly go -- Commissioner  
15 Fornaciari -- no.

16       Commissioner Fernandez?

17       COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just quickly, Sal, could  
18 you remind me in this area, is there crossover voting  
19 with blacks and Asians or just blacks? I know the  
20 further -- let me think -- further north you go, I  
21 believe Asian, there was some crossover, but I just  
22 wanted to confirm. Thanks.

23       MR. PEREZ: My understanding is that there is some  
24 Latino-black crossover. And I am happy to provide  
25 further detail in closed session.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

2 Commissioner Turner?

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thanks, Chair. Kennedy, I  
4 didn't recall, and Commissioner Akutagawa mentioned  
5 Equality California maps for this area. And if -- oh,  
6 it's Delores. Okay. I've seen Delores Huerta. Okay.  
7 Okay, so I thought she said Equality California and I  
8 didn't see maps for that. And if they had three strong  
9 districts, I wanted to see them.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's Equitable Maps  
11 Coalition.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Equitable Maps Coalition.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Uh-huh.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner  
15 Turner.

16 Commissioner Toledo?

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, and we did look at the  
18 Delores Huerta, the Equitable Maps Coalitions, and the  
19 MALDEF maps and we were able to achieve the fifty-  
20 eight -- actually closer to fifty-nine and fifty-three in  
21 FRESNOTULARE. But it caused about -- if I remember  
22 correctly, was about 130,000-dollar -- 130,000-person  
23 deviation that we'd have to shift through. So we'd have  
24 to shift it through and then it would probably cause a  
25 reduction in -- or it would cause a reduction in the

1 Latino CVAP in Stan -- I believe in STANISFRESNO. And so  
2 that was a problem as well.

3 So certainly, there could be an effort to try to  
4 bring in -- to try to take out a piece of that. And that  
5 was an option that Commissioner Sadhwani and I were going  
6 to explore, but we wanted to bring this to the  
7 Commission. This isn't perfect. It certainly doesn't  
8 bring up the FRESNOTULARE number, but it does bring up  
9 the KINGTULAKERN without having to change too much of the  
10 map. Because otherwise, we're going to be shifting  
11 population -- rotating population up to -- essentially  
12 back up the Sacramento, right -- area, Sacramento,  
13 Central Val -- the northern part of the ECA map. And  
14 so -- and also having to find some Latino CVAP in other  
15 areas to make the shift.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

17 So at this point, given everything that has been  
18 seen and heard, are we at a point to accept the proposed  
19 changes and not preclude further refinement if  
20 commissioner Toledo and/or Commissioner Sadhwani are able  
21 to find such refinements? Any objection to that?

22 Commissioner Toledo?

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh, I'm not opposed to that.

24 I still think we need to figure out what to do with the  
25 5,000-person deviation that we have right now, if we were

1 to accept this. And so -- and certainly we were -- we'd  
2 be willing to work on this some more if that's the  
3 Commission's prerogative.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Do we want to map the shift  
5 of those almost 6,000 people live? Or do we want to  
6 provide some general direction to Kennedy to come back  
7 with options for us?

8 Commissioner Fernandez?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I still am not comfortable  
10 with the lower numbers in the FRESNOTULARE cell. I hear  
11 that you're comfortable, but I'm not comfortable with it.  
12 The numbers still are low. And in terms of, if you do go  
13 forward and moving the population around, maybe we should  
14 discuss the other proposal too so that we don't have to  
15 do it twice, possibly. Thanks. Regarding the Modesto.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sadhwani?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. No, I agree with  
18 Commissioner Fernandez on that second portion. We kind  
19 of left the population deviations off like this. We knew  
20 that Commissioner Fernandez and Turner had been assigned  
21 to work in the area, if you will. And so we've kind of  
22 left it here, recognizing that if we adopt whatever  
23 changes they came up with, that we would need to factor  
24 this into that decision-making process. So I agree,  
25 maybe moving on to see their changes might make sense.

1 And if we agree with all of them, then we can -- we could  
2 balance the populations together.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good.

4 So Kennedy, we will leave this as it is right now,  
5 with these proposals pending. We're not discarding them.  
6 We're not accepting them. They remain pending. And we  
7 would like to move to the description of the exploration  
8 that Commissioners Fernandez and Turner did around  
9 Modesto and Sacramento. And then we can consider both as  
10 part of a whole.

11 MS. WILSON: And if I may, I will say switching --  
12 it's -- there's -- the plans weren't created with each  
13 other so --

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

15 MS. WILSON: -- this one is going to be separate.  
16 Okay. Just wanted to make sure.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, yeah.

18 MS. WILSON: One moment while I change to the next  
19 one.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

21 MS. WILSON: So now we have the Modesto change, and  
22 I can walk through some of those changes. I'm not sure  
23 if Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Turner might  
24 want to. I know they took a lot of notes. I don't know  
25 how you would like me to proceed, but you just let me



1 know. And --

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Kennedy, I think you already  
3 went over it. So I think we'll just take questions or if  
4 someone wants to look closer at something.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Could you -- because so much  
6 has been going on, could you just walk us around the area  
7 one more time, please?

8 MS. WILSON: Yes, I can do that.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

10 MS. WILSON: So we started working off of the  
11 Roseville proposal from a previous iteration. We added  
12 all of Roseville, all of Placer County into ECA. That  
13 overpopulated ECA. And so then we needed to take some  
14 out and we took out Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and  
15 Mariposa. And we put that in with Modesto, Manteca,  
16 Eastern San Joaquin County. And then we went on to this  
17 district with Stockton which is whole, keeps Lathrop,  
18 Tracy, and Mountain House.

19 Then you go up to Elk Grove and we cut a piece of  
20 Vineyard at Excelsior and then started to take more for  
21 population balance. And then we move north into the City  
22 of Sacramento which now has Vineyard, Florin, and  
23 Parkway, all with the City of Sacramento. We have West  
24 Sacramento as well in here, parts of Arden-Arcade, Rio  
25 Linda, Elverta.

1           Then moving on to PLACERSAC which is now just SAC,  
2 has the other cities and CDPs within Sacramento County.  
3 And down at the bottom we brought in Galt, Herald, and  
4 Clay. We took out Rancho Murieta and put it with ECA as  
5 well. And that is a general overview of this whole  
6 thing.

7           CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, very much.  
8           Commissioner Fernandez?

9           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: The more I thought about it  
10 yesterday, it really comes down to what we think is  
11 better with ECA. Is it Roseville or is it Modesto?  
12 Because honestly that's the two parts that you're -- that  
13 you're dealing with at this point. It's still a very  
14 long district. I forget how many miles it was. We did  
15 that yesterday but that would seem like so long ago;  
16 it's, like, a six-hour drive.

17           We were able to keep some of the COIs -- and I will  
18 say that Commissioner Turner and I, on the same page in  
19 terms of ensuring those that don't have a voice, we kind  
20 of -- we feel that we need to be the voice for them,  
21 which was my big push for having -- ensuring that Florin  
22 and Parkway were with Sacramento, not with the other  
23 district. Because that definitely is the working class  
24 of the Sacramento area, and it's very important that we  
25 don't split them from the other communities that are in

1 the same situation.

2       So I am grateful for that. Of course, you know, we  
3 can't have everything. Personally I feel that Modesto is  
4 more ECA than Roseville. That's just my own personal  
5 feeling based on my living in this area my entire life,  
6 which also includes San Joaquin, and Stanislaus. And the  
7 only other -- so we've got part of Sacramento now with  
8 Stockton, Elk Grove, so I'm just hoping that there was in  
9 San Joaquin will treat them greatly, which I'm sure they  
10 will. And then I hope that Roseville remembers Inyo,  
11 Mono, and Alpine and takes care of our Sierras, as well.

12       So I think that kind of summarizes it. It kind  
13 of -- it changed the look of it somewhat but that's -- it  
14 took us -- I don't even think of -- I can't remember how  
15 many iterations. We did the Etch A Sketch. I think we  
16 started over -- Kennedy, you were so patient with us. I  
17 think we started about ten times. So thank you so much.

18       Commissioner Kennedy -- or Commissioner Turner, I  
19 didn't know if you wanted to add?

20       COMMISSIONER TURNER: No. That was -- thank you so  
21 much for that. Everything that Commissioner Fernandez  
22 has said, and in addition to that, we see the changes.  
23 This will offer some new opportunities for people to work  
24 together. I'm very aware that Elk Grove to -- with  
25 Stockton, combined in with Stockton, is a little bit of a

1 different iteration.

2       But again, once you start moving population, Elk  
3 Grove is large, Stockton is large, Modesto's large, you  
4 know, and so these areas, they just do have a ripple  
5 effect. And so we had to make decisions based on -- even  
6 with Modesto with ECA. We heard supporting COI  
7 testimony, those that, you know, thankfully was welcoming  
8 to Modesto in that area. So this is -- this was what we  
9 came up with that we feel really good about as far as  
10 being able to protect as many COIs that we thought was  
11 important to protect. Thank you.

12       CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. I really want to thank both  
13 of you. It's really fantastic work. I thank Kennedy for  
14 working with you. I admire what you've done.

15       And so Commissioner Fernandez, you have a few more  
16 words, and then we'll go on to other colleagues.

17       COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. No, just something  
18 quickly. I'm not sure if we've had -- if everyone's had  
19 a chance to review some of the inputs into our database  
20 as well as some of the public comment. There were people  
21 calling in saying, hey, you could move Clovis and the  
22 northern eastern part of Fresno, but I don't think that's  
23 a better match than Modesto is. So we just stayed with  
24 Modesto. I just wanted to make sure that I -- that we  
25 let you know that we heard you, but we went down the

1 Modesto route. Thank you.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

3 Commissioner Andersen?

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I also want to thank  
5 Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Turner, for, you  
6 know, working hard on this. I really appreciate it. But  
7 I do want to bring up a point that -- this sort of  
8 surprised me. That I -- part of the Sierras are together  
9 and part of them are not. And I want to bring up a point  
10 that we didn't really discuss in the previous times. And  
11 it isn't that -- we've gone over what the Central Valley  
12 has issues of, you know, their -- it's agricultural, that  
13 sort of stuff. And we said -- and they're different.  
14 The Sierras have, you know, the broadband, issues like  
15 that.

16 What we haven't actually said is that these areas  
17 also have opposing interests. And that is why I was sort  
18 of more really advocating to keep a -- try to get a  
19 totally Sierra district. It didn't necessarily have to  
20 be Roseville but Sierras, because water is one of the big  
21 ones. And the Sierra areas, and particularly in this  
22 particular area, it's environmental use and they would  
23 like to have more of the water stay there, where the  
24 Central Valley and the cities really want as much water  
25 as possible to come down there.

1           And so you know, they're -- and they also have,  
2 which the Central Valley does not have, is federal land.  
3 A large portion of their counties are federally owned.  
4 And you know, you can't do your hospitals, your county  
5 roads, and your fire -- well, firefighters a little  
6 different but -- if you don't have the county money.

7           And the areas in the Central Valley, that's not an  
8 issue. And so if their representatives are being at the  
9 federal level, told please, you know, you don't take that  
10 money, you know, most of their constituents are -- that  
11 sounds fine. And that's why one of the big issues why  
12 Mono, Inyo, and Alpine particularly have been  
13 disenfranchised for many, many years.

14           It's not just this past ten. It's gone on for a  
15 very long time. And that's why I wanted to bring that  
16 up. I appreciate all the work that's gone into this.  
17 You know, possibly, you know, Modesto might actually be  
18 the best, rather than quite as -- quite the large amount  
19 of the Central Valley with this area. But I just wanted  
20 to bring that up. And I appreciate all the work gone in  
21 here. I'm not sure this is better than what we had  
22 before.

23           CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.  
24           Commissioner Akutagawa?

25           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I just want to thank

1 both Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Turner for  
2 the work that they did. Just a couple observations and  
3 then there is one question. I guess, one observation is  
4 that, you know, for all the work that we put into keeping  
5 Elk Grove and Vineyard together, now they're being  
6 separated. So just an observation there, but I also  
7 understand some of the other, you know, considerations.

8       Yeah, I'm just also thinking about what Commissioner  
9 Fernandez said about Roseville versus Modesto. And in  
10 some ways, they're, you know, kind of not that much more  
11 different, you know, just takes it further north. And,  
12 you know, at the end of the day, I mean, to be honest,  
13 I'm not sure if that's going to be better given some of  
14 the other COIs that have been broken up. Although I do  
15 like this iteration than the versions that I think we  
16 came up with earlier. So I will say that.

17       Thirdly, just -- so this is the question that I  
18 have. With this version that is being proposed, would  
19 the CVAPs in the Central Valley be higher with the  
20 inclusion of Modesto being put back into the mix? My  
21 sense is probably not, but I am wondering about that.

22       CHAIR KENNEDY: Kennedy, I don't know if you have  
23 any --

24       COMMISSIONER TURNER: Can I respond here?

25       CHAIR KENNEDY: Go ahead, Commissioner Turner.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So for that one -- so none of  
2 these are VRA districts. So we're -- we --

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, okay.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Got it. Thank you.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And thank you for the  
11 feedback. That's good information. I guess, in my  
12 personal opinion, I would -- I prefer the draft maps that  
13 we had prior to this. But this is something that is  
14 workable, obviously, as well, as long as the Commission  
15 likes it.

16 And just to answer Commissioner Andersen, there's so  
17 many districts that have opposing views. But this -- as  
18 Commissioner Turner said, it's -- and I do, I always see  
19 it as an opportunity to get to know your neighbor, get to  
20 know a new viewpoint, and hopefully work together.

21 I mean, there's only so much we can do in terms of  
22 how much they will work together. But I'm hopeful that  
23 they'll work together and with Mono, Inyo, and Alpine, my  
24 belief is they wanted to go further north to the south.  
25 They didn't want to dip into the Modesto area. So I



1 mean, I'm not sure how to really answer your response.

2 But there's been so many other areas that aren't  
3 perfect because there's no way we can make it perfect.  
4 There's so many conflicting communities of interest and  
5 then with the numbers.

6 And yes, Commissioner Akutagawa, we did go to great  
7 lengths to keep Elk Grove and Vineyard together. They  
8 are in the Assembly right now. And at the end of the  
9 day, it's the tradeoffs and fourteen people coming  
10 together and doing the best we can.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.  
12 Commissioner Turner, did you have something further?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh. I do.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Please go ahead.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I do. Yeah, and thank you.  
16 This process has been amazing and a challenge. I wanted  
17 to say, Commissioner Andersen, speaking about the water  
18 issues, that just tickles me because for sure water  
19 issues -- Sierras wanting to keep water. Central Valley,  
20 agricultural needing the water. I think they are --  
21 that's the perfect district to make where the one  
22 congressperson will have to get that figured out as  
23 opposed to standing on opposing sides saying we need, we  
24 want.

25 And so yes, it will create a problem that for sure

1 is solvable, that will have to be worked out in that  
2 area. And then as far as Vineyard, yeah -- again, we  
3 want everything whole, et cetera. This process caused us  
4 to drill down into Vineyard and look at it a little bit  
5 more closely. And there are actually some country club  
6 areas and different things in Vineyard that we were able  
7 to bring -- make a split that felt like that area would  
8 still benefit by moving into that other area.

9       So it wasn't just kind of haphazardly; we were  
10 careful in our crafting, trying to be even surgical in  
11 our approach. And so I like this iteration. It is very  
12 different than what we've done before. But I do think it  
13 affords opportunities for people to work together that I  
14 think can work together, that is pretty, like, have  
15 enough in common that will make it workable. Thank you.

16       CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner. I  
17 put myself in line to, again, express my admiration for  
18 the two of you for coming up with this. This district, I  
19 am very happy with. You know, we could always -- if we  
20 wanted, I mean, we all want to give everyone everything  
21 they want. But we also recognize that that's not  
22 workable. And so I think the two of you have done a  
23 masterful job of coming up with this. I salute you. I  
24 thank you. And you know, my -- I'm on the side of let's  
25 stick with this one.

1 Commissioner Fornaciari?

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I second that. Both of  
3 you and Kennedy have really, really some different  
4 thinking here -- went into this. It was -- yeah, I could  
5 imagine how many iterations you all went through to think  
6 of this. It's really kind of interesting. The foothill  
7 counties, you know, that you've coupled the foothill  
8 counties with Modesto. I mean, we have heard from the  
9 foothill counties that they are connected to Modesto. We  
10 heard that in our Assembly feedback. Yeah, so really,  
11 really interesting thinking and balancing and trading off  
12 of COIs.

13 Just one thing came to my mind. I'm wondering if we  
14 do go forward and adopt this, I'm wondering if swapping,  
15 like, Rancho Murieta and Shingle Springs might make  
16 sense. So reduce a county split, or -- and keep part of  
17 Shingle -- or all of Shingle Springs in El Dorado.  
18 There'd have to be a little balancing. It's about 1,000  
19 people difference. But that might be -- you know,  
20 that'll cut down on Rancho Murieta being out of the  
21 county. But really, really clever thinking there. Thank  
22 you.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that suggestion,  
24 Commissioner Fornaciari. And I guess at this point, we  
25 might ask Kennedy to explore that.

1 Commissioner Sadhwani?

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, thank you. And I want  
3 to just express my appreciation for Commissioner  
4 Fernandez and Commissioner Turner for working on this,  
5 because I know I was pushing for the exploration and I  
6 feel like that's what this is and that's what we've done,  
7 right? We received testimony and I think, as with all of  
8 the testimony, whether it's here or in Long Beach or in  
9 other places, right, I mean, even, like, Simi Valley and  
10 Santa Clarita, like, I think all of those deserved to be  
11 explored. And we have done that, right?

12 That being said, I think this does create some odd  
13 pairings to me. I mean, I'm just curious if it was  
14 explored, like, keeping Elk Grove more in that Sacramento  
15 district with, like, going up to Folsom and thinking  
16 about some of those other splits. And I'm -- you know,  
17 as I'm trying to wrap my head around these changes,  
18 I'm -- I think I'm starting to land more with  
19 Commissioner Andersen. As much as we've heard Modesto  
20 doesn't go with ECA, I'm not crazy about all the pairings  
21 that happened throughout here. And I think, again, it  
22 starts coming down to what COIs do we want to preserve  
23 versus others.

24 So I really appreciate this exploration and I think  
25 the openness to see it. That being said, I'm still kind

1 of on the fence on where I land on this iteration.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

3 Commissioner Akutagawa?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Could you come back to me?

5 I apologize. I've forgotten what I wanted to say.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oops. I forgot what I was  
9 going to say too. But I -- I'm catching up. So I'm just  
10 stalling right now for time. Okay, here we go. Yes, we  
11 could look into swapping Rancho Murieta, and Shingle  
12 Springs, but that -- that, of course, is if we're going  
13 to adopt this. The population difference -- that's what  
14 I was looking up -- was -- is about 1,300 difference. So  
15 it's something we can look into. We would probably have  
16 to -- we'd have to cut into, I think, El Dorado a little  
17 bit. Thank you.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And what -- and we'd --  
20 Commissioner Sadhwani, we looked at the Elk Grove. We --  
21 I think it was at least ten times. And you know, I just  
22 have to -- I think Commissioner Turner cannot thank  
23 Kennedy enough. She was so patient. Every time we were  
24 like, okay, start over again because it's not working --  
25 and so thank you, Kennedy. Your -- just patience and

1 your smile. I don't think I would have had a smile by  
2 then. So thank you so much.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

4 Commissioner Akutagawa, are you ready? Go ahead.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I remember now. I  
6 do have a question because it was brought up about  
7 water -- you know, areas needing water and then areas  
8 wanting to, I don't want to say preserve their water.  
9 But you know, that's one of the big issues there too. So  
10 Roseville doesn't strike me as -- I mean, I know that  
11 there are parts that are agricultural, but it's not  
12 agricultural in the way that the Central Valley is and  
13 Modesto is. So my sense is that, you know, kind of what  
14 you're describing, Commissure Turner, applies more to the  
15 previous map or not this iteration but the draft maps.

16 Okay. I just wanted to make sure that I wasn't  
17 understanding something incorrectly. Thank you.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

19 Commissioner Turner, followed by Commissioner  
20 Toledo.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. So for me, I'm still  
22 loving this iteration. And I was wondering, Chair, at  
23 some point, if we can go back to see the draft maps and  
24 see the COIs that were disrupted there. It might be  
25 helpful as a reminder to Commissioners as far as where we

1 were, as we get ready to land on how we want to move in  
2 this area.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that, Commissioner  
4 Turner.

5 Commissioner Toledo?

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm just thinking about the --  
7 and appreciate all the work that went into this.  
8 Certainly, I'm just thinking about the potential shift of  
9 5,000 people from the Central Valley. All right. But  
10 the connection between those two maps. And because, of  
11 course, VRA comes first. And the impact on that,  
12 although I don't think it'll be too much, I think we  
13 might be able to solve that. And I think we can do it,  
14 regardless of whether we use the draft map version or  
15 this proposed version. But I just wanted to bring that  
16 back to -- to just highlight that. Thank you.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner  
18 Toledo.

19 Kennedy, if you could show us the old lines and the  
20 new lines in different colors, please, so that we can see  
21 what our options are?

22 Just want take this moment to let folks know we've  
23 got about fifty minutes remaining. We want to get back  
24 to both Jaime and Tamina, for them to show us what they  
25 have come up with. But I think we're doing reasonably

1 well.

2 So Kennedy?

3 MS. WILSON: Do we want the draft map or  
4 Commissioner Fornaciari's map that we --

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: I believe we want the draft map and  
6 then --

7 MS. WILSON: Just the --

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

9 MS. WILSON: -- first -- very first. Okay.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Correct. And what --

11 MS. WILSON: I just wanted to make sure.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- and what Commissioner Fernandez  
13 and Commissioner Turner had explored.

14 MS. WILSON: So I will put Commissioner Fernandez  
15 and Commissioner Turner's lines in blue, that we've been  
16 working with. And I will put the draft -- our -- your  
17 draft in black. And so we can start with --

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Could we maybe do blue and red,  
19 because blue and black --

20 MS. WILSON: Yes. We could do --

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- are a little too similar.

22 MS. WILSON: Yes. You can choose whatever colors  
23 you like.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

25 MS. WILSON: You're very welcome.



1           Okay. So do you want me to start, maybe, with the  
2 changes?

3           CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

4           MS. WILSON: Okay. So one big difference -- I'm  
5 just going to -- they're on top of each other too, in how  
6 the layers work. Sometimes where they coincide you won't  
7 see the other color. So one thing, a huge change was  
8 that our ECA was Inyo, Mono, parts of Fresno, parts of  
9 Madera, all the Gold Country, and we had a split in El  
10 Dorado and Lake Tahoe. Of course, Truckee was not in  
11 there.

12           And now looking at the balanced -- and I actually  
13 should continue one further. We had this PLACERSAC, so  
14 we took Folsom and Orangevale, I believe it is, into  
15 Placer, Nevada, Sierra, Yuba, and Plumas. So this was  
16 all -- these were two districts. And they also -- this  
17 one was populated by Modesto and Turlock. And so what  
18 we've changed these -- this ECA into, which I'll turn on  
19 in blue, now is just Mono, Inyo, parts of Fresno, parts  
20 of Madera. We go up and we no longer have El Dorado  
21 Hills, or Cameron Park, Shingle Springs. But we do have  
22 the rest of El Dorado County. And then moving north into  
23 that, we still have all of Placer, Nevada, Yuba, Sierra,  
24 and we have Tahoe, Truckee together in this version.

25           And so that's the start there, and then we can move

1 closer into Modesto area. It's just a lot of lines. And  
2 so from our beginning, again, Modesto was going outwards  
3 to populate this ECA and now we have Modesto. And let  
4 me -- Modesto just going as far as Gold Country. And so  
5 instead of going all the way to ECA, it's just at Gold  
6 Country stopping at Amador. And then having Manteca up  
7 to -- and the eastern San Joaquin farming towns up to the  
8 county line.

9       And so a difference with our draft map was that we  
10 had a line and taking in just Valley Home from the  
11 Stanislaus County. We had Escalon in her. We did not  
12 have Ripon in here. And then we had basically all of San  
13 Joaquin County together. It was -- majority of it is  
14 just whole. So as you can see, we just take more, and  
15 it's kept all together.

16       And then moving up into Sacramento, there's  
17 definitely a lot difference of where things were split.  
18 So before, we had still three splits, but it was just a  
19 little different. We had it at -- up going into the  
20 middle of Sacramento. So Elk Grove and south Sacramento  
21 City, south Sacramento County, for the most part, were  
22 all kept together. And now we can see that Elk Grove is  
23 going down into Stockton as before the county line was  
24 where the division was between the districts. However,  
25 it is the division between this district and the

1 PLACERSAC.

2 And before, it was -- that second district was more  
3 of north Sacramento, Arden-Arcade, Carmichael, Rancho,  
4 out to Elverta, Rio Linda, Citrus Heights in here as  
5 well. And then we had -- now let me show you that the  
6 county line in this version, in Sacramento, just reaches  
7 out to grab El Dorado Hills, but before Folsom was going  
8 northwards, and so that's one difference there. And then  
9 again, I did go over this district. We refined the lines  
10 here in Yuba City, but it was Roseville and Folsom and El  
11 Dorado -- Folsom going northwards, not including Truckee,  
12 or the -- toward Lake Tahoe, but having Sierra Nevada and  
13 Placer, and so forth in here as well.

14 So sorry that the line's, you know, going back and  
15 forth, but hopefully toggling those on and off helped.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: That's helpful. That's very  
17 helpful. Thank you, so much, Kennedy.

18 Commissioner Toledo, did you have something further?  
19 No. Commissioner Fernandez? Commissioner Andersen?

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. I was actually  
21 referring -- I think, I might have said the draft map,  
22 but I meant the one that is balanced. This is -- this  
23 was sort of obsolete. The one that was balanced and then  
24 put the lines -- it was -- so it split Tahoe in the  
25 middle of the lake. It was that balanced one. Because

1 these are not the balanced -- the draft map was not  
2 balanced. So that was not a -- sort of a comparison, I  
3 thought, in terms of -- I mean, yes, it was the draft but  
4 it -- but again, the draft wasn't balanced. So I  
5 meant -- I guess, it was Commissioner Fornaciari's  
6 balanced one?

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. That's the one I meant  
9 to compare the two. So I thought I'd bring that up.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

11 Commissioner Sadhwani?

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. You know, I'm trying  
13 to think about this holistically. And certainly as we  
14 presented, Commissioner Toledo and I worked over the  
15 weekend with Kennedy on the Central Valley districts and  
16 I hear Commissioners are -- some are in support of the  
17 new version. Some are less so. And I'm just wondering  
18 if we were -- if there was openness to returning to  
19 Modesto to be a part of ECA? I'm also wondering, then,  
20 in pairing the ECA with the Central Valley, would it make  
21 sense to look -- oh, I'm sorry. Is someone else trying  
22 to talk?

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: No. Go ahead.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, okay. Perhaps someone  
25 else is -- I think, Commissioner Andersen, you're not

1 muted.

2       Would it make sense to go back -- you know,  
3 Commissioner Toledo and I looked at that arm that we  
4 described through south Visalia, northern Tulare, out  
5 through Lemoore. Would it make sense to actually do  
6 that? I know Kennedy will probably want to murder me at  
7 this point. But I'm sensing from everyone, like, you  
8 know, a scratching of the head about, you know, is it  
9 Roseville? Is it Modesto? Do we move forward with this?  
10 Do we go back?

11       If we're thinking Central Valley, then is there a  
12 way to strengthen and clean up those VRA districts in  
13 such a way and move forward, right? And be able to pull  
14 up the FRESNOTULARE district as well as the KINGTULAKERN.  
15 Right now, we're pulling up the KINGTULAKERN and leaving  
16 the FRESNOTULARE slightly less. But I know we've heard  
17 from counsel that that was okay. But I was hearing still  
18 from some Commissioners, you know, some concern about  
19 that as well.

20       So I'm wondering if that might be a third way, if  
21 you will, to move this conversation forward. So I just  
22 wanted to offer that.

23       CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

24       Kennedy, did you have something else at this point?  
25 Okay. Thank you.

1 MS. WILSON: I -- my hand was --

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

3 Commissioner Akutagawa?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I guess, I'll just  
5 state -- I would -- I think at this point, I think, I  
6 would prefer our draft maps versus this current  
7 exploration as Kennedy took us through it. The only  
8 question I would have is, is there a way to also extend  
9 up and include Truckee, because it seems a little weird  
10 to exclude them? That would be my only question on that.

11 To Commissioner Sadhwani's question, you know, that  
12 may be worth an exploration, although, I mean, you know,  
13 I think the only question -- the only other question that  
14 raises is that, you know, at the point that we are now,  
15 does it make sense to do that?

16 And then lastly, in reading additional COI  
17 testimony, and I guess, maybe this is a question to ask  
18 counsel, but according to some of the inputs, and they're  
19 citing the Dolores Huerta Foundation maps, it seems like  
20 there seems to be -- and maybe I'm reading it wrong, but  
21 it seems like there's an interest in two strong VRA  
22 districts versus three semi-strong VRA districts. And  
23 I'm wondering if in doing that, would that also change  
24 our calculus in these districts? And again, I -- also  
25 very conscious of where we are in our process, and I, you

1 know, I'm just as comfortable if we need to move on, we  
2 just move on. So thank you.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.  
4 Commissioner Turner?

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. So yeah, the  
6 drafts look great, but they're not balanced. And I think  
7 in the balancing is where we started splitting more COIs,  
8 which is what made the next iteration kind of problematic  
9 for me. And so if we wanted to look and do that  
10 comparison, we can. I -- what I liked about the draft,  
11 was that it did not split the COIs in Sacramento. It did  
12 keep San Joaquin County whole.

13 And then there was the Modesto all the way out to  
14 Inyo and Mono, which I didn't care so much for. And so  
15 balancing causes things to move. And so we would have to  
16 look at the iterations and see the latest iteration, I  
17 guess, and do the comparisons there. As far as the  
18 strong VRA districts, I think that probably will have to  
19 be counsel because we've received, you know, counsel, as  
20 well as far as what we needed to do for Fresno area.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.  
22 Kennedy?

23 MS. WILSON: And to -- just to that point,  
24 Commissioner Fornaciari's map that he drew, I would say,  
25 one of the bigger differences was the county moved the

1 line up to the county line, and Truckee and South Lake  
2 Tahoe were split. However, his changes were extremely  
3 minimal. And so basically what I went through that  
4 wasn't balanced is for the most part what he had as well.  
5 So I can go through that but just -- there weren't huge  
6 differences between the draft that you created and what  
7 Commissioner Fornaciari changed.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good.

9 I accidentally hit "lower hand" so I was -- I think  
10 I may have put myself in the queue more or less here. I  
11 just wanted to say that my perspective on this is that,  
12 you know, all of Placer, all of Nevada, Sierra, Plumas,  
13 you know, that general area makes a lot of sense to me.  
14 And then Mono, Inyo, Alpine with Tahoe, makes a lot of  
15 sense. So in my mind, you know, I'm getting both of  
16 those that make a whole lot of sense to me together in  
17 this one district. So that's what I find very attractive  
18 about this.

19 So next is Commissioner Toledo.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And I -- you know, both the  
21 drafts and this version, same, would be acceptable from  
22 me. I think one of the things that I'm just thinking  
23 about is the Central Valley, and we did draw the arm in  
24 the Central Valley, Commissioner Sadhwani, myself, and  
25 Kennedy. And we are able to draw the arm, but it



1 requires a shift up of population up to the Northern  
2 California region of a substantial number of people. So  
3 if there was a way of swap population, we can get the  
4 Latino CVAP to about fifty-eight, fifty-nine in -- what  
5 was it? In the FRESNO-KERN district, and then fifty-  
6 three in the FRESNOTULARE, and also maintain those areas.

7 But it would require us building the arm, that would  
8 require us shifting and rotating population up. And  
9 so -- and that's -- and of course, from my perspective,  
10 VRA should come first and then the districts around it.  
11 But certainly we're, you know, that's something that we  
12 could potentially work offline and see if there's any --  
13 while maintaining the integrity of whichever version of  
14 the districts we decide to go into -- go forward with  
15 here in the Northern California region. Thank you.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.  
17 Commissioner Sinay?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. On the  
19 question of Modesto or Roseville going up to ECA, I land  
20 on Roseville, just looking in the demographics of  
21 Roseville and having, you know, friends who live in all  
22 that area. I just feel like it's a better fit. That  
23 Modesto really is Central Valley and should be  
24 represented within the Central Valley. I do -- I really  
25 do appreciate the compromises and the collaboration that

1 took place to create these maps, and I support them.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

3 Kennedy, did you have something at this point?

4 Thank you.

5 Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. So I guess,  
7 I want to know -- I want to see the arm again. I've lost  
8 focus on what the arm is and what that means about the  
9 arm. And particularly if the arm is going to cause a  
10 split. VRA is our top criteria; I get that. We already  
11 have VRA districts and our counsel have already told us  
12 that the VRA districts we have will -- are good VRA  
13 districts.

14 And so now, to me, depending on what splits the arm  
15 causes, we are now just splitting, you know -- we're  
16 going above and beyond and causing harm to other areas  
17 potentially. So I would really want to know what that  
18 looks like and what the cost of that would be.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner  
20 Turner.

21 Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, I was just kind of --  
23 we just need to decide if we go with this iteration or if  
24 we go with, I think, Commissioner Fornaciari's. I prefer  
25 Commissioner Fornaciari's, but we just -- we just really

1 need to just decide. And then we can look at the  
2 different moves, potentially, in the VRA districts.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sadhwani?

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I just wanted to  
5 reply about the arm piece. So you know, Kennedy, if you  
6 want to show that region again?

7 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So when we looked at this  
9 and recall, right, you can see this kind of rainbow or  
10 halfmoon shape. And we mentioned this earlier. The  
11 testimony we've received is to remove the northern  
12 portions of Tulare, southern portions of Visalia, and  
13 possibly as far out to East Hanford, and Lemoore and  
14 Lemoore Station.

15 The idea would be the FRESNO-KERN district, which is  
16 a non-VRA district, cuts up and creates an arm in that  
17 way. We looked at that, and I think that that was over  
18 100,000 people. So that population would have to go  
19 somewhere. We didn't play around with it because we  
20 weren't sure if, you know -- what -- we knew Commissioner  
21 Fernandez and Turner were also working closely right next  
22 door on ECA. But as we looked at it, it seemed like a  
23 reasonable solution in general. But -- in terms of  
24 improving the VRA districts.

25 However, that 100,000-plus population has to push

1 out somewhere. And so one of the options then is pushing  
2 out to ECA. And we haven't explored exactly how far up  
3 that would go, what other changes it might require,  
4 because we weren't sure what, you know, what others were  
5 working on. But that was the way to improve this area,  
6 is by creating that kind of an arm and linking it to  
7 FRESNO-KERN and then connecting that further out.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So that would be, you know,  
10 focusing on our VRA applications and certainly not, then,  
11 focusing on the communities of interest testimony around  
12 the Sierras, necessarily. Or doing so in some ways, but  
13 not in all, perhaps. And so we wanted to raise that as  
14 an option since we're now talking about the ECA.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.  
16 Commissioner Andersen?

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. You know,  
18 the VRA is our second criteria. And I think trying to  
19 deal with the 6,000, I don't quite know how that was even  
20 being contemplated, because I see that affecting the VRA  
21 with the STANISFRESNO. And that's what -- the 100,000,  
22 wow, the other way. That might require enormous amounts  
23 of work, as I see it. And I think this is an issue that  
24 we kind of need to -- it almost doesn't matter what we  
25 decide one way or the other with the ECA and the

1 Sacramento area, until we resolve this issue.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner  
3 Andersen.

4 Commissioner Fornaciari? Okay.

5 Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I was going say, then,  
7 Chair, with our short amount of time left, I would really  
8 like to see where this is going to go. I think it would  
9 be problematic to release it and have it go back. I'm  
10 just wondering how much are we going to break up in  
11 trying to do this in -- I hope we can do it live. And  
12 the 100,000 is not -- if you're taking whole areas, maybe  
13 it's not, you know, won't take as much or as long.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So we have -- okay. Let me  
15 get Commissioner Sinay, Kennedy, and Commissioner Toledo.  
16 Commissioner Sinay?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm just wondering, do we need  
18 a closed session before we go into the whole -- the VRA  
19 districts? Is -- are there -- some questions have come  
20 up that haven't been answered. And I was wondering if we  
21 need to have close session.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.  
23 Kennedy?

24 MS. WILSON: I was just going to offer that, you  
25 know, a similar iteration of what's being discussed has

1 been drawn. And if you would like to take -- like,  
2 there's pictures of what surrounding districts look like,  
3 which is -- would be similar to what we would be left  
4 with, if you want to look at that as well.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: So that's --

6 MS. WILSON: And it -- oh, sorry.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- with this arm?

8 MS. WILSON: Yes. With this arm is something that  
9 MALDEF has drawn. And I do have, like, a few pictures.  
10 I don't have their shapefile, but of the Central Valley  
11 and what that kind of would mean. I mean, obviously, you  
12 don't have to draw things exactly the same, but it would  
13 just kind of show probably what the big picture of what  
14 would be happening.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So if you can prepare to  
16 share that, I'll call on Commissioner Fornaciari and  
17 Commissioner Fernandez.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: My question was going to  
19 be did you -- you know, you explored the idea of this arm  
20 and taking the 100,000 folks out. Did you think about  
21 where -- you get to the point where you thought about  
22 where they would come from in the first step?

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Should I respond to that?

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: When you say "where they

1 come from", do you mean in the arm or where they would  
2 go?

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, to -- so you're  
4 taking these 100,000 people out of those districts.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And you got to replace  
7 them somehow.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Not where the 100,000  
10 would go but where the 100,000 you took out of the  
11 districts would come from.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Yeah, I mean, I think  
13 -- and I would have to go back. We didn't explore all of  
14 that. But I think that's where, you know, Modesto could  
15 potentially come back into play and as well as some  
16 shifts between the STANISFRESNO and Fresno districts as  
17 well. It would be reshaping them to some extent in order  
18 to do so, right? So some areas in Madera and then  
19 further up as well.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

21 Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. It was almost same  
23 question that Commissioner Fornaciari was just trying to  
24 figure out. How it may impact the other districts. So I  
25 guess, I'll just wait and see. We still have to decide

1 what version we're going to go with. And then decide if  
2 we're going to do the arm.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay. And we have twenty-  
4 eight minutes until dinner.

5 Commissioner Fornaciari?

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Can you zoom into the --  
7 oh, I guess, you can't move this picture around. So I'm  
8 looking at this picture and they go into --

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: She can zoom in.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- southern San Joaquin  
11 County. Okay, yeah, I want to see the top.

12 MS. WILSON: One moment.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. So anyway, it goes  
14 into southern San Joaquin County. It grabs Lathrop. It  
15 goes over and grabs Ripon, and Escalon, Riverbank, little  
16 bits of Manteca and it looks like it takes parts of  
17 Ceres. Does it -- and maybe some of Modesto. But I  
18 think it's the LCVAP at 50.8. So they drew three over  
19 fifty percent districts. Huh. Okay, thank you.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

21 Commissioner Andersen?

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Did you  
23 look at just the 6,000, trying to move the 6,000 in?  
24 Because that might be the -- instead of the 100,000, I'm  
25 just -- we're -- you know, I think the 6 might be an



1 easier --

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yep.

3 Commissioner Sadhwani?

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Just to respond. We  
5 didn't think too strategically about it. Only in that,  
6 we kind of put it in the two districts that are not right  
7 up against other VRA districts so that it had somewhere  
8 to go, because we weren't sure where the Commission was  
9 going to land. We weren't sure what Commissioner Turner  
10 and Fernandez were going to come up with or where the  
11 Commission was going to land. So we didn't strategize  
12 specifically because we figured it would need to go out  
13 in either direction, right?

14 So down in the FRESNO-KERN, you know, we generally  
15 said probably it would mean, like, a portion of  
16 Ridgecrest going with ECA or some of the other cities  
17 further down. And then in STANISFRESNO, we said, you  
18 know, we would -- it would need to come probably further  
19 up at the top. But maybe Kennedy has some -- has --  
20 remembers better. We certainly talked about it, but we  
21 didn't have a specific plan because we didn't know where  
22 the rest of the Commission was going to land on these  
23 issues.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

25 Kennedy?

1 MS. WILSON: And there is a dividing line between  
2 the two districts. However, taking, you know, some from  
3 these areas -- I mean, I think either way, it probably  
4 would drop the CVAP, but there is this dividing line here  
5 a little further north than the 99 where you could shift  
6 populations as well.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Could you put on the Latino  
8 CVAP heatmap for us, please? Are there --

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Could you also put the numbers  
10 on, please?

11 (Pause)

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Is anyone seeing a change they want  
13 to propose? We're looking to see if there are areas  
14 along that line between STANISFRESNO and FRESNO-KERN  
15 where we could do a direct swap rather than rotating  
16 through a third district.

17 MS. WILSON: And will we be live line drawing,  
18 because this is more or less just a layer but I can go to  
19 the snapshot. I just knew I was going to be showing  
20 multiple layers today. And so I can go to the actual  
21 snapshot so I can work if you want to propose doing some  
22 live line drawing here.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Well, theoretically, yes. We  
24 might do some of that. So go ahead and make that shift.

25 Commissioner Akutagawa?

1           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I was just curious.  
2 I think, Kennedy, you said that you didn't have the  
3 MALDEF maps, and I'm not advocating to say that we have  
4 to use theirs. But I was under the impression that we  
5 had their shapefiles from yesterday when we looked at it  
6 down in Southern California. And I'm only just bringing  
7 it up because it seems like we're trying to do some  
8 tinkering now. But I will -- regardless of their maps,  
9 or the Dolores Huerta maps -- I think they also have  
10 weighed in on this as well, too.

11           I think we have to get these VRA districts right in  
12 the Central Valley. And if it does mean, like, a three-  
13 district swap, I know we're trying to minimize it. But I  
14 think in doing so we might be doing ourselves and also  
15 the people in these districts a disservice. So I think  
16 we just got to make sure we're -- if that's what we need  
17 to do, then I think that's what we should do.

18           CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Thank you Commissioner  
19 Akutagawa.

20           Commissioner Fornaciari?

21           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, it looked like along  
22 that line, any population we moved would be -- would  
23 lower the CVAP. So -- but I'd really be interested in  
24 going back up to the southern San Joaquin area and look  
25 at the map there.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Which iteration are we looking at?

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I mean, just -- I  
3 just want to look at the heat map with the numbers --

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- based on what -- the  
6 map we just saw. I guess, that was from MALDEF but --

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

8 Did you want the numbers in or out, Commissioner  
9 Fornaciari?

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I want the numbers  
11 in but --

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- I'm not -- wow.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Not seeing a whole lot.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm not seeing it. Wow.  
16 Yeah, because they had -- they took all of Lathrop, which  
17 is kind of right around there. And then they took Ripon  
18 and that other little guy right there. And it's not that  
19 many folks so -- hmm. I -- it would definitely need a  
20 lot more deep exploration, I would think.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

22 Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I guess, I'm just a  
24 little confused. I know we were going to do the  
25 exploration, but I thought we were going to decide on the

1 other part first. Because if we make a change here, and  
2 then we change the districts -- what the districts look  
3 like, I don't know, I just seems like it might be -- we  
4 might have to undo what we did and look at a different  
5 direction. So thanks.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.  
7 Commissioner Andersen?

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I'm still looking at  
9 that 6,000. I saw, like, probably 1,000 that we could do  
10 on that switch down into Fresno, and actually increase  
11 the CVAP a little bit. And I'm seeing here -- I'm kind  
12 of guessing. And like, a -- but I only see, like, a  
13 couple hundred that -- it would increase the CVAP but,  
14 you know, so then we're at -- you know, we're less  
15 than -- we can't get 6,000. This is tricky. This is  
16 very tricky. And I'm wondering if it's worth trying.

17 I also think, though, we should look at how we could  
18 switch the population before we decide one way or the  
19 other. Because, well, it does affect if we can even do  
20 this at all. So those are my thoughts.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

22 Commissioner Toledo, your hand had been up.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. I was just going  
24 to suggest that perhaps we -- Commissioner Sadhwani and I  
25 can work with legal counsel on these -- an iteration that

1 we bring back on the 19th. And if we -- if it's  
2 palatable, we can move forward with it. If it's not  
3 palatable, we don't. We revert back to something. I  
4 mean, these become our backup maps, right?

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Well, the maps we approve  
7 today. But if there's something that -- if we can get an  
8 arm or some semblance of an arm, then -- that is  
9 palatable to the whole Commission, then it moves forward.  
10 If it doesn't, it doesn't. I mean -- but you know, but  
11 of course, I think we'd have to work very closely with  
12 legal counsel and with our line drawing staff. Thank  
13 you.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. No. I would be very happy  
15 to see something like that.

16 Commissioner Sadhwani?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Thank you for that,  
18 Commissioner Toledo. I would certainly be open to  
19 continuing to work on this and looking at whether or not  
20 the arm is a possible -- possibility for us to move  
21 forward. I believe that when we put together the plan,  
22 you were right, that December 19th was saved as a as a  
23 day to come back to Congress.

24 I would just also offer that, you know, perhaps we  
25 could work on two versions. One, creating the arm and

1 the second is -- in keeping what we have, trying to find  
2 a place for that 6,000 to go so that we're not left on  
3 December 19th with, like, ooh, what are we going to do  
4 with this? Because I think on December 19th, we need to  
5 be, like, done-done.

6 So happy to do that. But I would say then let's do  
7 two different versions and then the Commission could  
8 choose what seems like the best option for us to, you  
9 know, meet our first, second criteria, of course, as well  
10 as maintaining COIs.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you for that,  
12 Commissioner Sadhwani.

13 Commissioner Sinay?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was going to say something  
15 similar. I just -- I don't feel good about waiting till  
16 the 19th if -- having two plans and it's going to be  
17 either this or that, I could do. But having one plan and  
18 we say no and then we're back to trying to figure out.

19 I also want to give the community enough time to  
20 give us feedback, because we can think something looks  
21 good and this area is really -- I mean, this is the area  
22 that we all -- I think, a lot of us feel, you know, we  
23 need to get it right.

24 I have felt good about the work that we're doing. I  
25 feel that we've worked really collaboratively and we keep

1 trying to make it better, which is great. But I do  
2 also -- so I want to start from there. That I do think  
3 that we've done some really good work here. And it's  
4 about making it better. And so as long as we have two  
5 options, just so that we don't feel like we have to go  
6 with whatever comes and gets presented to us because we  
7 have no more options, because it's --

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. And we will try to get back  
9 to this before the 19th. I can't guarantee that we will,  
10 but we can certainly try. You know, my own sense is that  
11 the alternative, the exploration presented by  
12 Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Turner had a lot  
13 of support with a lot of enthusiasm. Not, you know,  
14 understanding that nothing's going to be perfect for  
15 everybody. But I sense a lot of support and enthusiasm.

16 I understand that there are reservations with it.  
17 But it seemed like the preponderance in my eye was -- and  
18 my ears were towards supporting that alternative. So you  
19 know, I'm happy to have Commissioner Toledo and  
20 Commissioner Sadhwani come back with two options for us,  
21 understanding that those need to be perfectly balanced  
22 and taking into account the discussion that we've had.

23 Commissioner Toledo?

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm just going to thank you,  
25 Chair, for that. That was it. And to thank the



1 Commission for this very important discussion. I think  
2 it's -- you know, I think Commissioner Sinay is correct.  
3 I think we've done a lot here. And I think we're --  
4 we've done some good work here. And I think if there's  
5 any way to improve it, we'll try. Of course, we'll  
6 also -- and do our best to improve while not disrupting  
7 the important COIs that we've already touched upon and  
8 discussed. I mean, of course, obviously, that's  
9 important, but certainly we'll go back and work with our  
10 legal and line drawers on it. Thank you.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner  
12 Toledo.

13 Commissioner Fernandez, and then I'd like to get  
14 back and get report outs from Jaime and Tamina.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, just quickly. In  
16 terms of the iteration we brought in today versus  
17 Fornaciari's, I don't know if it was clear which side. I  
18 mean, you're saying there was enthusiasm, but there was a  
19 lot of questions. So I'd actually like -- we can't  
20 really poll everyone, but it'd be nice to -- let me  
21 think, how would I say that? I don't know if it was as  
22 overwhelming as I thought it was. Thank you.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

24 Commissioner Fornaciari?

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Let's see. You know, I

1 think moving 6,000 people would change either of those  
2 drafts a bit. Moving 100,000 people would change those  
3 drafts a lot. So I -- yeah -- so I don't know that we  
4 can move forward with choosing one of those options at  
5 this point until we know what we're going to do with our  
6 VRA districts, unfortunately.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: All right. Thank you.

8 Commissioner Akutagawa?

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I mean, you know, I  
10 was -- I very much as a -- I'm an advocate for ensuring  
11 that the -- I guess the eastern Sierra counties have  
12 their representation and ensure that we can create a  
13 district that I think best honors their desires. At the  
14 same time, I think I'm going to go back to everything  
15 that we've been saying all along. You know, there's  
16 going to be sacrifices. There's going to be pain. No  
17 one's going to be happy, or lots of people are not going  
18 to be happy. And some people will be happy, some people  
19 will just be, like, all right.

20 I don't know if this is going to make it worse. But  
21 I'm just going to just suggest, let's just keep it as it  
22 is and let's just move forward. We need to fix these VRA  
23 districts, and we're at 5:46 now. And I'm just thinking,  
24 while I appreciate the work that's being done, I think  
25 it's also generating perhaps more roundabout conversation

1 than we have time for. I think we're generally going to  
2 be satisfied with it. I'm just concerned now that we  
3 just need to keep this moving and we -- it seems like  
4 we're -- there's still some fixes on the VRA side that we  
5 really have to focus on so.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Right. Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

9 Commissioner Andersen, and then Commissioner Taylor.

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. I agree  
11 with Commissioner Fornaciari. We really have to look at  
12 the change because that could dramatically rearrange ECA  
13 and the area or it could minorly do it. And then, what I  
14 would propose, is that these two variations that  
15 Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Toledo put forth,  
16 as soon as they are able, if they could be posted. And  
17 then we might be able to actually kind of even stop for a  
18 minute, look at those, so we can then move forward on  
19 this next issue. I think we can certainly do that well  
20 before the 19th. That's what I hope we -- Chair might  
21 move in that direction.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you for that.

25 Commissioner Taylor?

1 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. Not to be  
2 redundant, but I agree with Commissioner Fornaciari, and  
3 much like Commissioner Toledo has continually said, we  
4 have to do it from the focus of the VRA district. So if  
5 there's some fixing on the VRA districts that we need to  
6 do, I think we need to do that posthaste. Thank you.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. My question is, is that  
8 something that we can do in the next ten minutes? I  
9 would imagine that that's probably not feasible. And I  
10 would prefer at this point to get reports out from Jaime  
11 and Tamina.

12 Commissioner Akutagawa?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm really uncomfortable  
14 with shoving this off to the 19th. That's one. Two, I  
15 know we need to go to public comment. We also have a  
16 dinner break coming up. But you know, my question is,  
17 can we just keep working? I'd like to just get this done  
18 tonight, personally.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. This is why we were to meet  
20 yesterday.

21 So Commissioner -- I guess, that's -- we're out  
22 of -- okay. I'm going to go to Jaime and Tamina right  
23 now. And we will get back to this as soon as we can.

24 Hi, Jaime.

25 MS. CLARK: Hello. Just one moment until we're just

1 switched on to this monitor. And just one moment while I  
2 set up this second screen. It will just be less than a  
3 minute. And thanks, everybody for your patience.

4 All right. Can you see my screen?

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

6 MS. CLARK: Thank you. So while I was away, I have  
7 enacted the direction of the Commission on just a couple  
8 areas. I'll go through those quickly. Per Commission  
9 direction, looked at specific testimony involving  
10 extending this area of CDCOV and Angeles National Forest  
11 to include areas east and west of this reservoir. Again,  
12 the drawing provided by a member of the public, doesn't  
13 exactly aligned with the census geography. So this is as  
14 close as we could get. There was a small population  
15 change. And so the boundary in Glendora is slightly  
16 different, although just by one census block, I think,  
17 was -- I could find one census block that was seventy-  
18 eight people, which is how many we needed. So there's  
19 just a slight difference here.

20 Additionally, I'm going to go to the San Fernando  
21 Valley district. Sylmar is now included in the SFV  
22 district. And then I don't have multiple options for  
23 this. I just have this one option right now, because  
24 anything different would have been, you know, splitting  
25 this COI of Toluca Lake and North Hollywood, which the

1 commission had identified as a COI they wanted to keep  
2 together in that district, or would have created more  
3 than just a three-district swap, and I was instructed to  
4 do a population swap for three districts.

5       So Sylmar is included with the San Fernando Valley  
6 based district and then the boundary moved south slightly  
7 here. So Northridge areas are all included in the Malibu  
8 district and then Reseda is split in a north-south  
9 direction for population. Granada Hills and Porter Ranch  
10 areas are with the Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley  
11 based districts.

12       And finally, the last change requested by the  
13 Commission, I'm going to zoom into the Century City area.  
14 Up here is Century City. This is included with 10  
15 Corridor as is the Cheviot Hills neighborhood. Anyway,  
16 basically the country club and golf course and this area  
17 south. The direction was to include that with the 110  
18 Corridor. And so I did that and included also areas in  
19 Palms for a population swap between SHORELINE and 10CORR.

20       Additionally, I balanced out this swap between  
21 SHORELINE and the MALIBUSFV with the student areas and  
22 this swap along Santa Monica Boulevard. There was, like,  
23 a 300-and-something-person population discrepancy. So I  
24 changed that. And these are both -- with putting it  
25 within plus or minus one person associated with this swap

1 for the Century City area.

2 I moved this line here between 10 Corridor and STHLA  
3 north to Manchester. I did refer to the input that was  
4 sent to me by Commissioner Turner. Thank you so much.  
5 And all of the requests couldn't happen just based on the  
6 really tight population deviation allowances for  
7 congressional districts, but this line is moved up to  
8 Manchester in the area requested.

9 And finally, the final swap is that this whole  
10 Westchester neighborhood area, is now in the SHORELINE  
11 district. So this southern boundary here is Westchester.  
12 This is with the city limits of Inglewood and then  
13 following the 405 and this whole area north of LAX is  
14 included in SHORELINE.

15 And those are the changes that I made while you were  
16 with Kennedy.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much, Jaime.

18 Commissioner Vazquez?

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Thanks so much, Jaime,  
20 for your work on this. I am not thrilled by the proposed  
21 split from the black hub in Palms. That's my one big  
22 issue with these proposed changes. Palms is a fairly  
23 working-class area of the City of Los Angeles. It's  
24 nearly all apartments. It's one of the most densely  
25 populated regions on the westside, broadly defined as LA.

1 A lot of students, graduate students from UCLA there.  
2 It's got a pretty large portion of Asian residents in  
3 that area. So not something -- I'm not thrilled by it.

4 If there's a way to keep it whole in the 10 Corridor  
5 or in SHORELINE, that would be my preference. So yeah,  
6 I'll just state that there.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.  
8 Commissioner Akutagawa?

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Jaime, can you just zoom  
10 in -- just in that -- the area that you're in right now  
11 and then I'll give my comment. So is that the area that  
12 you moved in Santa -- Century City also?

13 MS. CLARK: Yes. Century City is to the north. So  
14 this is this is Avenue of the Stars. Here's Century City  
15 Center and the 20th Century Fox Studio. And then the  
16 areas that were requested by Black Hub to be moved into  
17 10 Corridor include this golf course area, the country  
18 club, and then this neighborhood here.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I guess -- I guess, I don't  
20 know. I guess, I don't know, maybe I'm missing  
21 something. It's -- it is an interesting pairing. I'll  
22 be -- I mean, like, I guess, I still see it as an  
23 interesting pairing. I don't know as much about the  
24 Palms neighborhood. I do know -- I do agree that it's a  
25 lot of apartments in that area. But it seems like the



1 mix of Century City and -- the neighborhood below, my  
2 understanding, having driven through it, but not a lot,  
3 is that it's -- I know Century City is a pretty affluent  
4 area. The neighborhood below it, if it's what I'm  
5 thinking, is not -- you know, not what I would call  
6 working class either, too. And not that it can't be in  
7 a -- in this kind of mixed district, but it just seems  
8 like it belongs -- it would be better suited grouped with  
9 Westwood and the other westside areas, neighborhood  
10 councils in the SHORELINE district.

11 So I guess, I would also be in agreement with  
12 Commissioner Vazquez. I'm not totally comfortable with  
13 this change either.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 Commissioner Turner and then Commissioner Vazquez.  
16 We are flat up against dinner. Please keep it brief.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Thank you, Chair. I  
18 just wanted to state because I'm not as familiar with the  
19 area but based on -- not so much based on what we -- we  
20 have to also rely on what the community is telling us.  
21 And so for that area, I'm relying on the request that was  
22 made and followed up saying that Century City has  
23 historically been included in the South LA district. The  
24 entertainment industry has been an economic driver for  
25 South Los Angeles communities and partnered with South LA

1 communities in the past. And there's been articles -- at  
2 least one article that they sent through. So living  
3 there you have an, you know, of course, an opinion, and a  
4 thought, and experience and what have you. But I also  
5 don't want to discount what they're telling us is as  
6 truth for them as well.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.  
8 Commissioner Vazquez and Commissioner Taylor.

9 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Absolutely. I don't oppose  
10 the proposed change of including Century City in this 10  
11 Corridor district. For me, it's more about the fact that  
12 we have to split Palms in this iteration and potentially  
13 to do it. I'll also say, again, according to public data  
14 on the LA Times, mapping LA Times for Palms, medium  
15 household income in Palms is around \$50,000. And the  
16 percentages of Asian and black people are comparatively  
17 high in Palms as compared to the rest of the county.

18 So again, for me, this is just -- it's -- I wouldn't  
19 call it an especially vulnerable community. But I just  
20 feel like it's a shame to split it in order to keep -- to  
21 really get what I view as, like, a community asset, which  
22 is this high-income area of Century City in the 10  
23 Corridor. It seems we sort of have to trade off a  
24 community whose interests maybe lie more, actually, with  
25 the 10 Corridor. So I don't oppose the Century City

1 piece. I'm opposed in splitting Palms to do it.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.  
3 Commissioner Taylor?

4 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you, Chair. Really  
5 quick too. We have to listen to what the COI testimony  
6 gives us. And also, you know, I hope that we think, when  
7 we separate, you know, in our speech where we're  
8 separating wealth from working class communities, it  
9 doesn't mean that they don't have a vested interest in  
10 that community. It doesn't mean that they're not members  
11 of some of those communities. They work in those  
12 communities. They use the resources, and they play.  
13 They shop and they spend money in some of these  
14 communities. That's where some of the resources lie. So  
15 let's always think, too, when we're saying a wealthy  
16 community versus a working class community, there are  
17 still a lot of similarities and uses and synergies  
18 between those community partners. Thank you.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.  
20 It is 6:01. We are late for dinner. So we will  
21 come back at 6:45 and take public comment. Thank you.

22 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 6:02 p.m.  
23 until 6:45 p.m.)

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you everyone for bearing with  
25 us during the meal break. We are now at a point where we

1 are ready to take public comment on the day. So Katy,  
2 would you please read the instructions for people who are  
3 in the queue?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.  
5 Welcome to public input. To indicate you wish to  
6 comment, please press star 9. This will raise your hand  
7 for the moderator, if you have not done so already. When  
8 it is your turn to speak you will hear a message that  
9 says the host would like you to talk and to press star 6  
10 to speak. If you would like to give your name, please  
11 state and spell it for the record. You are not required  
12 to provide your name to give public comment.

13 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream  
14 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your  
15 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for  
16 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn  
17 down the livestream volume. And we will have a minute  
18 and thirty seconds for public input this evening with a  
19 warning at thirty seconds, and fifteen seconds remaining.

20 MR. MANOFF: And I'm so sorry to interrupt, but  
21 Chair, I do see there's a hand up. Did you want to go to  
22 hands before you take public input?

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: No.

24 MR. MANOFF: Okay, sounds good.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, so much.

1 We will begin this evening with caller 0505. And up  
2 next after that will be caller 6286. Caller 0505, please  
3 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

4 MS. ROBINSON: Thank you. My name is Judy Robinson.  
5 I was the 2020 census manager for Sacramento County.  
6 Based on a successful census, I urge you to revise the  
7 draft Assembly and Senate redistricting plans to remove  
8 Sacramento County from Placer and El Dorado County. As  
9 drawn, these maps separate communities and fail to  
10 adequately represent our diverse residents as determined  
11 in the census. They are very different and need to be  
12 treated as such when drawing these maps.

13 During the census, we developed a comprehensive  
14 language justice plan, we identified our diverse  
15 communities, customized materials, and worked with key  
16 trusted messengers. In Placer and El Dorado Counties,  
17 many of the residents completed the census as part of  
18 their civic duty. Communities of color and underserved  
19 communities in Sacramento have less civic participation  
20 due in part to high levels of government mistrust, and  
21 language barriers which require an entirely different  
22 approach. The issues in rural and mountainous Placer and  
23 El Dorado are very different than the urban-suburban  
24 issues of Sacramento. Communicating with residents is  
25 also different when emergencies arise. Placer and El



1 Dorado have significant issues with forest fires. During  
2 the 2020 census, people were evacuated and infrastructure  
3 burned displacing hundreds of families --

4 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

5 MS. ROBINSON: -- and losing power for weeks.

6 Sacramento County, during the same time, had severe  
7 smoke from the fires, extreme heat days, and increased  
8 respiratory distress. Also, Sacramento's risk of  
9 flooding is the greatest of any major city in the  
10 country. All this to say the people and the issues are  
11 very different. Please keep Sacramento separate from  
12 Placer and El Dorado County. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
14 right now we will have caller 6286. And up next after  
15 that will be caller 8224. Caller 6286, please follow the  
16 prompts. The floor is yours.

17 MR. NISBET: Hello. My name is Robert Nisbet. I'm  
18 the city manager for the City of Half Moon Bay in San  
19 Mateo County. And I have a comment on the two districts  
20 in our area, the one called GREATERSA or I think San  
21 Mateo County probably. And then the one to the south,  
22 Santa Clara County. So when these maps initially came  
23 out in November, almost all of the San Mateo Coastsides,  
24 including Half Moon Bay, or most of Half Moon Bay, was in  
25 the GREATERSA district. And then in the most recent

1 iteration, the entire Coastside has been moved into the  
2 Santa Clara district.

3 I think, it looks like this was done to move East  
4 Palo Alto from the Santa Clara district into the San  
5 Mateo or the GREATER SA district. And so I'm speaking to  
6 say that I don't believe this is a good idea. The  
7 Coastside of San Mateo County is very unique and a very  
8 important community of interest. San Mateo County is  
9 unique in that it's a peninsula. It has coastside on  
10 both sides. It has a bay --

11 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

12 MR. NISBET -- and of course, it has our coastside  
13 on the other side, a very important resource in  
14 California. And I believe separating the coastside and  
15 putting it in Santa Clara -- a county that is -- a  
16 district that is Santa Clara County centric, that doesn't  
17 have a coastside is a mistake and does a disservice to  
18 our area. So I would ask that --

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
20 right now we will have caller 8224. And up next after  
21 that will be caller 9517. Caller 8224, please follow the  
22 prompts. The floor is yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, dear Commissioners. I  
24 know that you are not drawing Assembly District today,  
25 but I'm asking you to at least revisit Little Saigon

1 Assembly District. The current map you have is not  
2 complete. Please come back to it and finish it. You are  
3 close. Leave it all up north of Garfield Street all the  
4 way to Seapoint Street, we have 40,000 people. Remove  
5 Stanton, which has 30,000 people and east of Garden  
6 Grove, a district which has 20,000 people. I know  
7 Commissioner mentioned that you've been getting  
8 missing -- sorry. You've been getting missed comment  
9 about Little Saigon. Well, what I've been hearing during  
10 public comment and ninety percent of Vietnamese American  
11 asking you to add all up north, Garfield Street in  
12 Huntington Beach. Very few are saying otherwise. Please  
13 revisit Assembly map and also make sure we have a true  
14 representation for --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 -- Senate and Assembly as well. Thank you very  
17 much.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
19 now we'll have caller 9517. And up next after that will  
20 be caller 1535.

21 Caller 9517, please follow the prompts. The floor  
22 is yours.

23 CALLER 9517: Yeah. This is Min Bo (ph.). Hello,  
24 Commission. I have been joining the call-in every day  
25 and willing to wait in the call for hours, because I want



1 to remind you, Commissioners, that Little Saigon Assembly  
2 map is no done -- not done. Please go back to the  
3 drawing submitted by adding all of north Garfield Street,  
4 stop at Seapoint Street in Huntington Beach to Little  
5 Saigon map where we keeping fighting for this small  
6 portion, because this area have already 50,000 people,  
7 which includes Huntington Beach Harbor that has over  
8 fifty percent of which are Vietnamese Americans.  
9 Huntington Beach is where Little Saigon future lie for  
10 the next ten years, like Fountain Valley. And  
11 Commissioner can't mention that there are --

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

13 CALLER 9517: -- Congression (sic) demand for Little  
14 Saigon. We don't see that every time I call in, and all  
15 I hear are some -- some real support to have Little  
16 Saigon with Huntington Beach. We need the assembly --

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

18 CALLER 9517: -- of citizens and progressive person  
19 which represent like anything on a community of interest  
20 in asking for us, please, to listen to our concerns and  
21 commands. Thank you very much and good night.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
23 now we will have caller 1535. And up next after that is  
24 caller 8951.

25 Caller 1535, please follow the prompts to unmute.

1 The floor is yours.

2 CALLER 1535: Hello. Can you hear me?

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We sure can.

4 CALLER 1535: My name is Tony Maldonado (ph.).

5 Chair, thank you for organizing today's meeting, and to  
6 the commissioners for their strongly disciplined  
7 professionalism displayed today. It was refreshing.  
8 However, during the few minutes of Sylmar and the San  
9 Fernando Valley being discussed, a few commissioners  
10 wanted to quickly gloss over the congressional map in  
11 order to pivot back to the Los Angeles basin, we had --  
12 which had just received large attention. That was  
13 exceptionally disappointing and should not have occurred.

14 Thankfully, the Chair and Commissioner Sadhwani  
15 forced the attention back on Sylmar and the San Fernando  
16 Valley east, and pushed forward a discussion on the three  
17 district slots that myself and VICA proposed on Saturday.  
18 For this, I would like to personally say thank you.

19 As your leadership granted this Latino super  
20 majority COI its rightful place in a cohesive  
21 congressional district solely within the San Fernando  
22 Valley. It's my hope that when the Commission holds  
23 Senate map deliberations that it will not again go around  
24 in circles and lose its focus, but instead continues  
25 today's well-paced meeting. I further hope that you will

1 also give the San Fernando Valley east a robust --

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

3 CALLER 1535: -- amount of attention, as it greatly  
4 needs separation from Santa Clarita's Senate map. I also  
5 hope that you will revisit Santa Clarita's Assembly  
6 district maps. Once again, thank you for your service,  
7 and have a good night.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
9 now we have caller 8951. And up next after that is  
10 caller 6795.

11 Caller 8951, please follow the prompts. The floor  
12 is yours.

13 CALLER 8951: Hello, Commissioners. While we  
14 appreciate the new proposal, we believe that making a  
15 swap would include the Vietnamese community and allow  
16 them to have a voice in a more accurately and represented  
17 district. The wealthier coastal districts fleeing from  
18 Little Saigon would diminish our efforts and the culture  
19 that we have here. By making a swap, we think that the  
20 map shows an increase in the homogenous Asian population.  
21 As an Asian-American citizen living in Santa Ana, I hope  
22 you can consider making this small change by keeping  
23 Huntington Beach together with Little Saigon. Thank you.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
25 now we have caller 6795. And up next after that is 7483.

1           Caller 6795, please follow the prompts to unmute.  
2 The floor is yours.

3           CALLER 6795: Hi, good evening. My name is Mia  
4 (ph.). The Vietnamese community has been very engaged  
5 with this process to ensure we are kept together in  
6 Orange County. The final step was to include the  
7 Vietnamese population in Huntington Beach with Little  
8 Saigon. And we believe your small proposal today was a  
9 compromise we can fully support. I hope you can  
10 reconsider. If you looked at the Asian CVAP, it actually  
11 increased in SAVANAANA District when you made the swap.

12           So your proposal is definitely picking up the  
13 Vietnamese population, and we hope this is something you  
14 can finalize. Thank you.

15           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
16 now, we will have caller 7483 and up next after that will  
17 be caller 7082.

18           Caller 7483, please follow the prompts. And one  
19 more time, caller with the last four digits, 7483, please  
20 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star, 6. The  
21 floor is yours.

22           CALLER 7483: Good evening. I have lived in Turlock  
23 for thirty-four years, and I'm upset that the Commission  
24 is seriously considering splitting Turlock and Modesto  
25 and placing sections in the Sierra district. These two

1 communities belong in the Central Valley District, not  
2 with the Sierras. They are part of the Central Valley in  
3 all ways. They share agricultural and food processing  
4 concerns. They share educational resources, including a  
5 junior college and a state university.

6 Yes, there is a Cal State Stanislaus, and it is in  
7 Turlock. They share the impact of transplants from the  
8 Bay Area. The communities share the major streets,  
9 highways, and freeways. They share cultural events and  
10 festivals celebrating agricultural crops. The population  
11 between Modesto and Turlock are fluid in their housing,  
12 employment and economy.

13 Commissioner Toledo, you made a point when  
14 discussing San Jose today that areas of agriculture and  
15 food processing concerns should be kept together. That  
16 is precisely the concern of Turlock --

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

18 CALLER 7483: -- and Modesto and the Central Valley.  
19 Do we not deserve the same considerations?

20 Commissioner Anderson, you were very adamant that  
21 water issues in the Sierras is quite different than in  
22 the Central Valley, and it would be difficult for a  
23 representative to actualize --

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

25 CALLER 7483: -- a solution, keep Modesto and

1 Turlock in the Central Valley. I understand through  
2 sitting through hours of Commission meetings that it is a  
3 long and arduous project. And I thank you for your  
4 diligence.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
6 now we have caller 7082. And up next after that is  
7 caller 0587.

8 Caller 7082, if you'll please follow the prompts.  
9 The floor is yours.

10 CALLER 7082: Hi. Thank you, Commissioners. I just  
11 have a small point for the northern part of California.  
12 So Plumas is currently split from CD 1. I don't think  
13 that makes a whole lot of sense. Even just looking at  
14 the map, it looks off.

15 But there's five key points. The first is water,  
16 and that's the Feather River watershed flows from Plumas  
17 to the Oroville Dam. It's a huge link. And the second  
18 is fire. So both Dixie and the North Complex fires  
19 started in Butte and spread to Plumas. It's a high fire  
20 risk area with clear federal and state equities. And  
21 they should have a unified representative.

22 The third is forests. The Plumas National Forest  
23 actually crosses both counties. It's split about 30/70  
24 between Butte and Plumas. That really does tie into the  
25 fire risk above.

1           The fourth is roads. Highways 70 and 32 both go up  
2 from Butte through Plumas, 32 up to Lassen. So you know,  
3 to connect Butte to Lassen, you drive through Plumas. It  
4 doesn't make much sense to separate them. And both of  
5 those highways are far busier than Highway 89 that --

6           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

7           CALLER 7082: -- goes north-south.

8           The fifth one is schools. So Feather River College  
9 is a feeder school to CSU Chico. Chico State actually  
10 has on-site recruiting at FRC and Plumas is in the CSU  
11 Chico service region. So please unite Plumas with the  
12 rest --

13          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

14          CALLER 7082: -- of CD 1 and equally balance the  
15 numbers by adding a small portion of northeast Yuba  
16 County to whatever that southern central Sierra district.  
17 Thank you.

18          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
19 now we have caller 0587. And up next after that is  
20 caller 8878.

21          Caller 0587, please follow the prompts. The floor  
22 is yours.

23          CALLER 0587: Hi. My name is Bianca (ph.), and I'm  
24 a resident of Fresno and have been for the last four  
25 years. Before that, I was a resident of West Modesto for

1 close to ten years. I just want to say that the  
2 Commission has made a huge mistake by splitting West  
3 Modesto from the rest of Modesto and connecting it to  
4 Fresno.

5 I can tell you from firsthand experience, West  
6 Modesto in Fresno are completely different. Not only is  
7 it insulting that you're grouping all of us together to  
8 form this, you are stereotyping it. I know that it might  
9 come as a shock to you, but not all Latinos think the  
10 same. Not all Latinos have the same issues. You're  
11 preventing me from electing a representative who can  
12 focus full time on what is going on in Fresno. Modesto  
13 is focused on the gentrification that's going on from the  
14 people moving down from the Bay Area. Why would I be  
15 focused on that? It's three hours away from me and it  
16 isn't a common issue here in Fresno.

17 I'm focused on making sure that we have companies  
18 like Bitwise coming to Fresno. I'm focused on making  
19 sure that the communities impacted by climate change from  
20 what something that we call the triangle here in Fresno  
21 are helped. I'm focused on making sure that we have our  
22 local issues here in Fresno fixed, and having one  
23 representative for that entire area not only --

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

25 CALLER 0587: -- will it make it more difficult to



1 solve that, but I'm very happy to hear that the  
2 Commission is revisiting the Voting Rights Act and  
3 districts in the Central Valley, including the district  
4 that splits Modesto in half to begin with. I urge you to  
5 continue discussing how best to represent all --

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

7 CALLER 0587: -- communities in the Central Valley.  
8 Thank you.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
10 now we have caller 8878. And up next after that is  
11 caller 0550.

12 Caller 8878, please follow the prompts. The floor  
13 is yours.

14 CALLER 8878: Hi there. So the Commission has made  
15 a massive mistake by splitting West Modesto from the rest  
16 of the city and connecting it to Fresno. While on the  
17 surface, it does appear that we likely create a majority  
18 Latino district. In reality, it's preventing this new  
19 district from electing a representative who would be able  
20 to focus on local issues full time. We need someone who  
21 can focus on the local economic infrastructures,  
22 healthcare needs of our neighborhoods.

23 We've already seen what happened two decades ago  
24 when West Modesto was separated from Modesto and we  
25 suffered as a result. Can we please not repeat those

1 mistakes again?

2           And then I'm also glad that the Commission is going  
3 back to the VRA district in the Central Valley,  
4 specifically, the district that splits Modesto in half.  
5 Can we please focus on how best to represent all of the  
6 communities of our state, including and specifically the  
7 Central Valley, but specifically by creating two strong  
8 VRA districts instead of three weaker ones? Thank you.

9           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And for  
10 all those that have called in, please remember that your  
11 public input is being interpreted and please take your  
12 time with counties, cities, numbers, and just speaking.  
13 Please just take your time.

14           Right now we have caller 0550. And up next, after  
15 that will be caller 3726.

16           Caller 0550, please follow the prompts. The floor  
17 is yours.

18           CALLER 0550: Hi, this is Anna Roberts. This is  
19 Anna Roberts, and I'm a resident of Modesto and have been  
20 for sixteen years. I am concerned with the proposed maps  
21 that split up Modesto, yet even more concerned with  
22 combining Modesto with the Sierra foothills and the  
23 mountains. We share very little community interest with  
24 the Sierras. Their dominant industry is tourism. They  
25 have issues of broadband, are now threatened by forest

1 fires, and frequent power outages; yet, we are not.

2 Our community interest in Stanislaus County and  
3 Modesto are shared with south San Joaquin County because  
4 of our approximate locations in the San Joaquin Valley.  
5 The agricultural industry is a dominant industry in both  
6 counties, and so we face the same challenges managing our  
7 water resources, which are opposing to the interests of  
8 the Sierras. Transporting and warehousing industries are  
9 important to us because of our strategic location along  
10 I-5 and Highway 99, and both counties have a large number  
11 of commuters.

12 We also share many social, economic --  
13 socioeconomic --

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

15 CALLER 0550: -- issues with homelessness, health  
16 equity, and education and workforce development. And we  
17 were working together on these initiatives. These Sierra  
18 communities do not share these interests. If we were  
19 linked to them, our voice would be significantly diluted.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

21 CALLER 0550: I request that the committee maintain  
22 our communities of interest. Please keep Modesto out of  
23 the Sierra foothills and mountains. We have drastically  
24 different transportation, jobs, and healthcare needs, and  
25 we need a representative who can focus on our issues as

1 so do they. Thank you for your consideration.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
3 now we have caller 3726. And up next after that will be  
4 caller 8802.

5 Caller 3726, please follow the prompts. The floor  
6 is yours.

7 CALLER 3726: Hi. My name is Daniel Nguyen (ph.).  
8 I am from Orange County. So I know everyone has heard a  
9 lot about keeping Little Saigon with the Vietnamese  
10 population of Huntington Beach. And I think the proposal  
11 from earlier today was a pretty fair compromise that  
12 included many of those newly Vietnamese areas. The small  
13 swap increases the Asian population in Santa Ana, and I  
14 think that better keeps our Vietnamese community in one  
15 congressional district.

16 And it's a small change that I think embraces the  
17 sentiment of what the Vietnamese community has been  
18 asking for without compromising the coastal district and  
19 the fact that the committee wants to keep the wealthier  
20 coastal cities separate from Little Saigon. Thank you.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
22 now, we have caller 8802. And up next after that will be  
23 caller 2554.

24 Caller 8802, please follow the prompts. The floor  
25 is yours.

1 CALLER 8802: Hi. My name is Don (ph.). Just a  
2 quick comment to say that we really like the small swap  
3 in Orange County that Commissioner Kennedy proposed. I  
4 know this splits Huntington Beach, but increase the exact  
5 Vietnamese population that those from our community have  
6 been asking to be merged with with Little Saigon. We'd  
7 love to see that swap, and we hope you could reconsider  
8 your decision to dismiss. Thank you.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
10 now we have caller 2554. And up next after that will be  
11 caller 2931.

12 Caller 2554, please follow the prompts. The floor  
13 is yours.

14 CALLER 2554: Thank you. Good evening,  
15 Commissioners. My name is Phyllis McDonald (ph.) and I  
16 live in Manteca in southern San Joaquin County. I am  
17 concerned about the November 10th map iteration for my  
18 city, because we are being distracted with Sacramento and  
19 Elk Grove. Those cities would have a greater voice and  
20 influence on the congressional representatives than we  
21 would have because of their size and economic needs,  
22 which differ from residents in Manteca and southern San  
23 Joaquin.

24 I was surprised to see the latest proposal that came  
25 up today dividing Manteca in half with the western half

1 of Manteca being districted with Sacramento and the  
2 eastern half of Manteca being districted with the  
3 northern part of Modesto and ECA. I think it would be  
4 devastating to Manteca to be split up and aligned with  
5 communities that it does not have common interests with  
6 regarding water needs, employment needs, and --

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

8 CALLER 2554: -- transportation needs, to name a  
9 few. I think dividing Modesto and Stanislaus County in  
10 half and placing one half with ECA and the other half in  
11 a district with Fresno doesn't bode well for Modesto.  
12 Modesto has unique economic and social needs --

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

14 CALLER 2554: -- that are more in line with southern  
15 San Joaquin towns than with Fresno and ECA. I urge you  
16 to consider keeping Manteca, Modesto, Tracy, and Turlock  
17 and surrounding communities together. We have a history  
18 of working together on water, economic, transportation,  
19 and agricultural needs.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
21 now we will have caller 2931. And up next after that is  
22 caller 0983.

23 Caller 2931, please follow the prompts. The floor  
24 is yours.

25 CALLER 2931: Hello, Commissioners. After the fall

1 of Saigon in 1975, millions of Vietnamese and their  
2 family still Vietnamese (sic) to immigrate to United  
3 States and have chosen Orange County to settle. Little  
4 Saigon is now home to most Vietnamese-American outside of  
5 Vietnam. We are Vietnamese-American in Little Saigon.

6 I'm asking you to act on the north Garfield Avenue  
7 to Seapoint Street of Huntington Beach to GGW for the  
8 Little Saigon community of interest. Don't stop at Beach  
9 Boulevard, remove Stanton and east Garden Grove at  
10 Euclid. They are majority Hispanic.

11 Please allow the Little Saigon community to be a  
12 whole in Assembly, Senator, and Congression (sic). Don't  
13 slip up. Thanks for listening. Thank you, and have a  
14 good night.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
16 now we have caller 0983. And up next after that will be  
17 caller 6750.

18 Caller 0983, please follow the prompts. Caller with  
19 the last four digits, 0983, please follow the prompts to  
20 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

21 CALLER 0983: Hello, hello, hello, hello. I have  
22 called in a few time now. I have been living in  
23 Huntington Beach for a year now and more and more  
24 Vietnamese Americans have been moved there. I'm asking  
25 to listen to the hundreds of caller, email, and COIs that

1 have been submit for months.

2 Here are what we are asking: Assembly to put north  
3 of Garfield Street all the way to Stan -- Seapoint Street  
4 in Huntington Beach, West Stanton and East Garden Grove  
5 at Euclid Street, contain at Huntington Beach and Seal  
6 Beach. Please, please keep Little Saigon together and  
7 allow the growth for the next (indiscernible). Thank  
8 you.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
10 now we have caller 6750. And up next after that will be  
11 caller 7068.

12 Caller 6750, please follow the prompts. The floor  
13 is yours.

14 CALLER 6750: Hi. I'm calling because we really  
15 want to keep Rancho Cucamonga as a whole and not to split  
16 Rancho into multiple districts. Rancho has a strong  
17 sense of identity and historically been all in one  
18 Senate, Assembly, and Congressional district. And  
19 currently, the State Assembly and Senate district is  
20 going to split us into two districts. And worse, the  
21 congressional map is going to split us into three.

22 And we don't really have a strong commonality or  
23 community with the other districts that you want us with,  
24 such as in LA County or the high desert. And our city  
25 has a really unique priorities and a strong sense of



1 where we want to go. And crippling that with -- between  
2 three congressional districts I think is going to really,  
3 really hamper that growth. So I strongly, strongly  
4 encourage you to revise the maps to keep our city with  
5 one -- within one congressional district. Thank you.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
7 now we have caller 7068. And up next after that will be  
8 caller 3480.

9 Caller 7068, please follow the prompts. The floor  
10 is yours.

11 CALLER 7068: Hi. Can you guys hear me?

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We sure can.

13 CALLER 7068: All right. Good afternoon. My name  
14 is Lang Wen (ph.). I am calling to ask the Commission and  
15 ask Commissioner Kennedy's proposal for a small split in  
16 Huntington Beach. I understand why the Commission is  
17 hesitant to split Huntington Beach. And in a perfect  
18 world, it would be -- it would not be split. But if we  
19 want to maximize Vietnamese voting power, your proposed  
20 split would actually do exactly that. Thank you for  
21 spending the time on this, and I hope you can finalize  
22 this change. Thank you. Have a good night.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
24 now we will have caller 3480. And up next after that is  
25 caller 7592.

1           Caller 3480, please follow the prompts. The floor  
2 is yours.

3           CALLER 3480: Hello. Can you hear me?

4           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We sure can.

5           CALLER 3480: Hi. Yeah, I would just like to call  
6 in and, you know, I was listening in and I'd like to  
7 agree with the previous caller about Commissioner  
8 Kennedy's proposal to split Huntington Beach. I know  
9 it's a really big move and a huge decision that you guys  
10 are making. But I do too feel that, you know, like this  
11 is, you know, one of the best ways to still keep  
12 Vietnamese voter retention up, you know, and yeah, I  
13 totally agree with it.

14           And I hope you guys can keep this split. I hope you  
15 guys keep our community together. And, you know, I  
16 really wanted to call in and say I appreciate all the  
17 work that you guys have done for us in maximizing our  
18 representation as Vietnamese voters. My name is Ritchie  
19 Lee (ph.) and I really appreciate that. Thank you so  
20 much. Have a good night.

21           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
22 now we will have caller 7592. And up next after that  
23 will be caller 4963.

24           Caller 7592, please follow the prompts. The floor  
25 is yours.

1 CALLER 7592: Good -- Thank you and good evening.  
2 In regards to congressionally redistricting in the San  
3 Jose area, so I've looked at the proposed boundaries, and  
4 I've actually been able to increase the adjusted 2020  
5 census Hispanic percentage for CD Cupertino by 1.5  
6 percentage points. And I've also been able at the same  
7 time to increase the adjusted 2020 census Asian  
8 percentage for CD Greater Ed by about five percentage  
9 points or so.

10 And one of the ways the Asian the percent is  
11 increased in the Greater Ed District is it swaps out  
12 Newark and brings in more of Fremont. And I believe that  
13 a number of Asian-Americans had suggested it as a  
14 possibility. My plan is posted at public input number  
15 38855. So that's public input 38855.

16 I just want to say that in this process, I'm going  
17 to guess that there are some callers who are calling in  
18 to -- they might not be giving --

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

20 CALLER 7592: -- the politicians name, but I think  
21 some people might be advocating plans that will protect  
22 incumbents. Thank you. And please look at public input  
23 38855. Thank you so much.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
25 now we have caller 4963. And up next after that is

1 caller 6758.

2           Caller 4963, please follow the prompts. The floor  
3 is yours.

4           CALLER 4963: Hi. My name is Nancy Yap, and I'm the  
5 executive director of the Center for Asian-Americans  
6 United for Self-Empowerment, also known as CAUSE. I'm  
7 just calling to say to thank the Commission for making  
8 the changes to the CD 210 map to keep the community  
9 together and protect voting rights of the West San  
10 Gabriel Valley Asian-American community.

11           I know this has been a long and hard process, and  
12 just really appreciate all the advocacy that has happened  
13 to keep the Asian and Pacific Islander communities of  
14 interest together. Thank you for all of your work.

15           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
16 now we have caller 6758. And up next after that is  
17 caller 2902.

18           Caller 6758, please follow the prompts. The floor  
19 is yours.

20           CALL 6758: Hi. I'm calling to thank the Commission  
21 for considering all the ways to empower our Vietnamese  
22 community in Orange County. I believe your proposal  
23 today to swap Los Alamitos and Rossmoor for a small part  
24 of Little Saigon accomplishes that. I know it seems  
25 small, but the swap actually increases Vietnamese

1 population in the SAVANAANA map, so I hope this is a  
2 small change you can reconsider. Thank you.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
4 now we have caller 2902. And up next after that will be  
5 caller 3122.

6 Caller 2902, please follow the prompts. The floor  
7 is yours.

8 CALLER 2902: Hello. Good evening. My name is Ling  
9 Nguyen (ph.). I am very pleased with Commissioner  
10 Kennedy's suggestion to include a small part of  
11 Huntington Beach with Little Saigon. The Commission has  
12 heard the true voice of the Vietnamese-American community  
13 in Little Saigon. Thank you for your hard work, and good  
14 night.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
16 now we have caller 3122. And up next after that will be  
17 caller 6917.

18 Caller 3122, please follow the prompts. The floor  
19 is yours.

20 CALLER 3122: Good evening. My name is Tim Lynch  
21 (ph.). Thank you, Commissioner, for your work. I hope  
22 you enact Commissioner Kennedy's compromise to include a  
23 small part of Huntington Beach with Little Saigon. This  
24 is the perfect line that makes our community heard.  
25 Thanks for all you do.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
2 now we have caller 24 -- no. Right now we have caller  
3 6917. And up next after that will be caller 2567.

4 Caller 6917, please follow the prompts to unmute.  
5 The floor is yours.

6 CALLER 6917: Good evening, Commissioners. I'm  
7 calling from the high desert of San Bernardino County,  
8 and I would like to thank you for the MORCOA map you're  
9 drawing. We're grateful that you listened to the  
10 testimony of our residents. Thank you for keeping us  
11 mostly out of Los Angeles County and keeping the high  
12 desert whole. If you'd like to consider, take another  
13 look at the VBHD assembly map, it would be appreciated.  
14 But, again, great job with this map. We applaud you for  
15 all your hard work. Thanks again. Have a nice evening.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
17 now we have caller 2567. And up next after that will be  
18 caller 0129.

19 Caller 2567, please follow the prompts. The floor  
20 is yours.

21 CALLER 2567: Good evening, Commissioners. I'd like  
22 to comment on the Kings-Tulare current congressional  
23 district map. It's a former VRA county, and it doesn't  
24 have the same communities of interest as other districts.  
25 Do not split Kings County. Please keep Kings County

1 whole. Thank you.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
3 now we have caller 0129. And up next after that will be  
4 caller 7507.

5 Caller 0129, please follow the prompts. The floor  
6 is yours.

7 CALLER 0129: Thank you, Commission. I am calling  
8 today. My name is Mike LeBarre, Mayor of King City,  
9 regarding the 1213 CD Cupertino iteration and the CD Mid  
10 Coast iteration. I appreciate some of the changes that  
11 have been made. But additional changes need to be made  
12 to make this a fair district.

13 Monterey County is a 59.4 percent Hispanic community  
14 with 30 percent white, non-Hispanic. The CD Cupertino  
15 and CD Mid Coast split Monterey County, dropping in CD  
16 Cupertino, the Latino CVAP by fifteen percent and in CD  
17 Mid Coast by sixty percent. But in CD Mid Coast, you  
18 increased the white CVAP one-hundred percent from an  
19 average of thirty to sixty percent. All, in my opinion,  
20 so that you can raise CD Cupertino all the way up to San  
21 Jose and then you have a finger drawn in that goes into  
22 the heart of San Jose, a completely different community  
23 of interest.

24 I urge the Commission to use the Central Coast --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

1 CALLER 0129: -- community (indiscernible) and using  
2 the attached Monterey fix shapefiles to adjust these  
3 districts to properly represent the populations that have  
4 been -- traditionally been served by --

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

6 CALLER 0129: -- the current Congressional  
7 districts. Commissioners, I appreciate your work, and I  
8 hope that you really look at these two districts and make  
9 them right. Thank you.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
11 now we have caller 7507. And up next after that is  
12 caller 8037.

13 Caller 7507, please follow the prompts.

14 And one more time caller with the last four digits,  
15 7507, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing  
16 star six.

17 Caller 7507, you appear to have some type of  
18 connectivity issue at the moment. I do have you down for  
19 a retry, and I will come back around.

20 And right now we have caller 8037. And up next,  
21 after that is caller 7121.

22 Caller 8037, please follow the prompts. The floor  
23 is yours.

24 CALLER 8037: Hi. My name is Courtney Russell (ph.)  
25 and I'm from Long Beach, and I just want to say, first of





1 all, thank you. I know you've got a big job and we  
2 definitely appreciate what you're doing. You guys have  
3 spent a long time talking about my city, Long Beach. And  
4 I just want to thank you for thinking how the mass would  
5 impact our school district, community college, the ports,  
6 tourism and everything else that makes our city whole.  
7 And you know, while we wanted to be kept whole, we  
8 understand you had a really difficult decision to make,  
9 and we want to be good partners.

10 As it is, Long Beach north map keeps critical LGBTQ  
11 and other communities together. So I want to thank you  
12 for keeping the Long Beach Airport connected to our  
13 downtown and areas of our city most impacted by tourism.  
14 It is extremely important. I also want to thank you for  
15 keeping Cambodia Town together. And thank you for the  
16 small changes near the end of this process to make  
17 improvements that are possible.

18 We know you're still making changes. And if you  
19 plan on doing so in our area, I just want to ask that you  
20 please don't split us up anymore.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

22 CALLER 8037: Thank you for your hard work. Have a  
23 good evening.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
25 now we have caller 7121. And up next after that will be

1 caller 3585.

2 Caller 7121, if you'll please follow the prompts.  
3 The floor is yours.

4 CALLER 7121: Hi there. My name is Dena Krupal  
5 (ph.). I'm calling about the San Fernando Valley of Los  
6 Angeles. Thank you guys so much for taking my call and  
7 letting me share my thoughts.

8 So first, as many of you have shared over the past  
9 several months, the Latino community in the San Fernando  
10 Valley is very important to everyday life. The  
11 Commission has said that you understand that drawing a  
12 Latino Voting Rights Act Assembly district here in San  
13 Fernando Valley in your initial map. You even showed in  
14 one iteration that the possible -- that it is possible to  
15 draw two VRA Assembly districts in the Valley. And if  
16 you draw two Assembly districts, you can nest those  
17 inside of one VRA Senate district. Please don't limit  
18 the ability of San Fernando Valley Latinos to elect a  
19 representative of a choice and return a second majority  
20 Latino Assembly district to the San Fernando Valley.  
21 Thank you again for your hard work, and I hope you will  
22 protect these rights -- these important voting rights.  
23 Thank you, guys.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
25 now we have caller 3585. And up next after that will be

1 caller 3746.

2 Caller 3585, please follow the prompts. The floor  
3 is yours.

4 CALLER 3585: Thank you so much. Good evening. I  
5 just really want to express my gratitude to each and  
6 every one of you. Every time that I've participated in  
7 these meetings, we have had some really good effects of  
8 all of the talks. My name is Marc Sigmon. I'm a  
9 thirteen-year resident of Fallbrook, California. So I'll  
10 be speaking tonight about San Diego. I'm the leader of  
11 NAIFA-San Diego, San Diego affiliate and -- NAIFA-  
12 California San Diego Affiliate. Excuse me.

13 I would like to applaud you on the Congressional and  
14 the Assembly maps. But when we're looking at the Senate  
15 map, particularly when it comes to the Fallbrook,  
16 Escondido, Valley Center, that goes all the way down to  
17 Imperial Beach and Pacific Beach, those communities have  
18 nothing in common with us. There's a little small town  
19 of Rainbow that is getting kind of shuffled in the works  
20 as well. Fallbrook, Bonsall, Valley Center, Escondido,  
21 Rainbow, even as far out to Borrego Springs, Julian,  
22 Alpine, these are the --

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

24 CALLER 3585: -- communities that we should keep  
25 together. We should move more inland compared to more

1 southland. Keep the coastal where they need to be. And  
2 I implore you to represent what you did with the  
3 Congressional districts and the --

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

5 CALLER 3585: -- Assembly districts and apply that  
6 to the Senate. Thank you so much for your time.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
8 now we have caller 3746. And up next after that is  
9 caller 5410.

10 Caller 3746, please follow the prompts. The floor  
11 is yours.

12 CALLER 3746: Hello. I would like to say thank you  
13 so much for all your hard work, all the Commissions and  
14 all the late nights and comments. I'm calling about  
15 Congressional district in Little Saigon. I love the --  
16 what you guys have right now. It's not a perfect world,  
17 but I do think it's protecting our Vietnamese community's  
18 vote. Please keep the map that you worked today, and  
19 show that you've been listening to the community.

20 In the perfect world, we would love to have all of  
21 Huntington Beach, but I think that what you have to do is  
22 truly protect our community already. And I hope you will  
23 go with that map. Thank you so much, and have a  
24 wonderful night.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right

1 now we have caller 5410. And up next after that will be  
2 caller 6937.

3 Caller 5410, please follow the prompts. The floor  
4 is yours.

5 CALLER 5410: Hey, Commission. Man, two more weeks,  
6 one more week, maybe. You guys are doing great. Keep it  
7 up. Again, I'm not going to add my voice, but just  
8 listening in today, somebody who is a rancher, who's a  
9 farmer and knows what's going on, who knows about water.  
10 I have no dog in the fight here.

11 What you're going to do in the Central Valley,  
12 that's your guys' call you guys are the fourteen people  
13 elected to do this. But there are some crazy things  
14 about water said, and I'm sure not maliciously. It's  
15 just clear that maybe there's not a lot of expertise in  
16 the water department.

17 But first off, the west side of the Central Valley,  
18 the east side of Central Valley have two very distinct  
19 watersheds and how the water goes. Second off, the  
20 mountains and really all the valley, we're all allies in  
21 the water fight, trying to keep it out of Washington and  
22 Sacramento's hands. I mean, everybody's on the same  
23 page. Keep water local. There's not a whole lot of  
24 water fight there. But I just wanted to go out and again  
25 to say thank you to Commissioner Anderson for trying to

1 keep the water local. But there really is a big  
2 difference --

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

4 CALLER 5410: -- between the east side and the west  
5 side of the Central Valley. I wish you guys the best of  
6 luck in figuring out what you guys are going to do. As a  
7 farmer and as a grower, I just wanted everybody to  
8 understand that this water argument is really moot and it  
9 really shouldn't, at least --

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

11 CALLER 5410: -- in these areas, matter for your  
12 decision. Thank you.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
14 now we have caller 6937. And up next after that is  
15 caller 3290.

16 Caller 6937, please follow the prompts. The floor  
17 is yours.

18 CALLER 6937: Good evening. I'm calling tonight to  
19 please implore attention given to Rancho Cucamonga. We  
20 really want to keep Rancho whole, and do not split the  
21 city of Rancho into multiple districts. Rancho Cucamonga  
22 has a strong sense of identity and has historically been  
23 all or mostly in one Senate, Assembly, or Congressional  
24 district.

25 The proposed Congressional, State Assembly, and

1 Senate district maps unnecessarily split our communities  
2 and our neighborhoods diminishing community power and our  
3 opportunity for strong representation. Specifically,  
4 splitting Rancho Cucamonga into three Congressional  
5 districts is detrimental to our community, our voice, and  
6 I strongly encourage you to keep our city whole within  
7 San Bernardino County. Thank you for your time.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
9 now we have caller 3290. And up next after that will be  
10 caller 0403.

11 Caller 3290, please follow the prompts. The floor  
12 is yours.

13 CALLER 3290: Hi. My name is Samantha Mellinger  
14 (ph.), and I'm calling in on behalf of the Keep Long  
15 Beach Together Coalition. Thank you so much for taking  
16 our letters into consideration. We really appreciate  
17 that you kept our LGBTQ-plus community together by  
18 keeping our downtown and Belmont Shore connected along  
19 with Signal Hill. You united the Cambodian community,  
20 and you ensured that the ports of Long Beach and LA have  
21 a separate congressional representation, which is really  
22 key.

23 So we heard the Commission's direction today to move  
24 the main Long Beach City College campus into LB North to  
25 join the City College's Pacific Coast campus in that

1 district. And we really appreciate that as well.

2 You know, I know -- we know the maps won't be  
3 finalized until December 27th, and you may make some  
4 additional refinements along the way. But if any  
5 additional changes are made, please do not split apart  
6 our city any further. Thank you for doing your best to  
7 create districts that will ensure California's success  
8 over the next ten years. I appreciate your time.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
10 now we have caller 0403. And up next after that is  
11 caller 0682.

12 Caller 0402, please follow the prompts. The floor  
13 is yours.

14 CALLER 0403: I'm sure you've heard enough from  
15 Vietnamese community, but I wanted to call one last time  
16 and thank you for considering our requests. I think the  
17 final proposal today was a good compromise and recognize  
18 the Vietnamese community in Huntington Beach without  
19 disturbing the other communities of interest. I know you  
20 were trying to take into account all the communities.  
21 The Commission has split cities all across the state, so  
22 I think small split is very reflective of the current  
23 boundaries of Little Saigon, and I hope we can enact  
24 these changes. Thank you.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right



1 now we have caller 0682. And up next after that is  
2 caller 8440.

3       Caller 0682, please follow the prompts. The floor  
4 is yours.

5       CALLER 0682: Hello, Commissioners. Calling from  
6 Palmdale and wanted to say thank you for allowing the  
7 Antelope Valley to stay together with Santa Clarita. I  
8 do want to say that you really should revert the maps to  
9 what they were yesterday, with Sylmar as a part of our  
10 district instead of Porter Ranch and Granada Hills.

11       Our maps have remained the same since you began  
12 months ago. And you already had the chance to hear from  
13 citizens from the Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita, and  
14 Sylmar. It's really not fair to any of us to change it  
15 now, in the eleventh hour, when you've had weeks of  
16 testimony where we all agreed that we liked the way that  
17 it's drawn.

18       I personally don't understand the changes that are  
19 still being made everywhere. It's unfortunate that  
20 everything has to change due to these small changes you  
21 make. I know you can't keep everyone happy, and I  
22 completely understand that. But the power you've given  
23 some of these smaller cities, is just insane to me.

24       UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

25       CALLER 0682: Sylmar racially, demographically, and

1 socioeconomically has much more in common with the  
2 Antelope Valley than Granada Hills and Porter Ranch do.  
3 And I urge you to please change it. The maps refined the  
4 way they were yesterday.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

6 CALLER 0682: I also wanted to give a special thanks  
7 to Commissioner Sadhwani. She has tirelessly advocated  
8 for communities of interest and keeping them together.  
9 So thank you so much. Have a good night. Bye.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
11 now we have caller 8440. And up next after that will be  
12 caller 9424.

13 Caller 8440, please follow the prompts. The floor  
14 is yours. Caller 8440, please double check your phone,  
15 make sure it's not on mute. You are unmuted in the  
16 meeting.

17 CALLER 8440: Good evening, and thank you all for  
18 your hard work and all the work that you continue to do.  
19 The City of Rancho Cucamonga, I have lived here for  
20 thirty-two years, and I strongly urge the California  
21 Citizens Redistricting Commission to please reconsider  
22 its proposed congressional district map. We are  
23 currently in the latest iteration, divided into three  
24 different districts. It unnecessarily splits our  
25 communities and our neighborhoods.

1           The boundaries have primary focus in other counties,  
2 leaving little to no ability for our residents to  
3 influence policy. Our cities within the proposed  
4 district are a stark contrast from Rancho Cucamonga's  
5 urban and suburban feel. There are virtually no  
6 commonalities between our residents and those in other  
7 counties, like LA County.

8           The special needs and interests of our unique  
9 diverse city need effective representation and only get  
10 diluted when lumped into districts with competing  
11 priorities. We respectfully request that the Commission  
12 reconsider and revise the --

13           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

14           CALLER 8440: -- proposed Congressional maps. Thank  
15 you.

16           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
17 now we have caller 9424. And up next after that is  
18 caller 3952.

19           Caller 9424, please follow the prompts. The floor  
20 is yours.

21           CALLER 9424: Hello. Thank you so much for taking  
22 my call tonight. My name is Trevor Eckhoff (ph.). And  
23 first of all, I'd like to thank this Commission for the  
24 undoubtedly grueling hours that you've dedicated towards  
25 moving California's democracy forward. But I must raise

1 my voice in service to your mission for the city I live  
2 in, which is the City of San Jose.

3       The proposed map seeks to divide San Jose into four  
4 appendages linked to other parts of the Bay Area and  
5 central California. But in no districts does San Jose  
6 have a majority leaving the 10th largest city in America  
7 without a dedicated representative. Under the "Why was  
8 my district gerrymandered" part of your website's FAQ, it  
9 states that, quote, "Districts that should be  
10 geographically compact such that nearby areas of  
11 population are not bypassed for more distant  
12 populations." And yet, the proposed district  
13 encompassing downtown and east San Jose, stretches down  
14 to King City, 115 miles away. The district encompassing  
15 south San Jose jumps down to Paso Robles, 166 miles away.

16       UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

17       CALLER 9424: How do the vintners of Paso Robles  
18 similarly reflect the struggles of south San Jose? So  
19 bluntly put, San Jose looks like an abstract Picasso  
20 painting of the deluded congressional representation.  
21 And the proposed map would split up the absence --

22       UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

23       CALLER 9424: -- of common interest to all San  
24 Joseans and hamper our advancement towards equity,  
25 inclusion, opportunity and exemplary public service.

1 Thank you.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
3 now we have caller 3952. And up next after that is  
4 caller 3640.

5 Caller 3952, please follow the prompts. The floor  
6 is yours.

7 CALLER 3952: Good evening, Commissioners. I'm Sam  
8 Liccardo, the mayor of the City of San Jose. And on  
9 behalf of the more than one million San Jose residents, I  
10 thank each of you for your extraordinary sacrifice of  
11 time and commitment to our democratic process. The  
12 proposed maps would divide San Jose into four separate  
13 congressional districts, as you just heard the last  
14 caller mention. None of those districts would contain a  
15 majority of San Jose residents, so no member of Congress  
16 would primarily represent America's tenth largest city.  
17 This dilutes and undermines the voice of San Jose's  
18 diverse urban neighborhoods relative to our more affluent  
19 suburbs. Three-quarters of us are people of color in the  
20 City of San Jose.

21 Regarding the creation of proposed Latino and Asian-  
22 American opportunity districts in our area, it's  
23 important to recognize that we can still achieve those  
24 important objectives and create a San Jose majority  
25 district. We can do this by consolidating the two

1 remaining proposed districts in San Jose, comprising  
2 almost 600,000 residents in San Jose's west, south, and  
3 southeast into part of a single district.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

5 CALLER 3952: While I urge the preservation of San  
6 Jose's community of interest, it's also in the interest  
7 of thousands of farm workers in the Salinas Valley, of  
8 coastal residents in Monterey and Pacifica, and farmers  
9 in King City, who also deserve the full attention of a  
10 local --

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

12 CALLER 3952: -- Congressperson. Thank you for  
13 considering my thoughts.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
15 now we have caller 3640. And up next after that is  
16 caller 4069.

17 Caller 3640, please follow the prompts. The floor  
18 is yours.

19 CALLER 3640: Hello, Commissioners. I'd like to  
20 discuss the Kings-Tulare current congressional map. This  
21 district in particular is a former VRA county. Kings  
22 County does not have the same communities of interest as  
23 other districts. Please keep Kings County whole. Thank  
24 you.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right

1 now we have caller 4069. And up next after that will be  
2 caller 6386.

3       Caller 4069, please follow the prompts. The floor  
4 is yours.

5       CALLER 4069: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My  
6 name is -- good evening, I should say. This is Eric  
7 Bruen, mayor for the City of Ridgecrest. I just wanted  
8 to once again commend you all on the effort that you're  
9 making. And I ask you to please take a moment of  
10 consideration in regard to eastern Kern County. As you  
11 know, we've spoken several times about our concerns as  
12 the City of Ridgecrest, and I appreciate you leaving us  
13 within Kern County.

14       However, one of our major concerns is the military  
15 aspects of the current drawings, which takes Edwards Air  
16 Force Base and moves it into the San Bernardino County  
17 area. Edwards Air Force Base has a longstanding history  
18 with Kern County, as well as with the eastern Kern  
19 corridor between our air pollution, our environmental  
20 designs, and as well as our recreational.

21       The combined effort of one congressional district to  
22 represent three separate military bases in the San  
23 Bernardino County area is burdensome compared to  
24 splitting and maintaining the two-base structure, which  
25 has existed within China Lake and Edwards Air Force Base

1 under the same congressional district. I ask that the  
2 commission take a moment to consider this in their line  
3 drawing.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

5 CALLER 4069: I understand the population concerns,  
6 but please try to keep eastern Kern as whole as possible  
7 by returning California City and Mojave to the border of  
8 the Kern County area on the Kern-Tulare District. Thank  
9 you very much. I appreciate your time, and I know this  
10 has been a long effort.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
12 now we have caller 6386. And up next after that is  
13 caller 9127.

14 Caller 6386, please follow the prompts.

15 One more time, caller with the last four digits,  
16 6386, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing  
17 star six.

18 And caller 6386, you appear to have some type of  
19 connectivity issue at the moment. I do have you down for  
20 a retry, and we will come back around.

21 Right now we have caller 9127. And up next after  
22 that will be caller 4125.

23 Caller 9127, please follow the prompts. The floor  
24 is yours.

25 CALLER 9127: Thank you. My name is Anne Marie





1 Washington (ph.), and I've been a resident of Modesto for  
2 the last forty-seven years. And I am really glad to see  
3 that you have been doing some work on our Voting Rights  
4 Act in the Central Valley District. And you started  
5 doing that work tonight, but I'm not sure where you  
6 ended.

7 We need effective and strong Valley Rights Act seats  
8 in the Valley, not some weak version that won't actually  
9 help our community. Please keep working and fix the  
10 Valley Rights Act seats in our Stanislaus County and  
11 Central Valley area, and please keep Modesto whole. We  
12 have nothing in common with the foothills.

13 People go to the foothills to retire and recreate.  
14 They don't go there to work and raise a family. So  
15 please keep Modesto together. And we appreciate all the  
16 hard work you're doing. We know it's a tough job. Thank  
17 you for your diligence.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
19 now we have caller 4125. And up next after that will be  
20 caller 5592.

21 Caller 4125, please follow the prompts. The floor  
22 is yours.

23 CALLER 4125: Hi, Commissioners. Today you put  
24 Sylmar with the San Fernando Valley seat, but you need to  
25 do it in a way that's best for the Valley. And VICA

1 submitted a revised map that keeps North Hollywood and  
2 Toluca Lake together and put Sunland-Tujunga in the Santa  
3 Clarita-Antelope Valley seat. Sunland-Tujunga is the  
4 semirural part of the valley, culturally similar to the  
5 semirural AVSCV seat.

6 What is critical to me is that the areas affected by  
7 the Porter Ranch gas leak, the biggest methane leak in  
8 recorded human history, are represented by a member of  
9 Congress who will bring in the EPA. You must keep Porter  
10 Ranch together with Chatsworth and the West Hills. If  
11 you want to do right by the Valley, please listen to the  
12 Valley. Look at the VICA map submitted today. Sunland-  
13 Tujunga goes to Antelope Valley and Santa Clarita.  
14 Please make this change and do right by the Valley.  
15 Thank you.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
17 now we have caller 5592. And up next after that is  
18 caller 2974.

19 Caller 5592, please follow the prompts. The floor  
20 is yours.

21 CALLER 5592: Hi, Commissioners. Thank you for all  
22 your hard work. I'm calling to voice support for Clovis  
23 to be added to the ECA District. Our community has  
24 strong ties to this mountain district. In fact, last  
25 year during the Creek Fire, our community was not only

1 deeply involved in the recovery efforts, but was also  
2 personally affected, which highlights the already  
3 existing strong ties between the communities.

4 This is a win-win solution for both communities from  
5 Modesto and Clovis, because, unlike Modesto, Clovis  
6 embraces its long-held tradition of being known as the  
7 gateway to the Sierras. Commissioners, this is your  
8 opportunity to keep that spirit alive.

9 Finally, even MALDEF, put Clovis with the mountains.  
10 It was -- has widespread community support. And I  
11 encourage you to listen to the Valley and put Clovis with  
12 the mountains. Thank you.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
14 now we have caller 2974. And up next after that is  
15 caller 1561.

16 Caller 2974, please follow the prompts. The floor  
17 is yours.

18 CALLER 2974: Hi. My name is Paulina Tran (ph.).  
19 Thank you for always keeping the Vietnamese community  
20 together during this process. Your final small swap to  
21 Orange County today was a great compromise before we  
22 finalized the maps. It might seem small, but it  
23 increased the Asian CVAP, and that reflects how the  
24 Vietnamese community lives in Orange County. It is a  
25 small but thoughtful change, and I hope we can finalize.

1 Thank you so much. You have a wonderful night.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
3 now we have caller 1561. And up next after that will be  
4 caller 7331.

5 Caller 1561, please follow the prompts. The floor  
6 is yours.

7 CALLER 1561: Yes, my name is Jim Autry (ph.). I'm  
8 a long-time resident of Modesto in Stanislaus County.  
9 And I am calling because I and most of my neighbors are  
10 very disturbed at the idea of Modesto and Turlock, the  
11 two largest cities in Stanislaus County being divided.  
12 The northern San Joaquin Valley and the southern San  
13 Joaquin Valley are a unit, and to be separated from south  
14 San Joaquin is really a disturbing idea because we have a  
15 similar geography, similar economies, similar history.  
16 We're bound together by transportation issues and water  
17 issues. We're both areas who depend on agriculture and  
18 food processing, with a lot of commuter traffic to the  
19 Bay Area.

20 We don't have much in common with the foothills or  
21 the Sierra Nevada. We need a unified representation who  
22 will help us with our main issues of water and  
23 homelessness and housing issues. And to be divided from  
24 each other is not --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

1           CALLER 1561: -- a comforting thought. Thank you  
2 very much for your attention and your consideration. I  
3 appreciate your hard work.

4           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right  
5 now we have caller 7331. And up next after that will be  
6 caller 7411.

7           Caller 7331, please follow the prompts. The floor  
8 is yours.

9           CALLER 7331: Hello, Commissioners. I'd like to  
10 speak about the San Fernando Valley cities of Porter  
11 Ranch and Granada Hills, which were just before dinner,  
12 just severed from the San Fernando Valley. Please know  
13 that the communities of Chatsworth, Porter Ranch, Granada  
14 Hills, and West Hills share the common and continuing  
15 injury of the Aliso Canyon gas leak, the largest methane  
16 leak in U.S. history. Thousands had to be evacuated,  
17 schools were closed, and importantly, the North Valley  
18 communities that were impacted by the leak are still  
19 working together to try to shut down the facility.  
20 Please try to keep Porter Ranch and Granada Hills  
21 together with their Chatsworth and Westfields neighbors.  
22 Nothing would make the gas company happier than for the  
23 communities of the north valley to have just one-half of  
24 one member of Congress trying to shut down Aliso Canyon.  
25 I ask that you please consider the solution sent to the

1 Commission today by Stuart Waldman and VICA. VICA has a  
2 suggestion to keep Sylmar in the VRA district, which is  
3 what the line drawer was trying to do earlier this  
4 evening. But it does this without trading Porter Ranch  
5 and Granada Hills out of the San Fernando Valley.

6 Instead VICA suggests putting the semirural  
7 horseback-riding community of Sunland-Tujunga --

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15 seconds.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- together with the  
10 semirural horseback riding community of the Antelope  
11 Valley. Which makes sense not only because Sunland-  
12 Tujunga is more in line culturally with the Antelope  
13 valley, but because Sunland-Tujunga is better connected  
14 through the 210 and 5 freeways and geographically closer  
15 to the Antelope Valley.

16 Moreover, the VICA proposal does this while serving  
17 the interests of the South Valley by keeping Toluca Lake  
18 and North Hollywood together. Nothing's perfect, but  
19 Stuart and VICA have a way to include Sylmar in the  
20 valley VRA district while protecting other parts of the  
21 valley. Thank you and thank you for your work.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
23 right now we have caller 7411. And up next after that is  
24 caller 7683. Caller 7411, please follow the prompts.  
25 The floor is yours.

1 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commission. My name is  
2 Wendy (ph.), and I am a resident and have been of Modesto  
3 for 40 years. My family and I have contributed for years  
4 to this community in terms of its education and support  
5 and health care. What I would like to comment on tonight  
6 is I request, my colleagues, my family, and I ask you to  
7 keep Modesto intact, if possible, and also connected with  
8 Manteca, Tracy, Turlock.

9 We -- we are a whole community. We share many of  
10 the same needs. We have drastically different needs in  
11 the areas of (indiscernible) and in all areas of  
12 transportation, jobs, housing, and health care. These  
13 are areas, many of which, we are already working on as a  
14 larger community. This also applies to our shared  
15 education, job market, and health care needs, along with  
16 many joint efforts in these areas as well.

17 These areas, again, are drastically different than  
18 those needs of Tuolumne, Calaveras --

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

20 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- Chatham, and Mystic Hills.  
21 Please, as you revisit the VRA and -- please make sure  
22 that you are looking at all the members of our diverse  
23 community that can be represented with --

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15 seconds.

25 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- equity and with reasonable

1 geography. Thanks for all your efforts and thanks for  
2 taking my comments.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
4 right now we have caller 7683. And up next, after that  
5 is caller 3995. Caller 7683, please follow the prompts.  
6 The floor is yours.

7 MS. BERNAL: Good evening, redistricting Commission  
8 members. Thank you for your amazing work and the last  
9 few weeks, we're down to the final and we appreciate your  
10 attention through this time. My name is Belen Bernal.  
11 I'm an executive director of Nature for All.

12 We have worked on our mission to protect the San  
13 Gabriel Mountains and to better connect people who live  
14 throughout the Los Angeles County area and beyond with  
15 the public lands that we enjoy here and outdoor  
16 recreational opportunities. We want to continue to see  
17 these opportunities extend for many. So we thank you for  
18 your fine work of including almost all of the foothill  
19 cities' communities of interest, very diverse communities  
20 throughout the region. That include Angeles and western  
21 San Bernardino National Forest that we're looking at 3.8  
22 million people who will live in this -- these districts.

23 Thank you again for your work in the districts 25,  
24 27 --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.



1 MS. BERNAL: -- 28, 29, and 32. We hope that you  
2 can look to move the Azusa boundary east to include the  
3 heavily visited West Fork and East Fork areas. It only  
4 makes sense, that's how we normally visit the San Gabriel  
5 Canyon. It's through the city of Azusa and we --

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

7 MS. BERNAL: -- would hope to have our portion of the  
8 forest in that area. Please extend it to the east.  
9 Thank you very much.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Yeah,  
11 right now you have caller 3995. And up next after that,  
12 we have caller 9835. Caller 3995, please follow the  
13 prompts. The floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hey, good evening,  
15 Commissioners. I just want to say thank you for the hard  
16 work you've done drawing these maps. We know it's not  
17 nice, and it's definitely not been easy. I want to leave  
18 some quick feedback on the MORACOA map to say that we  
19 appreciate you listening to our high desert residents  
20 when it came to line drawing.

21 By and large, you kept Los Angeles County out, but  
22 more importantly, you kept the high desert whole. And  
23 for that, we are thankful for your efforts. If you'd  
24 like to take another look at the VVHD Assembly map,  
25 that'd be awesome. Nevertheless, keep up the great work.

1 And I hope you all have a wonderful evening.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
3 right now we have caller 9835. And up next after that  
4 will be caller 5140. Caller 9835, please follow the  
5 prompts. The floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, I'm calling about the  
7 Los Angeles County communities along the 101 corridor,  
8 specifically Woodland Hills, West Hills, Calabasas and  
9 Agoura Hills. These communities have a lot in common,  
10 not just tied together by the 101 corridor, but they have  
11 similar needs in policy areas like education,  
12 transportation, infrastructure, and public safety.  
13 Please consider keeping these communities together in all  
14 Legislative and Congressional districts. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
16 right now we have caller 5140. And up next, after that  
17 will be caller 5814. Caller 5140, please follow the  
18 prompts. The floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This looks like a snake  
20 eating itself here in California, man. Divide and  
21 conquer. You can thank the Democratic Party for this  
22 destruction and for what they're doing. I cannot  
23 believe, I mean, this is a last-minute thing. It's  
24 unbelievable.

25 The mayor of my city, I call him the flailing Sam,

1 the socialist calling in begging. Can you even imagine  
2 the mayor of the 10th largest city and he's letting this  
3 get away from him? This is hilarious, man. You know,  
4 what I want to say is, you know, we should have better  
5 representation. But quite frankly, I just want to see  
6 the snake eat itself and it's going to happen.

7       You guys are doing a really poor job running the  
8 city, running the county, running the state, now, running  
9 the federal government. This is what you get when you  
10 have people who are irresponsible and incompetent running  
11 things. Now, all of a sudden we're at the last minute.  
12 It's like a last-ditch effort to try to have proper  
13 representation in one of the richest most productive  
14 places on Earth.

15       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You still have 20  
16 seconds. Are you done, sir? 15. Thank you so much.  
17 And right now -- and right now, we have caller 5814. And  
18 up next, after that, we will have caller 5820. Caller  
19 5814, if you'll please follow the prompts. The floor is  
20 yours.

21       UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you for taking the  
22 time to listen to the community feedback, and I sincerely  
23 hope that you don't take our feedback lightly and really  
24 take what we're saying into consideration. With that  
25 being said, I ask that you keep the city of Rancho

1 Cucamonga whole. The latest draft map split our city  
2 into two Senate and two Assembly districts. And even  
3 worse, we are split into three Congressional districts.

4 At a previous meeting, I believe you stated you  
5 would do your best to keep communities together. So I  
6 ask that you reconsider your draft maps and keep our city  
7 whole. You currently have us lumped in with communities  
8 within LA County all the way through the rural  
9 communities of the High Desert. We have nothing in  
10 common with these communities and lumping us in with them  
11 will only diminish our opportunity for strong  
12 representation and our voices are diluted -- leaving our  
13 voices diluted.

14 So please keep our city within one Congressional,  
15 one Senate, and one Assembly district within San  
16 Bernardino County. Thanks so much for your consideration  
17 and I hope you have a great night.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
19 right now is caller 5820. And up next after that will be  
20 caller 4115. Caller 5820, please follow the prompts.  
21 The floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, hi. I'm born and  
23 raised in the Central Valley. I wanted to thank you for  
24 your conversation about adding the arm like you guys  
25 refer to in Kings and Tulare County into the FRESNOKERN

1 district. I mean, that's -- there is support in the  
2 area. But I wanted to bring up what I think is the most  
3 obvious solution to that population problem that's right  
4 in front of you guys that not only that solves that, but  
5 also solve ECA problem. And that would be adding, again,  
6 the city of Clovis at the north of FRESNOKERN into ECA.

7 I know one of the Commissioners mentioned they  
8 didn't think it was a good fit. But being from the  
9 Central Valley, I would have to respectfully disagree.  
10 Unlike the Modesto callers today, that the City of Clovis  
11 residents would love to be with the Sierras. The city  
12 literally refers to themselves as a gateway to the  
13 Sierras. The creek fire they had that, you know, in the  
14 in the County of Fresno, the representative and the  
15 supervisor has Clovis and the foothills -- strong  
16 relationship with Shaver Lake, Auberry, Millerton Lake.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Clovis is clearly tied to the  
19 Sierras and is the best fit. And just like the Melnick  
20 (ph.) maps put Clovis with the Sierras and the mountains,  
21 we ask that you do the same thing. Leave no stone  
22 unturned and we ask that you at least consider it. We  
23 think it's a win-win to put Clovis there and to make  
24 everyone happy --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- too. So thank you for  
2 your time. You have a good day.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
4 right now we have a caller 4115. And up next, after that  
5 is caller 8025. Caller 4115, please follow the prompts.  
6 The floor is yours.

7 MALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name's Jim (ph.). I had  
8 called in Saturday night during public comment when a  
9 couple of days after the first map came out about San  
10 Jose that was really surprising. That was the first day  
11 we had really listened to the deliberations of the  
12 Commission. I was on the phone for six hours and just  
13 really amazed by the quality and depth of the thought  
14 that -- and work that you all are having to put in on  
15 this. The whole state is grateful for your service.

16 I just want to pick up on the point that was made  
17 earlier about (indiscernible) and other callers. We can  
18 have a district that is near majority Asian by taking the  
19 northern part of San Jose. We can have another district  
20 that is majority Latino by taking the eastern part of San  
21 Jose. And we can also do for San Jose residents what  
22 virtually every other big or even mid-sized city has with  
23 the remaining part, and that is have one district that  
24 will be primarily focused on taking care of a large city.  
25 In this case, the tenth largest city in the United

1 States.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

3 MALE SPEAKER: I'd asked a friend of mine, who's  
4 usually a very good researcher, what other city is there  
5 that doesn't have a majority of its population in one  
6 district and doesn't have a single district within its  
7 borders that have a majority of its own population?  
8 What's the next --

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15.

10 MALE SPEAKER: -- biggest one that would be in the  
11 box that you're putting in San Jose in? The next biggest  
12 city is Mesa, Arizona, which is the 32nd largest city in  
13 the country. So we're going to be unique out of the top  
14 32 cities in the country if you adopt this map and don't  
15 give us one person who speaks --

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All  
17 right, now we have caller 8025. And up next after that  
18 is caller 3783. Caller 8025, please follow the prompts.  
19 And one more time caller with the last four digits 8025.  
20 Oh, there you are. The floor is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, sorry about that. Thank  
22 you, Commissioners, for taking the time to listen to, you  
23 know, people's feedback. I'm a citizen of San Jose and  
24 have been a part of this community for my entire life.  
25 And after learning, you know, through San Jose solutions,

1 what splitting up San Jose into two smaller parts would  
2 do, such as lessen the minority input, lessen kind of the  
3 voice that, kind of, they have with such a diverse  
4 community.

5 I think that putting San Jose, one of the largest  
6 cities, into these pockets, would really take away the  
7 community of San Jose that we have, as well as, like I  
8 said, diminish minority group voices since we are such a  
9 diverse community. So I encourage you guys to relook  
10 over that map and keep us as one community so that we can  
11 make a bigger difference and bigger progress as we move  
12 forward for the next ten years until the next map is  
13 decided.

14 So I hope you guys can rethink that change to  
15 splitting us up. I think San Jose deserves to be one  
16 community so we can have a big say in Congress --

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- since we are one of the  
19 largest diverse communities. So thank you guys so much  
20 for listening. And I hope that fellow San Joseans have  
21 convinced you to keep us as one group. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
23 right now we have caller 87 -- hold on one second. Right  
24 now we have caller 3783. And up next after that caller  
25 will be caller 6743. Caller 3783, please follow the



1 prompts. And one more time caller with the last four  
2 digits 3783, please follow the prompts to unmute by  
3 pressing star -- oh, the floor is yours.

4 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi there, my name is Paige (ph.).  
5 And I'm calling to acknowledge the Vietnamese community  
6 of Orange County specifically, we identify strongly with  
7 keeping Little Saigon with our members of Huntington  
8 Beach. If our only solution is to swap Los Alamitos and  
9 Rossmore with a portion of Little Saigon, please consider  
10 passing the small proposal to keep the Vietnamese  
11 community of Orange County, including Huntington Beach  
12 and Little Saigon, together. Thank you very much for  
13 your time and we appreciate your thoughts.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
15 right now we have caller 6743. And up next, after that  
16 is caller 9392. Caller 6743, please follow the prompts.  
17 The floor is yours.

18 MS. SEWELL: Hi. Thank you. Hi, Commissioners. My  
19 name's Karen Sewell (ph.) and I'm a resident of Yorba  
20 Linda in Orange County. I was really happy Wednesday  
21 night with the version of the Congressional maps. And  
22 you honored the input from the residents of North Orange  
23 County by keeping these close-knit cities of Brea,  
24 Fullerton, Yorba Linda, and Placentia together. We're  
25 communities with common interests and Placentia and Yorba

1 Linda, in particular, share a school district as well as  
2 a hospital.

3 So I really appreciate all of your efforts, yet when  
4 you redid the maps after Wednesday, it split up Orange  
5 County. We had had fair and balanced districts, but you  
6 destroyed them for little reason that I can see. I'm not  
7 asking much, just look again at what you had Wednesday  
8 night. And I hope you can make the change and put it  
9 back --

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

11 MS. SEWELL: -- back together and keep our  
12 neighborhoods together. Thank you very much.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
14 right now, we will have caller 9392. And up next, after  
15 that we caller 7497. Caller 9392, please follow the  
16 prompts. The floor is yours. Caller 9392

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, can you hear me?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. The floor  
19 is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I just wanted to thank  
21 you guys for all your hard work, and I want to thank you  
22 specifically for putting Sylmar back into the Voting  
23 Rights Act district. But I wanted to agree with some of  
24 the other callers that, you know, you have to get  
25 population from somewhere else. But I don't think Porter

1 Ranch and Granada Hills are the most appropriate places  
2 to get that population from. You know, based on the  
3 reasons that the other caller said.

4 I think Sunland-Tujunga is the place to get that  
5 population from just because it's -- it feels friendly  
6 and it feels much more similar to Santa Clarita in the  
7 Antelope Valley. And that it's a much more I don't want  
8 to say rural, but more rural than Porter Ranch, and  
9 Granada Hills, which it shares in common with Santa  
10 Clarita and the Antelope Valley. So I hope you can  
11 consider that. And thank you again very much for your  
12 hard work. Take care.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
14 right now, we will have caller 7497. Please follow the  
15 prompts. The floor is yours.

16 MS. BERDAY: Thank you so much, Commissioners. My  
17 name is Jeanette Berday. And on Wednesday night, you all  
18 did a northern Orange County district that was truly  
19 reflective of the weeks of public input you have all  
20 received by putting Brea, Placentia, Yorba Linda, and  
21 Chino Hills in one district. You acted on the request of  
22 the good folks of Orange County.

23 But for some reason you broke everything apart again  
24 over the next few days. And it seems like you are acting  
25 against these wishes. Please, restore Wednesday's lines.

1 It's the fair and just thing to do to keep similar  
2 communities whole that depend on each other for jobs,  
3 schools, and religious groups. Thank you for your time  
4 and efforts.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
6 Chair, we are up against a break.

7 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: We are indeed. Thank you,  
8 everyone. We will be back at 8:30 to take the remaining  
9 calls. So if you are in the queue, please remain in the  
10 queue. We will return to taking calls at 8:30.

11 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 8:15 p.m.  
12 until 8:30 p.m.)

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone, for your  
14 patience. We are back from our break. We have  
15 approximately 30 people in line that we look forward to  
16 hearing too. We will get to those in just a moment.

17 I just want to say that we will have a discussion  
18 after the last caller about process over the next few  
19 days. The run of show has us going until 10:00 tonight.  
20 I don't anticipate going past 10:00, but I do want to  
21 take advantage of the time that we have on the run of  
22 show to have that discussion about process and where we  
23 go from here. So, Katie, back to you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.  
25 At this time, we'll go to caller 8853. And up next after

1 that, we have caller 6232. Caller 8853, please follow  
2 the prompts. The floor is yours.

3 MS. MADRIGAL: (Indiscernible) Can you hear me?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

5 MS. MADRIGAL: Okay. Thank you so much. Good  
6 evening, California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
7 members. This is Elizabeth Madrigal calling on behalf of  
8 the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership. We would like to  
9 thank you all for the opportunity to provide input on the  
10 visualizations that have been used across Congressional,  
11 Senate, and Assembly districts covering the Monterey Bay  
12 region.

13 We do share concerns with elected officials and  
14 community members that our region should remain within  
15 shared district for the three seats mentioned about. Our  
16 region shares communities of interests, economic ties,  
17 local government representation, and regional planning  
18 agencies that would be negatively impacted if the draft  
19 maps are exhausted. Placing a number of cities that have  
20 traditionally been a part of the NOCOAST map into the  
21 Cupertino map will serve to lump our rural agricultural  
22 based communities into the technology hub of the San Jose  
23 Area. While the 215 map is densely populated and urban,  
24 both Monterey County and --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.



1 MS. MADRIGAL: -- San Bonita are rural in nature  
2 and character. According to the Farm Worker Housing  
3 Study and Action Plan for Salinas Valley and  
4 (indiscernible) Valley, over 90,000 farmworkers reside in  
5 the valleys through harvest season. This population has  
6 an extremely different set of housing issues than the  
7 ones that are based in dense urban areas such as south  
8 San Jose. We appreciate the hard work --

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

10 MS. MADRIGAL: -- of you all that work tirelessly in  
11 drafting maps that will truly serve our communities. We  
12 would like to ask you to keep our Tri-County region as  
13 one so that we --

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
15 right now, we're going to caller 6232. And up next after  
16 that will be caller 8898. Caller 6232, please follow the  
17 prompts. The floor is yours.

18 MS. LOVE: Good evening, Commissioners. Again, like  
19 the previous callers before a break, I want to thank you  
20 guys for the work that you guys are doing. I do not envy  
21 you at all. I have been on hold for three hours and 30-  
22 something minutes to show that I am seriously committed  
23 to getting my -- my public comment across.

24 My name is Wanda Love and I'm executive director of  
25 the Gardena Chamber of Commerce and I have been the

1 director for 16 years. And it's been brought to my  
2 attention that you guys are considering moving Gardena  
3 from the 43rd District to the 33rd District. We have  
4 nothing in common with the 33rd District down in the  
5 South Bay Area of California. We're talking about all of  
6 the big cities from Pasadena, I'm sorry, from Palos  
7 Verdes up to Malibu.

8 We're a city 63,000 plus residents and a large  
9 majority of seniors. They didn't have the time to spend  
10 on, say, on a call for three hours to get their point  
11 across. We have started petitions and have several of  
12 them that's going around and will be mailed to you guys  
13 and scanned into the comments. But we really -- I  
14 really --

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

16 MS. LOVE: -- want to emphasize to try to keep the  
17 43rd -- Gardena in the 43rd District. As long as -- as  
18 well as the university -- Loyola University. That's the  
19 only university that we also have in this district.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15.

21 MS. LOVE: I really thank you guys for the work that  
22 you've done, please take this in consideration. Don't  
23 take Gardena out of this district. We have fair  
24 representation. We're happy with the representation that  
25 we have and we just don't fit into that affluent

1 neighborhood.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
3 right now we have caller 8898. And up next, after that  
4 is caller 0158. Caller 8898, please follow the prompts.  
5 The floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Commissioners, for  
7 your attention this evening and for your tireless work to  
8 date. I am a Latina and a proud resident of San Jose,  
9 where we have a natural plurality among Latinos, Asians  
10 and Caucasians. I'm strongly against dividing San Jose  
11 from three into four congressional districts. The  
12 boundaries, as proposed, unjustly ensure that no member  
13 of Congress will have a majority of San Jose residents  
14 represented among them. To me, this is absolutely  
15 incomprehensible for the nation's 10th largest city.

16 While I sincerely appreciate your intentions, I  
17 implore you to refrain from further attenuating the  
18 collective voice of San Jose Latinos and the collective  
19 voices of all San Jose residents. It undermines our  
20 naturally urban communities, and especially it undermines  
21 them relative to more affluent communities in California.  
22 So please do go back to the drawing board and reconsider  
23 San Jose --

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- boundaries. Thank you.





1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
2 right now, we have caller 1058. And up next, after that  
3 is caller 4289. Caller 1058, please follow the prompts.  
4 The floor is yours.

5 MS. NEURGA: Thank you. My name is Stacy Neurga  
6 (ph.). And I'm just calling to say that I'm afraid the  
7 Commission has made a big mistake by splitting Ceres and  
8 Modesto and connecting it to Fresno. I think you may  
9 believe you're representing Latinos like me by creating a  
10 majority Latino district. Instead, you're preventing me  
11 from electing a representative who can focus full time on  
12 local health care, education, infrastructure, and  
13 economic needs in my neighborhood.

14 This is -- this was tried decades ago in West  
15 Modesto, and they suffered greatly. Another thing that  
16 priorities differ drastically when it comes to funding  
17 from Congress. I ask that you keep true communities of  
18 interest together. Please don't split up Ceres or  
19 Modesto. As a proud Latina from the Central Valley, I'm  
20 calling to urge you to keep doing the work you started  
21 tonight to make sure we have effective VRA districts.

22 I'm not -- I'm no expert, but it seems like you have  
23 some fixing to do. Please do -- please do so so my  
24 community can be heard. Thank you for your time.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

1 right now we have caller 4289. And up next after that,  
2 because the 9370. Caller 4289, please follow the  
3 prompts. The floor is yours.

4 FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners. My  
5 name's Beth (ph.) and I'm a resident of the City of  
6 Riverside. I'm calling tonight on behalf of the UC  
7 Riverside community. I have appreciated the way that you  
8 all have already talked about the importance of  
9 universities being paired with their larger communities.  
10 I know that you recognize that these institutes of higher  
11 learning aren't just confined to a campus, but it's part  
12 of a larger ecosystem that includes housing for students  
13 and all of our partner research facilities, rec centers,  
14 all of the places where our students work and innovate.

15 I wanted to raise with you a request to extend that  
16 same community of interest connection to UC Riverside  
17 currently in the December 8th version, I noticed -- of  
18 the Assembly district, I noticed that there was a split  
19 between districts -- Assembly districts 58 and 63. So  
20 what we're requesting is for you to consider keeping all  
21 of UC Riverside --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

23 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- in District 58 together so that  
24 our main campus at 900 University Avenue is together with  
25 the larger UCR Innovation and Economic Development

1 Corridor, the UCR Arts Block which is downtown, and the  
2 AmeriCorps University site --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15.

4 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- community collaborative site.

5 And then all of the significant off-campus -- off-campus  
6 student -- student housing population that's along  
7 University Avenue. You'll likely hear more from people  
8 from Riverside over this -- over the next few days about  
9 the importance and feasibility --

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
11 right now, we have caller 9370. And up next after that,  
12 will be caller 5832. Caller 9370, please follow the  
13 prompts. The floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, my name is  
15 (indiscernible), and I want to quickly thank the  
16 Commissioners for taking positive steps in the last few  
17 weeks to increase Latino voting power in Los Angeles. I  
18 ask that you guys keep this in a Senate plan to protect  
19 existing opportunities for Latinos to elect  
20 representatives they support. I also ask that you guys  
21 return Montebello and Pico Rivera back to our current  
22 district as the 6605 or future districts that will keep  
23 our communities together.

24 These cities have more in common with the gateway  
25 cities like Cerritos and Norwalk than with the current

1 cities in the draft like Rowland Heights and Walnut.

2 Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
4 right now we have caller 5832. And up next after that  
5 and be caller 3257. Caller 5832, please follow the  
6 prompts. The floor is yours.

7 MR. MALONE: Good evening, esteemed Commissioners.  
8 Dave Malone (ph.) calling with a note of appreciation for  
9 the Central Valley Congressional map. Its surgical  
10 eloquence and common sense is demonstrated in keeping  
11 East Sacramento County together, fusing San Joaquin and  
12 Stanislaus County population centers and uniting  
13 agricultural bastions Modesto and Lodi. The map  
14 correctly illustrates that Gold country families eat,  
15 shop and travel to Modesto and Lodi for essential  
16 services.

17 You clearly refuse to allow pinpoint perfection to  
18 become the enemy of prudence and many people will benefit  
19 from this wisdom. In its entirety, this map is compact,  
20 logical, and will reflect an indelible testament to the  
21 fine work you all have undertaken during this process.  
22 It is my sincere hope that you continue to recognize its  
23 value and bless this map as a collective body. Thank you  
24 for your time.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

1 right now, we will have caller 3257. And up next after  
2 that will be caller 2437. Caller 3257, please follow the  
3 prompts. And one more time caller with the last four  
4 digits 3257. The floor is yours.

5 MS. VILLA-LOBOS: Thank you. My name is Maryanne  
6 Villa-Lobos (ph.) and I have been a resident of Modesto  
7 for most of my life. I -- earlier this evening, I  
8 listened to the Commissioner's concerns about separating  
9 similar populations in the Los Angeles area. However,  
10 this is exactly what is happening to our current District  
11 10.

12 I urge you not to separate West Modesto and -- West  
13 Modesto and the west side of our county. All Latinos do  
14 not live in West Modesto but are spread out in the city.  
15 We know and support each other. We all have common  
16 health care, jobs, and education issues and are working  
17 together to resolve this issue -- of those issues. One  
18 example is the Golden Valley Health Center. We have  
19 strong needs to attract more doctors in our area. And  
20 the Health Center -- Golden Valley Health Center has  
21 clinics throughout our area as well as in lower San  
22 Joaquin County and the West Side and is working on that  
23 issue.

24 Transportation is also a major issue --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.



1 MS. VILLA-LOBOS: -- in our area and we -- which is  
2 also in common with lower San Joaquin County. We have  
3 little to nothing in common with the mountain areas and  
4 our -- any representatives who has --

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15 seconds

6 MS. VILLA-LOBOS: -- tried to deal with all of this  
7 would be ineffective. Thank you for your concern.  
8 Please do not separate us.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
10 right now we have caller 2437. And up next after that  
11 will be caller 1302. Caller 2437, please follow the  
12 prompts. The floor is yours.

13 MR. GOFFARD: Hi there, thanks so much. My name is  
14 Seitse Goffard. I serve as a senior voting rights  
15 coordinator at Asian Americans Advancing Justice. Thank  
16 you so much for all your hard work and commitment to this  
17 process. I really admire and appreciate it.

18 I do want to draw the Commission's attention to a  
19 Vietnamese and Cambodian community of interest in East  
20 San Jose that the current draft Congressional lines has  
21 split in three. The specific boundaries of the COI are  
22 Story Road to the north, Center Road to the west, and  
23 East Capitol Freeway to the east. To COI contains San  
24 Jose's Little Saigon, as well as many important landmarks  
25 for southeast Asian residents, including the Grand

1 Century Mall, Lion Plaza on Tully Road, and the Kieu Dam  
2 Temple on Lanai Street.

3 Now the draft Congressional lines threatens to split  
4 the COI and the three separate districts. This would  
5 make it extremely difficult for residents, many of whom  
6 are immigrants and low income, to advocate for shared  
7 needs and public services. Even if part of the COI needs  
8 to be in our VRA district, there are easy adjustments  
9 that the Commission can make to reduce the splits in the  
10 COI.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

12 MR. GOFFARD: Please, please take action before  
13 finalizing the maps to make the small changes necessary  
14 to resolve this very troubling cuts. And finally, if you  
15 have time, please also swap Newark for part of Fremont  
16 and see the greater edge to make the whole -- to make  
17 whole two COIs in Fremont that are currently in the prior  
18 draft. Thank you so much again.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
20 right now, we will have caller 1302. And up next after  
21 that will be caller 5122. Caller 1302, please follow the  
22 prompts. The floor is yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. Los Angeles,  
24 under both the current lines and draft maps that are --  
25 there are four Latino districts where -- districts with

1 ordinary Latino majorities in the southeastern portion of  
2 Los Angeles. It is important to preserve all four of  
3 these opportunities for Latinos to elect with the  
4 district anchored

5       Number one is the San Gabriel Valley along the 10  
6 corridor. Two is the Gateway cities along the 605.  
7 Three is southeast Los Angeles, running down along the  
8 710. And fourth in northeast Los Angeles along the 5.  
9 This Commission has taken positive steps in the last few  
10 weeks to increase Latino voting power in Los Angeles.

11       Please continue this in the Senate plan by  
12 protecting these existing opportunities for Latinos to  
13 elect. The Commission should look for opportunities to  
14 strengthen these and surrounding states, not reduce them.  
15 Thank you.

16       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

17       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
18 right now we will have caller 5122. And up next after  
19 that will be caller 6411. Caller 5122, please follow the  
20 prompts. The floor is yours.

21       MR. ARCHOS: Hello, my name is Milton Archos (ph.),  
22 and I'm calling about Long Beach. I know you heard a lot  
23 from my community over the last several months. We have  
24 consistently asked to be kept us together as possible  
25 because we strongly believe it is in the best interests



1 of our city.

2 Thank you for recognizing how our region works.  
3 Thank you for ensuring that our airport is connected to  
4 our downtown core and to the homes impacted along the  
5 coast. Thank you for making sure that both of our city  
6 colleges are in the -- are in the Long Beach North map.  
7 And thank you for keeping the ports of Los Angeles and  
8 Long Beach separate.

9 I can't express how important this is. So much of  
10 our economy depends on our goods, movement, industry, and  
11 we absolutely need two members of Congress to understand  
12 ports. I know it hasn't always been easy. And so I just  
13 wanted to thank you for sincerely considering some things  
14 that are important to Long Beach. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
16 right now we have caller 6411. And up next after that is  
17 caller 8544. Caller 6411, please follow the prompts.  
18 The floor is yours. Caller 6411, if you'll please double  
19 check your phone make sure you are not on mute. You are  
20 unmuted in the meeting.

21 MS. MILLER: My name is Sally Miller and I live in  
22 Lee Vining in Mono County. I was a county planning  
23 commissioner for 16 years here and I was on the Mono  
24 County Redistricting Commission for the 2000 census. So  
25 I understand the challenge before you. Regarding the

1 proposed Congressional district you are calling ECA that  
2 includes the Sierra.

3 I support Mono and Alpine Counties being part of the  
4 same district as the Tahoe Basin due to shared  
5 communities of interest. I also support population being  
6 gotten from Roseville and not Modesto. Sierra  
7 communities have far more in common with Roseville than  
8 with Modesto, as many speakers have said tonight. And  
9 Roseville is significantly closer and more connected to  
10 the Sierra via the 80 and 50 corridors than Modesto.

11 I appreciate hearing some of the Commissions --  
12 Commissioners acknowledge this fact tonight. Thank you  
13 for your efforts on behalf of the people of the state of  
14 California. And thank you for listening to rural voices  
15 in Mono County.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
17 right now we have caller 8544. And up next after that is  
18 caller 3422. 8544, please follow the prompts. The floor  
19 is yours.

20 MS. TRATTERSFIELD: Hi, my name is Kathryn  
21 Trattersfield (ph.). I am calling about the latest --  
22 Congressional. I, too, am, you know, grateful for all of  
23 your work, but a bit frustrated that this district keeps  
24 seeing (audio cut out) dramatic changes. I think that  
25 the current map isn't ideal, but it's a lot better than

1 what we were seeing before. You know, it's very  
2 important that See-Sun stay in this district.

3 You know, students in See-Sun, they live in Canoga  
4 Park, they live in Chatsworth. They do not live in  
5 Porter Ranch. There's more tenants in, you know, these  
6 valley communities than there are in Porter Ranch, or  
7 Granada Hills, really. So I think, you know, as a  
8 compromise, that makes sense.

9 I am hearing though some chatter about reaching  
10 deeper into the West Side. And that, to me just makes  
11 absolutely no sense. I don't really understand why  
12 Malibu is part of this district. But, you know, I would  
13 rather have Malibu be the only West Side entity than  
14 adding Beverly Hills. No one in Beverly Hills --

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

16 MS. TATTERSFIELD: -- shop or send their kids to,  
17 you know, valley schools or you know, valley shopping  
18 centers. It just doesn't make any sense at all. So  
19 let's just leave this map the way that it is now as a  
20 compromise --

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15.

22 MS. TATTERSFIELD: -- and just move on. Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
24 right now we have caller 3422. And up next after that is  
25 caller 9747. Caller 3422, please follow the prompts.



1 The floor is yours.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. Can you hear  
3 me?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Good evening. Senate  
6 districts are huge and will often require connecting  
7 communities over a large distance, generally support,  
8 generally support SECA and Senate districts connecting  
9 southern San Diego County to the Salton Sea. They help  
10 ensure that two important Latino communities of interest  
11 maximize their opportunity to elect, but if possible,  
12 should ensure both communities have an equal opportunity  
13 to elect.

14 Right now, two thirds of the district is in San  
15 Diego and only about one third of it's in the Salton Sea.  
16 So if you take anything out of SECA in San Diego County,  
17 you should replace it not with more San Diego, but by  
18 adding more of the Coachella Valley. Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
20 right now, we have caller 9747. And up next after that  
21 is caller 9511. Caller 9747, please follow the prompts.  
22 The floor is yours.

23 MR. MILLER: Good evening. My name is Padah Miller  
24 (ph.), I live in the community of Walnut Park and I have  
25 lived here for over 35 years. We have a unified

1 community between Walnut Park and Huntington Park and the  
2 Florence-Graham. As we would like to keep it as such in  
3 order to continue our advocacy and priorities for the  
4 community as we have the same political and social  
5 challenges.

6 We would like to request cleaning up by keeping  
7 Florence-Graham, Walnut Park, and Huntington Park, even  
8 if it's only part of Huntington Park together in the 110  
9 LA map. I ask you to please, at the very minimum, keep  
10 Walnut Park and Florence-Graham together in our next  
11 Assembly map.

12 This will be the only way that our residents in the  
13 corporate areas of Los Angeles County will have an  
14 opportunity of having a voice in the Assembly. Please  
15 move Walnut Park to the 110 LA map and make the 10  
16 Freeway the north border of the map. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
18 right now we have caller 9511. And up next after that is  
19 caller 8359. Caller 9511, please follow the prompts.  
20 The floor is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, I wanted to reach out  
22 one last time and thank the Commission for keeping Long  
23 Beach in the Los Angeles Congressional districts. We are  
24 largely whole and we understand why you had to make these  
25 compromises. Overall, I'm happy with our ports are

1 separate and we did not merge with Orange County. If  
2 these are the final maps with some slight tweaks you  
3 might need to make. I think the community will be  
4 largely pleased. And we thank you all for your work in  
5 getting this done tonight. Thanks.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
7 right now we have caller 8359. And up next, after that  
8 would be caller 4993. Caller 8359, please follow the  
9 prompts. The floor is yours.

10 MS. MIALOWA: Can you hear me?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

12 MS. MIALOWA: Hi, good evening. My name is  
13 Kathryn -- Kathryn Mialowa (ph.). I'm calling from the  
14 (indiscernible) nonincorporated area. And just to keep  
15 you -- in reminding you, if you can please stay with  
16 the -- regarding the state Assembly, 110 LA draft map. I  
17 am here to ask for your help in a minor cleanup  
18 modification. We ask you also to place our next-door  
19 neighbors from unincorporated one off parties into the  
20 same 110LA map. And make as the 10 freeway, another  
21 border to the map.

22 It is imperative to have one of Walnut Park and  
23 Florence-Graham come together in the same map, as  
24 splitting this in nonincorporated areas will only  
25 diminish our voices. And the voice that we have fought

1 so hard together for over 30 years. We are truly a  
2 united community, and we'd like to stay that way. It is  
3 also essential for us to keep our Huntington Park and  
4 also --

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

6 MS. MIALOWA: -- in order for us to continue our  
7 advocacy efforts for our community. We have the same  
8 political and social challenges. I understand that  
9 Huntington Park cannot be in the same map due to the  
10 population. However, the more -- the minor change of  
11 moving one of Walnut Park into the 110LA map, it will  
12 really help our --

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15.

14 MS. MIALOWA: -- incorporated communities of Walnut  
15 Park and Florence-Graham to have a fighting chance of  
16 having a voice in Sacramento. Thank you for your time  
17 and thank you for making sure you follow through. Have a  
18 good night.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
20 right now we'll have caller 4993. And up next after that  
21 will be caller 7520. Caller 4993, please follow the  
22 prompts. The floor is yours.

23 MALE SPEAKER: My name is Edgar, and I don't  
24 understand why San Jose's being treated like a second  
25 class citizen compared to all the big cities in northern

1 California. Within Sacramento we'd be predominantly  
2 represented by one congressperson. Oakland will be  
3 predominately represented by one congressperson. San  
4 Francisco will be predominantly represented by one  
5 congressperson.

6 But you're proposing spitting San Jose into four  
7 districts such that we will only be a small minority in  
8 all of them. I also heard earlier tonight that the  
9 largest city in the U.S. that won't have a majority of it  
10 represented by one Congress member nor a majority of any  
11 district that serves it is Mesa, Arizona, which is the  
12 35th largest city in the country.

13 That means San Jose, the 10th largest city and the  
14 largest in North America and California will only -- will  
15 be the only one in the biggest 34 cities without basic  
16 representation. I'm sorry. The good news is this  
17 doesn't need to happen. You can help create an  
18 Asian-American majority district as proposed and create  
19 Latino districts as proposed while leaving the rest to  
20 form a majority of San Jose's over 1 million residents.  
21 Do the right thing. Give us one member of Congress.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
23 right now we have caller 7520. And up next after that is  
24 caller 3739. Caller 7520, please follow the prompts.  
25 And one more time caller with the last four digits 7250,



1 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

2 There you are. The floor is yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello Commissioner. I'm  
4 calling about the San Fernando Valley. It seems like the  
5 San Fernando Valley has been an afterthought during this  
6 entire process. Many of us in the Latino community have  
7 called about the Assembly maps in the area, requesting  
8 two majority Latino Assembly districts and asking them in  
9 a majority Latino Senate district.

10 This would drastically increase the influence of the  
11 Latino community and allow us to elect representatives of  
12 our choice. Please do the right thing and bring back the  
13 second Latino district in the San Fernando Valley. Thank  
14 you so much, Commissioners.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
16 right now I'll have caller 3739. And up next after that  
17 is caller 1043. Caller 3739, please follow the prompts.  
18 The floor is yours.

19 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioner. My name is  
20 Jessica (ph.) from Fresno, calling about Central Valley  
21 Senate draft. Nesting is one of your criteria for the  
22 Senate but is ranked sixth. It's not -- it should not be  
23 your main priority in my region. Your highest priority  
24 in the Central Valley is putting strong, effective Latino  
25 Voting Rights Act seats. You created five Latino VRA

1 Assembly districts in Central Valley -- central  
2 California.

3 If you try nesting these districts for the Senate,  
4 you would end up leaving one out and reduce Latino voting  
5 strength in the state Senate. Instead, the Commission  
6 should combine the best portions of each of the Assembly  
7 seats to create the two strongest VRA Senate districts  
8 possible in the Valley. This is demonstrated in your  
9 draft plan.

10 If you nest ADMERCEDF with ABBENITO, it creates a 53  
11 percent Latino seat. If you nest --

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

13 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- ADMERCEDF with ABFRESNO, you get  
14 a 52 percent seat. But your draft map blends the best  
15 parts of all three districts to create a 55 percent  
16 Latino VRA Senate seat in SBENFRESNO.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15.

18 FEMALE SPEAKER: This gives -- this gives Latinos  
19 the Central Valley a higher ability to elect candidates  
20 of choice. Please, Commission, in the Central Valley  
21 draw strong, effective Voting Rights Act districts first  
22 and foremost. Only when absolutely necessary, look for  
23 opportunities to not --

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
25 right now we have caller 1043. And up next, after that

1 caller 9387. Caller 1043, please follow the prompts.

2 The floor is yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioner. We are  
4 on -- we keep on hearing this statement that there's a  
5 conflict coming for Little Saigon. We would like to be  
6 able to see what's though coming. I think we won't be  
7 able to go through the 10,000 online comments from the  
8 beginning of our community has invited and submitted  
9 email (indiscernible). And this is the most  
10 (indiscernible) make comment to ask for your support for  
11 Little Saigon.

12 Is it very clear from all of the comments you have  
13 heard from our community that our community of interests  
14 lie with Westminster, Midway City, Fountain Valley,  
15 Sylvas, Rossmore, Los Angeles and west of Garden Grove.  
16 And all in North Huntington Beach. For the Congressional  
17 map at Seal Beach and all of the 110 in with Little  
18 Saigon for the Assembly map, at all up and north of  
19 Garfield, all the way to City Point Street in Huntington  
20 Beach. Remove Stanton and split up Garden Grove.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The majority of the residents  
23 are Hispanic and they belong with the Latino district.  
24 Thank you very much. Good night.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

1 right now we have caller 9387. And up next after that we  
2 have caller 7414. Caller 9387, please follow the  
3 prompts. The floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello? Good evening. U.S.  
7 Census Bureau from 2019 have shown growing inequality in  
8 the San Fernando Valley as the average Valley residents  
9 earn a higher median income than the high -- than the  
10 average U.S. residents but was more likely to live in  
11 poverty than the average American. Additionally, numbers  
12 provided show -- by the city of Los Angeles showed that  
13 levels of lower household income, employment, and  
14 education predominately correspond to Northeastern valley  
15 such as Pacoima, Panorama City and North Hills. Poverty,  
16 education, and income inequality must be addressed  
17 aggressively if our valley communities are to break this  
18 insidious cycle so the valley can continue to be an  
19 economic engine.

20 Now, more than ever, we need opportunities to elect  
21 state and federal representatives who live in and  
22 understand the unique issues facing San Fernando Valley  
23 residents. In a previous visualization, you provided --  
24 you proved that there was enough Latino population to  
25 create majority Latino Assembly seats entirely in the San

1 Fernando Valley. The time to act is now. Do the right  
2 thing. I respectfully urge you to --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- restore the second -- the  
5 second majority Latino Assembly seat in the San Fernando  
6 Valley.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
8 right now we have caller 7414. And then up next after  
9 that would be caller 1136. Caller 7414, please follow  
10 the prompts. The floor is yours.

11 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Leah (ph.), and I'm  
12 calling about how this map affects San Jose. First of  
13 all, I know how incredibly hard you've worked on this and  
14 how appreciated that is. As a member of a local  
15 redistricting Commission myself a few years back, so I  
16 know what goes into this and how difficult that is.

17 But I have to say, I'm very confused by how the San  
18 Jose has been splintered so severely that it really can  
19 no longer be represented as a community of interest.  
20 Being split into four parts is unprecedented for a city  
21 this size, especially when you consider that San  
22 Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento would all remain basically  
23 intact.

24 If you know anything about San Jose, you would know  
25 that diverse communities often come together to solve

1 community problems. But splitting the city into four  
2 districts completely strips us of that ability to remain  
3 a cohesive community of interest. And at the same time  
4 dilutes minority voices in our city as well. So I'd like  
5 to voice my support for what Mayor Sam Liccardo --

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

7 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- said by asking that you combine  
8 the areas he outlined so that San Jose can remain  
9 cohesive and truly maintain our right to be represented  
10 as a community of interest. Thank you very much.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
12 now we're going to caller 1136. And up next after that  
13 will be caller 1274. Caller 1136, if you will please  
14 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

15 MS. PITTMAN Hello, I'm Sandy Pittman (ph.) and I've  
16 lived in the unincorporated area for -- in -- of El Cajon  
17 over 30 years. Thank you all so much for your very hard  
18 work and listening to everybody and working the maps out.  
19 In regards to the state Senate maps, all of the following  
20 areas belong together, as we all have a lot in common.  
21 The rural areas need the cities like Alpine, El Cajon,  
22 Escondido, Ramona, and Santee for the necessities they  
23 offer.

24 The following areas in alphabetical order need to  
25 stay in the same district of San Diego County. They are

1 Alpine, Borrego Springs, Campbell, all of El Cajon. In  
2 fact, all of each city or town mentioned needs to stay as  
3 coho -- cohesive city or town. Continuing, all of El  
4 Cajon, Escondido, Descanso, Jamul, Julian, Lakeside, Pine  
5 Valley, Parkway, Ramona and Santee,

6 Besides all the tribal communities, I have been  
7 active with individuals and or businesses in all of these  
8 areas, including tribal, and understand their need to be  
9 in the same district. Thank you all so much for your  
10 consideration and your work. And I hope implantations --

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

12 MS. PITTMAN: -- implementation of information.

13 Thank you. Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
15 right now we will have caller 1274. And then up next  
16 after that we have caller 2574. Caller 1274, please  
17 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, good evening, San Jose  
19 deserves to keep our voice in Congress. We are the  
20 largest city in the Bay Area and we should keep at least  
21 one member of Congress who speaks for us. No other major  
22 city in California is losing its voice, only San Jose.  
23 The law says communities of interest should be  
24 represented and we are a community of interest. Please  
25 don't finalize a map that takes away the voice of San

1 Jose in Congress. Thank you for your time.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
3 right now We'll be going to caller 2574. And then up  
4 next after that will be caller 3421. Caller 2574, please  
5 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

6 MS. SMITH: Hello, my name is Allison Smith (ph.)  
7 and I'm a lifelong resident of El Cajon, California. And  
8 I just want to reiterate what one of the most recent  
9 callers said, that certain cities out here in the east  
10 part of San Diego County should be kept together in the  
11 state Senate district. Those would include El Cajon,  
12 Santee and the community of Lakeside. Our east County  
13 cities, as well as Lakeside, our gateways to what we call  
14 the back country of San Diego County and that includes  
15 communities like Alpine, Ramona, and Descanso.

16 We are more rural and some of the proposed  
17 redistricting maps are trying to group us with cities and  
18 regions that are far away from what we have in common.  
19 For example, Chula Vista, which is down near the border  
20 of Mexico near Tijuana, as well as Needles, California,  
21 which is just incredible.

22 A few years ago, I drove from El Cajon to Needles on  
23 my way to Las Vegas. And there's no way that Needles  
24 fits in with any kind of a state Senate district that  
25 includes our eastern San Diego County city. So you've



1 already redrawn the Assembly district map in a good way  
2 and I appreciate your work. And I encourage you to also  
3 redraw the state Senate district map accordingly. Thank  
4 you very much and have a good evening.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
6 right now we will have caller 3241. And then up next  
7 after that will be caller 6029. Caller 3241, please  
8 follow the prompts. Caller with the last four digits  
9 3241 -- the floor is yours.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Awesome. Good evening,  
13 Commission. I have been monitoring the Commission over  
14 the past several weeks and watched closely as hundreds of  
15 residents from across the state have called in and  
16 vocalized what mattered to them the most. I personally  
17 am from Orange County, which seemingly has become the  
18 center of the debate. I cannot imagine what a difficult  
19 situation you all have been placed in, and somehow you  
20 felt four distinct and strong districts within the county  
21 that are representative of the desires of our county and  
22 fair to all the information that you received.

23 If possible, let's keep those intact. There's no  
24 need to blow up these again. These districts work. You  
25 will have done a great job and I appreciate your efforts.

1 Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
3 right now we have caller 6029. And up next after that  
4 will be caller 6586. Caller 6029, please follow the  
5 prompts. And one more time, caller with the last four  
6 digits 6029, please follow prompts to unmute by pressing  
7 star six. The floor is yours.

8 Caller 6029, will you please double-check and make  
9 sure your phone is not on mute? You are unmuted in the  
10 meeting. One more time, caller 6029, if you'll please  
11 double-check your telephone, make sure you are not on  
12 mute. You are unmuted in the meeting.

13 Caller 6029, I do apologize. You're appearing to  
14 have some type of issue with your audio connection. I  
15 do -- I will try back after our two other callers.

16 Right now, we will go to caller 6586. And up next,  
17 after that will be caller 7693. I do apologize, we have  
18 one more under that, I did say two. We have another  
19 caller down here, caller 1518. Right now will be caller  
20 6586, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi there, Commissioners. On  
22 Wednesday night, you guys had set along some maps that  
23 reflected weeks of testimony in and around Orange County.  
24 The only real compromise was that Huntington Beach was  
25 split. And I think it's wrong of the Commission to

1 dismiss these solid maps because one big city had to lose  
2 a little population, which that should not be prioritized  
3 over communities of interest that were truly protected in  
4 these maps.

5 North Orange County was all in one district and the  
6 Commission was able to empower Asian-American voters in  
7 Santa Ana district. I think this has been the best  
8 version so far in terms of Wednesday night's maps. So  
9 please revisit this and restore what was really a fair  
10 compromise for our communities. These changes are all  
11 contained with little ripples, so I hope they can be  
12 reinstated. Thank you very much for your time.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
14 right now we'll be going to caller 7693. And then up  
15 next after that will be caller 1518. 7693, please follow  
16 the prompts. And one more time caller with the last four  
17 digits 7693, please follow the prompts to unmute by  
18 pressing star six. Caller 7693. You had not chosen to  
19 raise your hand if you were not going for a comment. If  
20 you were, I do apologize for difficult connectivity.  
21 Please contact the commission in the other ways possible.

22 And we will be going to caller 1518, please follow  
23 the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

24 MS. SMITH: Saving the best for last. My name is  
25 Karolyn Smith, I'm the 2014 Veteran of the Year for the



1 71st District and current vice chair of the Lakeside  
2 Community Planning Group. I ask you to please reconsider  
3 the state Senate maps for San Diego County and here is  
4 why. Fred Coffman publicly stated that these communities  
5 share a lot of issues in common. And with knowing that  
6 fact, placing Lakeside in the same district as Pacific  
7 Beach is not equitable to the people of Lakeside for the  
8 following reasons.

9 Pacific Beach is more than an hour away, thus they  
10 are not within the Commission's scope of geographically  
11 compact nor contiguous territory. PB is heavily  
12 politically left leaning. Lakeside is heavily  
13 politically right leaning. PB is nearly 11,000 more  
14 people meeting and voting. Lakeside would be controlled  
15 by a city 20 plus miles away, heavily Democratic  
16 population entering inequities and a lack of political  
17 alignment in the rural county, as well as a potential  
18 violation of the federal Voting Act's -- Voting Rights  
19 Act by diluting the voting strength of Lakeside.  
20 Likewise, PB has a median housing cost of a million  
21 dollars, median income of 100,000.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

23 MS. SMITH: Lakeside medium housing is 428,000 and  
24 74,000. Unincorporated Lakeside shares no commonality  
25 with Pacific Beach in disaster preparedness, wildfire

1 prevention mitigation. While the Commission states that  
2 nonpartisan is heavily democratic board --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15.

4 MS. SMITH: -- we know the state is political based  
5 off the Biden administration suing Texas. Lakeside asks  
6 for equity. In closing, please amend the Senate map  
7 redistricting to leave Lakeside whole in the rural east  
8 county with Santee, Alpine, Crestline --

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I  
10 would like to give caller 6029 one more opportunity if  
11 they were able to figure out the audio situation. Caller  
12 6029, please follow the prompts again by pressing star  
13 six. Caller 60 --

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. The floor  
16 is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, I'm calling to thank  
18 the Commission for all their work on the districts during  
19 these past weeks. As a resident of Orange County, I have  
20 been actively engaged. I know the Commission has had to  
21 balance all sorts of testimony. And I want to thank you  
22 for largely respecting Orange County boundaries and  
23 hearing our testimony to protect four major Orange County  
24 districts.

25 That have largely happened and we appreciate all

1 your work to find compromise, after all, because this  
2 week and we hope these are close to the final maps we  
3 will see in about a week.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
5 now, we have caller 7693 did choose to raise their hand.  
6 I'd like to give you another opportunity to unmute.  
7 Please follow the prompts.

8 MS. ROE: Hello?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

10 MS. ROE: Thank you. I tried many times before. My  
11 name is Kris Roe (ph.). I'm from West Hills. I'm  
12 looking at your congressional maps. We have a population  
13 of 1.8 million people in the San Fernando Valley. We  
14 should be able to get one Senate district, multiple  
15 Congressional districts and Assembly districts in and in  
16 the population of 1.4 million people in the valley that  
17 live in the City of LA.

18 I would ask that you follow the neighbored council  
19 lines and start with West Hills and Warner Center, where  
20 you have us divided by our communities of interest. And  
21 I would appreciate if you would keep the West San  
22 Fernando Valley together, West Hills, Woodland Hills,  
23 Winnetka, Canoga Park, Tarzana going north to Chatsworth  
24 to pick up the appropriate population based on the  
25 district.

1 Stay west of the 405, please and north of  
2 Mulholland. And then go east and --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

4 MS. SMITH: -- in the communities of NoHo and Toluca  
5 Lake. And and then I -- and things together in an  
6 Assembly district. Then go north to what is now AD43 for  
7 example and --

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15.

9 MS. SMITH: -- keep that together as well. But I  
10 would encourage you to keep the West Valley west of the  
11 405 together. We do have the Aliso Canyon issue. We  
12 have a Santa Susana field issue I do not object to you  
13 putting Belt --

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
15 at this time, Chair, that is all of our callers this  
16 evening.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you so much, Katie, for your  
18 capable management of our public input process. So  
19 colleagues, we have approximately 40 minutes left in our  
20 day until 10:00.

21 I want to make sure that we make as much progress as  
22 quickly as possible between now and the end of the week.  
23 There remains a lot of work to do and we have to work  
24 smart. I think we made some good progress today. I had  
25 hoped that we would be able to land the plane, as it

1 were. We were not in the end. We still have some  
2 outstanding issues.

3 My sense or my -- my intent at this point is to take  
4 a short time each morning to try to work through these  
5 remaining issues at the Congressional level. We've got  
6 some outstanding iterations. We've got some discussion  
7 to be had. I don't want to -- to eat into the time  
8 allotted to the discussion of the Senate maps.

9 I think we've heard tonight that there is  
10 considerable interest in the Senate maps. This is not  
11 simply a matter of taking the Assembly maps and going  
12 these two, these two, these two. We spent a good bit of  
13 time developing Senate maps. We've got some good support  
14 for some of the Senate maps. We know that we have work  
15 to do on the Senate plan generally.

16 So I wanted to take the opportunity and ask for your  
17 thoughts on how we can best proceed to achieve our  
18 objectives. We have -- today is the 13th, we have set  
19 aside 14, 15, 16 for the Senate districts with some bleed  
20 over onto the 17th to review kind of what we did today  
21 with the Congressional districts, as well as on the 17th  
22 dealing with the Board of Equalization districts.

23 And then we have the -- so that's through the 17th.  
24 And the 18th, 19th and some amount of time on the 20th is  
25 scheduled for final review and clean up. I've said that



1 at that point, or essentially when we get back to any  
2 discussion of Congressional maps, if someone has a -- an  
3 exploration, a concept that is fully formed, that is  
4 self-contained, I'm happy to have us consider it.

5       There will -- there should be time for brief  
6 discussions. But we are we are coming in on an approach  
7 for landing. So we need to keep careful control of our  
8 pitch, and our attitude, and our drag, and so forth. We  
9 don't want to stall the plane as we're approaching the  
10 runway.

11       So if I can get your thoughts, please, on how best  
12 to proceed over the next few days, I would appreciate it.  
13 Commissioner Fernandez.

14       COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, Pilot Kennedy. I'll  
15 just start and then that way people can tear it apart.  
16 Anyway, my thoughts -- and it probably won't be a popular  
17 one, is we're very close to finalizing the Congressional.  
18 And I would like to just finish that instead of going  
19 back to it every day. That may not be possible because  
20 there are some other some of the Commissioners are  
21 working on other iterations.

22       But secondly, I guess more importantly for myself  
23 and for my fellow Commissioners as well as the public.  
24 Approaching the Senate districts, we have our Senate  
25 drafts from November 10th, but then we also have our

1 Assembly. And part of it is to try to nest. So I'm as a  
2 commissioner, I'm looking at both and how should I, you  
3 know -- like, how -- what are we going to use to guide  
4 us?

5 Are we going to use our draft maps from November  
6 10th? Are we going to use our Assembly, maybe a  
7 combination of the two? But I'm just trying to I'm also  
8 trying to like focus.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But I'm sure you probably  
11 have that --

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: I can answer that -- I can answer  
13 that question. That is -- that is a very easy question  
14 to answer at this point. Tomorrow morning, once we get  
15 to -- excuse me, our discussion, our initial discussion  
16 of the Senate maps, we are going to look at the Senate  
17 draft maps from the 10th of November. We will overlay  
18 the current iteration of assembly districts to see how  
19 we're doing, to see where we might want to make  
20 adjustments.

21 And we'll start with Los Angeles and particularly  
22 the VRA areas in Los Angeles and move out from there.  
23 But we will be taking both the November 10th draft Senate  
24 maps and overlaying the current iteration of Assembly  
25 maps.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.  
3 Commissioner Turner?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. My suggestion, Chair,  
5 is that we -- and thank you for explaining that second  
6 part, where we're going to look at our draft and then  
7 overlay the up -- where we've made changes. I suggest  
8 that we do that wholly all in with the Senate for  
9 tomorrow, recognizing that we have not completed the  
10 Congressional maps.

11 I think it'll give us a good idea of how much work  
12 will be -- is there to be done and where there is  
13 agreement and disagreement. And if we focus on that,  
14 perhaps -- I dare not say it, but perhaps, when we finish  
15 the Senate, we can come back to the Congressional. Not  
16 to put it all the way to the very end, but that whole  
17 thing trying to decide do we need to come in more hours  
18 or we need to come in early or whatever else. We'll  
19 have -- be able to gauge that better once we get a sense  
20 of how solid we are or not for the Senate.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect. Thank you so much,  
22 Commissioner Turner. Someone else had a hand up. Was it  
23 Commissioner Andersen? Yes, Commissioner Andersen.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, I did, thank you. I  
25 actually agree with Commissioner Turner on that. The one

1 thing I wanted to say, though, is if we're thinking about  
2 coming in early, we would have to decide that now. So we  
3 have three days to modify coming in earlier than 11:00.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen. I  
5 have suggested to the to the -- to the executive director  
6 that we start earlier. I understand that colleagues may  
7 have other commitments before 11 o'clock. My sense is  
8 that we need the time. And if, you know, one  
9 Commissioner or two Commissioners aren't here, we've  
10 certainly made progress with less than our full  
11 complement of 14 in the past. We can do so now.

12 We have to be very mindful of our deadlines and how  
13 much work we do still have to do before we reach those.  
14 So thank you for that, Commissioner Andersen.  
15 Commissioner Toledo.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. I'm agreeing with  
17 Commissioner Turner and just an update on the Central  
18 Valley VRA districts. We have been working very closely  
19 with Kennedy. We're done with the first visualizations  
20 and we're almost done with the second. So for the  
21 Central Valley, we were able to achieve the goals we set  
22 out and also -- and bring back Old Fig and begin to --  
23 and some of the -- some of the other COIs that we had  
24 taken out.

25 So we're actually pretty optimistic that we'll be

1 able to bring back something that we can all have  
2 agreement on. And -- but we do also need to get it  
3 through legal, so that'll probably take about a day's  
4 worth of time to hash everything out. So bringing them  
5 back in a day or so would be preferable. Thank you.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much,  
7 Commissioner Toledo. That's very good news to hear.  
8 Commissioner Ahmed.

9 COMMISSIONER AHMED: Thank you, Chair. I am also in  
10 agreement with the proposal that Commissioner Turner laid  
11 out with the understanding that we approached that method  
12 with what you outlined, the VRA districts in Los Angeles,  
13 and really anchor our starting point there. Thank you.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect. Thank you, Commissioner  
15 Akutagawa.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I also like the idea  
17 of starting with the Senate tomorrow and having an idea  
18 and then that will also give the mappers who are working  
19 on the Congressional districts a chance to do things.  
20 Separately -- well, two other things.

21 One is I also agree that we should start with the  
22 VRA districts. I think where we ended up today, you  
23 know, probably would have been better to have started  
24 with the VRA districts. So I'd like us to focus on VRA  
25 for the Senate district maps.

1           Lastly, I wanted to just say something just for  
2 clarification, Chair, so that it is -- it is just said.  
3 So Commissioner Taylor finished before the break about  
4 his comment about the communities. And one thing I  
5 wanted to just say is I'm trying to stay consistent in  
6 what we're seeing because we have talked about not  
7 carrying the disadvantaged communities with more  
8 advantaged communities because that would put them at a  
9 disadvantage being in a more, you know, let's say, a  
10 different kind of district where they're not with like  
11 districts.

12           So that is where I'm coming from in terms of my  
13 comments around Century City. It's not to say that they  
14 don't belong in the South LA district, but it's about  
15 just trying -- for me, it was just the focus of keeping  
16 like communities with like communities. Does not mean  
17 that they cannot shop or recreate or do any of the other  
18 things that anybody else would do. But I'm just trying  
19 to stay consistent, whether it's a disadvantaged  
20 community or it's an advantage or a wealthier community.

21           So it wasn't about there shouldn't be that. So I  
22 wanted that to just be, you know, very, very clear to  
23 everybody that that was my intent with that and trying to  
24 stay consistent with my other comments.

25           CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you so much for that,  
3 Commissioner Yee.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, I also agree with  
5 Commissioner Turner and everyone that's agreed with her.  
6 The way forward tomorrow, also wondering if -- Chair, you  
7 have any closed sessions planned for tomorrow.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: The lawyers stand ready to go over  
9 any VRA concerns with us in closed session tomorrow. I  
10 would prefer to do everything we can in open session. If  
11 someone does have an issue that does raise serious closed  
12 session issues, then I'm happy to call on the lawyers,  
13 and the videographers, and staff, and so forth to make  
14 the closed session happen.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: All right. Thank you.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: My sense is they're ready to do that  
17 on relatively short notice, but I would prefer to do as  
18 much as we can in open session. Commissioner Akutagawa.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just a question of process.  
20 You mentioned starting earlier tomorrow, which I do  
21 understand. But I -- my understanding is that we cannot  
22 because it's already been agendaized.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: We cannot.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: I -- I've received a note from

1 Executive Director Hernandez that we are scheduled to  
2 shift back to 9:30 on Thursday, the 16th and Friday the  
3 17th, and forward from there.

4 So tomorrow is Tuesday. We'll be at 11 o'clock.  
5 Wednesday the 15th will be at 11 o'clock. Beginning  
6 Thursday when we would -- we would shift our starting  
7 time back to 9:30. That would give us essentially an  
8 additional 90-minute block per day. So thank you for  
9 that.

10 I'm not seeing other hands right now. I do recall,  
11 Commissioner Le Mons, that your hand was up as we went to  
12 break and then to the public comment. I just want to  
13 circle back to you in case you did have something that  
14 you wanted to share with colleagues at this point. Okay,  
15 not hearing Commissioner Le Mons. Commissioner Andersen,  
16 were you about to raise your hand? No?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, I was actually --

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Oh, okay.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- Chair. And it was --  
20 will that be excuse me, 9:30 on the Thursday the 16th  
21 through the rest of the -- through the 24th, 23rd, or  
22 through the 20th, or what was the plan there?

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Well, at this point the 20th  
24 is scheduled for a -- is tentatively scheduled for a vote  
25 to make these maps final and be published as such. The



1 21st is scheduled for discussion of the final report --  
2 the draft final report as far as it is completed by then.  
3 The 22nd and 23rd are likewise scheduled for that.

4 It is our hope. We are expecting back from all of  
5 you any comments that you have on the portion of the  
6 draft report that you have received by Thursday. We can  
7 incorporate those and then those are coming back, I  
8 believe, through counsel.

9 And then the subcommittee can incorporate those, run  
10 the resulting draft through legal again. And then we  
11 would be ready to post it for public review and  
12 discussion at the meeting on the 21st. Depending on your  
13 comments and on public comment, if we are able to adopt  
14 that -- tentatively, I mean, we would -- we would still  
15 have to finalize all of the text as far as description of  
16 the districts.

17 But we anticipate that we -- if we're able to  
18 approve that on the 21st, we may not need the 22nd and  
19 23rd. So that is -- that is what we are looking at at  
20 this point.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay, but again, the time  
22 beginning times, though, was my question.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: I will have to get back with  
24 Executive Director Hernandez on that.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. So right now it's

1 9:30 until -- through the 20th, at least; is that  
2 correct?

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Through the 19th, at least.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Through Sunday, Commissioner --  
6 hold -- okay. So Commissioner Le Mons.

7 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Thank you for that, Chair. I  
8 had to switch to my phone and I was not able to get off  
9 of mute. I did want to say that I support Commissioner  
10 Turner's recommendation, and I thank you for circling  
11 back to me.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: You're welcome. Commissioner  
13 Fernandez and then Director Hernandez.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you, Chair. So  
15 right now, Thursday and Friday, the 16th and 17th are for  
16 9:30? The 18th on have not decided yet if we're going to  
17 move that to 930. I think I'm going to kind of play it  
18 by ear, see how we do tomorrow and then go from there.  
19 Potentially move it to 9:30 or leave it at 11 I'm not  
20 sure yet. But I will -- I'll let everyone know. And the  
21 reason, because I'll be Chair during that one with Vice  
22 Chair Ahmad. So we'll be hopefully deciding that soon.  
23 Thanks.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: And this is one of the reasons that  
25 we have the flexibility up to three days in advance at

1 this point in the process. We need to monitor our  
2 progress against our very hard deadline at the end and  
3 make sure that we are able to meet that deadline.  
4 Director Hernandez.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you. Actually,  
6 Commissioner Fernandez clarified that. Thank you.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Okay, further comments  
8 about process? We've been talking about the schedule,  
9 but I mean, we're trying to operate right now under  
10 general consensus. I've been trying to gauge the room as  
11 best I can. Some things we have discarded because it was  
12 clear that there was not enough support or we've at least  
13 shelved, if not discarded, some of these -- some of these  
14 things we could consider as being on the shelf rather  
15 than in the -- in the bin in case there is interest in  
16 reverting to anything in the past.

17 But it was clear when we -- when we tried to reach  
18 consensus on Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner  
19 Turner's exploration that it just -- it didn't seem to be  
20 clear either way. So that, in my consideration, is on  
21 the shelf. On the shelf currently means that what we  
22 have as draft maps or approved updates to the draft maps,  
23 that's where we are. If we don't do anything else,  
24 that's what we have.

25 If we want to make any changes, we have to make

1 those proactively by consensus at this point. There will  
2 be time for a vote. And, you know, we'll do our best to,  
3 as I say, land this plane successfully. I think we've  
4 worked well together. I think we've achieved a lot  
5 together and just want to see this process end  
6 successfully.

7 So I really would appreciate any further thoughts on  
8 the process by which we get from here to there by Monday,  
9 preferably. Commissioner Andersen?

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, thank you. Yeah, I  
11 thought we had decided that tomorrow we're doing Senate.  
12 And then we're adding a little bit of -- and then  
13 Wednesday morning, we're looking back at the  
14 Congressional district as we should have those  
15 iterations. Once -- and the idea being depending on the  
16 VRA districts then we can pick up, it'll be obvious how  
17 we deal with the ECA Sacramento area split.

18 That was my understanding, which we would be saying,  
19 bring that -- deciding if it's a go. The ERA district is  
20 a go? Yes. Then how does it affect the other one? And  
21 depending on -- yes, it ca -- it's doable or not. We may  
22 have to iteration on that. That was my understanding.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Just as today we started  
24 with -- excuse me, roll call and business meeting. We  
25 have a few minor items of business that will be coming up

1 in the mornings. My intent is to get through those as  
2 quickly as possible each morning that that we do have  
3 some item of business to discuss.

4 I have emphasized to staff the importance of having  
5 things posted for sufficient time for public review  
6 before we do discuss and approve things. But we didn't  
7 use the entire half hour that was allocated for that.  
8 And that's where I'm looking to bring up -- like,  
9 tomorrow morning I believe we still have an iteration  
10 coming from Tamina. It should be a very small one. And  
11 if we -- if we can get that done by 11:30 tomorrow, I  
12 would -- I would intend to get that done by 11:30  
13 tomorrow.

14 And depending on what other iterations are ready and  
15 available for us to review, it -- anything that we can  
16 get done the first half hour the next couple of mornings  
17 before we shift to the 9:30 schedule, I intend to get  
18 through those. Commissioner Turner?

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Chair, you were  
20 asking for additional feedback? I didn't have any. I  
21 didn't want to leave you hanging. I guess I'm a one-hit  
22 wonder. I had no other ideas, and I have no doubt that  
23 you'll drive us to the finish line. Thank you.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Well, you know, I -- I'm  
25 used to being in a little bit different situation. You

1 know, organizing an election is much more concrete than  
2 trying to resolve issues among a body of fourteen. But  
3 I've been there as well, so I will certainly do my best.

4 Oka. Unless anyone has further thoughts at this  
5 point, then I would -- I would ask you to continue  
6 thinking about any suggestions for how to ensure that we  
7 achieve our objectives on the current timeline. And  
8 we'll look forward to seeing you all at 11 a.m. tomorrow  
9 morning. Meeting adjourned. 9:42 p.m. Thank you.

10 (Whereupon, the CRC Live Line Drawing Meeting  
11 adjourned at 9:42 p.m.)

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