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2 Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:01 a.m.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Good morning, California. I'm Ray
4 Kennedy. I'm the current rotating chair. Welcome to
5 today's meeting of the California Citizens Redistricting
6 Commission.

7 Ravi, would you please call roll?

8 MR. SINGH: Yes, sir. Thank you.

9 Commissioner Le Mons?

10 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

11 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

16 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Estoy aqui.

17 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hope he's here.

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here. Sorry about that. On
20 mute.

21 MR. SINGH: Thank you.

22 Commissioner Turner?

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

24 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez?

25 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.



1 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

3 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

5 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

6 Commissioner Andersen?

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

9 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

10 And Commissioner Kennedy?

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: I am here. Thank you, Ravi.

12 MR. SINGH: You're welcome.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: And welcome to Commissioner Taylor.

14 It is very good to have you here in person with us. We
15 look forward to your participation in today's meeting.

16 So today's run of show. We will have any
17 announcements, I'm not sure there are any. I don't
18 believe there are business meeting items for today, but I
19 will check. We do have business meeting item for
20 tomorrow, at least. We will review one or two
21 outstanding iterations from previous days on the
22 Congressional maps. Again, as yesterday, that should
23 take us no farther than 11:45, when we will jump back to
24 our work on the Senate Districts. Our intent is to take
25 up where we left off with Tamina -- sorry -- with Sivan



1 last night in Southern California, provide any additional
2 instruction that Sivan needs.

3 We then anticipate reviewing Jamie's progress on Los
4 Angeles. We may have a brief closed session at some
5 point today. Hopefully not. But if we need it, we will.

6 Once we -- once we hear from Jamie, then I would
7 like to shift us to the Central Valley, starting with the
8 VRA areas, and then we can move through the Central
9 Valley and hopefully make it to Sacramento before we open
10 public comment.

11 Public comment, as yesterday, will begin at 6:30,
12 immediately following our break. So there will be an
13 announcement at 6 o'clock and possibly other
14 announcements during the course of the day on public
15 comment. Last night was relatively light as far as
16 public comment. We were able to handle all of the
17 callers in one ninety-minute block. If that happens
18 again tonight, we may be able to go back to some mapping.

19 And I hope that we can end the day with a very brief
20 recap and preview, just to take stock of where we are and
21 what we have before us tomorrow.

22 So are there any announcements from Commissioners or
23 staff at this point?

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Did you mention the 9:30



1 start on Saturday?

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: No.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: We will be shifting our starting
7 times beginning tomorrow morning, Thursday, to 9:30. So
8 Thursday morning, Friday morning, Saturday morning, we
9 are now scheduled to start at 9:30. That will give us an
10 additional ninety-minute block per day. And we
11 anticipate using those first blocks, particularly
12 tomorrow and Friday, to try to finish up the
13 Congressional mapping. That's our priority for those
14 first blocks tomorrow and Friday.

15 And then the chair will shift to Commissioner
16 Fernandez on Saturday, and she can speak now or later as
17 to her plans, but that is the plan for the next couple of
18 days. Okay.

19 So that is announcements.

20 Are there any business meeting items from
21 Commissioners or staff? Okay.

22 Seeing none, as I said, I would like to get us back
23 to the Senate maps no later than 11:45, but that would
24 give us almost forty minutes to focus on some outstanding
25 iterations on the Congressional maps. And I will turn to

1 Ms. Mac Donald, and I believe Tamina has some iterations
2 for us. Thank you.

3 We are not hearing you.

4 MS. MAC DONALD: Oh, because I was muted. I
5 apologize. Yes.

6 So good morning, Commissioners. Tamina will start
7 walking you through one iteration that was sent up a
8 couple of meetings ago, I think. And then also, a
9 potential scenario that you did not get via a PDF, but
10 that could be explored live. So with that, I will turn
11 it over to Tamina. Thank you.

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: Good morning, everyone. We'll be
13 moving through the Antioch iteration today, you received
14 a PDF on this a few days ago. You'll -- actually, I'm
15 not sure. It could have just been yesterday, but I think
16 it was a few days ago. The direction that I received was
17 to take a look at the split in Antioch, and to follow
18 direction that had been received via public comment,
19 which gave some street boundaries of where a better
20 Antioch split could be placed.

21 So the black lines are the current lines that we
22 have now. The red one that you're looking at would be
23 the new split in Antioch. I'll turn -- I'm going to zoom
24 in a little bit so we can see kind of what that area is.
25 The public submission that we received, actually, was too

1 small. We needed a little bit more area, but it's
2 centered mostly around the Northwest side, saying not to
3 go beyond a certain area. And so that's what I did in
4 creating this new split, is took the Northern areas and
5 then went down. This is Hillcrest Avenue over here,
6 which they mentioned would be a good boundary to take the
7 Western areas of Antioch, staying out of the hill areas
8 over here.

9 Like I said, I did have to use a little bit more
10 than was provided in that public comment, just because I
11 needed more population, but I did my best to stick to
12 that section that they gave me and move closely around it
13 to stay true to the -- true to the spirit of what was
14 submitted.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much,
16 Tamina. This is indeed very much more in line with my
17 recollection of public input going back months, I would
18 say.

19 So are there comments from other Commissioners?
20 Commissioner Andersen.

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yes, this is -- I
22 travel through there relatively often, and that is
23 exactly my view of what should have been done and traded.
24 So I really like it. Thank you.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect. Thank you so much.



1 Commissioner Turner?

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yup. Just wanted to support
3 the work. Thank you, Tamina. Yes, I agree with this
4 shift.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner
6 Turner.

7 Any further comment? Any objection to making this
8 change? Okay.

9 Tamina, please make that effective.

10 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'll do that right now. Thank you.

11 (Pause)

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Chair?

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, Commission Andersen?

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. While we're doing this,
15 could I get possible authority to look into, with maybe
16 Commissioner Ahmad, the idea if we could do something
17 with San Jose to try to put it -- to look at the San Jose
18 area, and see if we might be able to do something to make
19 the city less than four cuts. I don't know if it's
20 possible, but I'd like to exploration in that area.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. I understand that there
22 is an exploration currently in process, so I would not
23 want to further confuse matters.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Wonderful. Thank you very
25 much.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for volunteering.

2 Commissioner Sadhwani?

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. As we are making this
4 change, I'm just wondering, I mean, the way this was
5 being kept together as a part of a particular communities
6 of interest testimony. I'm just wondering if we could
7 look at all of the CVAPs and how they change, given this
8 this, you know, slight change in the structure.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner
10 Sadhwani.

11 Tamina, could you display the CVAPs?

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure. One moment, please.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: In the meantime, Commissioner Yee?
14 Commissioner Yee, you're muted.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. When we're ready for San
16 Jose, I'll be happy to present that exploration.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: The labels are now reflecting the
19 name of the district, followed by a deviation in persons,
20 followed by the Hispanic/Latino CVAP, Black CVAP, Asian
21 CVAP, indigenous CVAP, and white CVAP.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So I'm seeing that we do
23 still have some population balancing to do, particularly
24 between North Contra Costa and -- where was it? Yolo
25 Lake, and then a smaller deviation to take care of in

1 Concord TR.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Commissioner Kennedy, can we
3 see the CVAP for the district as it was prior to the
4 change? Is there a way to do that to compare it to the
5 current?

6 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes. I'm sorry. I'm going to step
7 back a second on this because I think it made an
8 unintended change in NORTHCONT that I didn't want it to
9 make, so --

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you.

11 (Pause)

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Forty-five minutes

13 MS. RAMOS ALON: So this would reflect what the
14 previous CVAPs were.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Can you read them out out
16 loud?

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: They're too small on my
19 screen.

20 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure. No problem. So for
21 NORTHCONT, it is 22.42 percent Latino CVAP, 19.96 percent
22 Black CVAP, 20.01 percent ACVAP, Asian CVAP, 0.8 percent
23 Indigenous CVAP, and 34.09 percent white CVAP.

24 For Concord TR, that is 13.63 percent Latino CVAP,
25 4.57 percent Black CVAP, 16.65 percent Asian CVAP, 0.66

1 percent Indigenous CVAP, and 63.17 percent white CVAP.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Toledo?

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And what is it in the
4 proposed? The proposal that we just saw?

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure. One moment.

6 (Pause)

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: So for this proposed district with
8 the change in Antioch, there is the LCVAP, the Latino
9 CVAP, is 22.76 percent, Black CVAP is 19.33 percent,
10 Asian CVAP is 19.54 percent, Indigenous CVAP is 0.085
11 percent, and -- sorry -- 0.85 percent, and white CVAP is
12 34.97 percent.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you very much.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

15 Tamina, do you have any further iterations to share
16 with us?

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: No further iterations at this time,
18 Chair. We did do a little bit of exploration, which I
19 believe Commissioner Yee and Commissioner Ahmad would
20 like to discuss.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We have approximately thirty
22 minutes that I'm happy to dedicate to that.

23 Commissioner Yee?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair.

25 So let's go down to San Jose. And we've all heard



1 quite a bit of input from the community this past couple
2 of days about San Jose being split into four different
3 districts, so I wanted to explore any way that might be
4 possible to improve that, perhaps reduce it to only three
5 districts. So Commissioner Ahmad and I worked with
6 Tamina to visualize one possibility. However, it has
7 various problems, so we can look at it, if Tamina has a
8 snapshot of that.

9 MS. RAMOS ALON: I actually do not have a snapshot
10 of it, but -- since it was just an exploration.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Great. Okay.

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: But I can explain what the
13 differences were. So currently, San Jose is in four
14 districts. We have the Northern area with Cupertino,
15 Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, and the Berryessa neighborhood.
16 We have a section of Cupertino, which was used for the
17 Latinos CVAP. We have the part that's with Santa Clara,
18 which comes into mid-San Jose and the areas around
19 Campbell and Cambrian Park. And then we have the area
20 with Midcoast, which is the Southern half of San Jose.

21 The exploration that we did was to see whether or
22 not moving the Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Cupertino area out
23 of Greater Ed (ph.) and into Santa Clara would be able to
24 reduce the number of splits in San Jose, and what the
25 possible trade offs for that would be. Moving those out

1 would result in a possible -- we could possibly get it
2 into three. However, we did run into some issues with
3 this particularly narrow area over here, which would have
4 to be joined from greater ED down South. This is due to
5 the fact that we have this section of Cupertino which
6 comes in, and Cupertino being a VRA area, would not be
7 able to be changed very much in order to keep it at the
8 high -- at the 50.52 percent LCVAP it is at now.

9 So that's where we left off, was with the
10 possibility of kind of a Northern area San Jose district,
11 the Cupertino San Jose district, and then a Southern
12 area, but because it would create a shape that would come
13 down into kind of this South area here, past Cupertino,
14 for the Northern District, it was decided that it should
15 not be visualized and looked at live instead.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Tamina. Right.

17 And for members of the public, it may be confusing.
18 We do have a district currently named "Cupertino" there,
19 on the right of the screen, that no longer includes the
20 actual city of Cupertino. So I know that's confusing and
21 will eventually change to the actual district numbers.

22 So the idea of moving Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Santa
23 Clarita to Santa Clara out of greater ED will leave only a
24 very narrow strip of San Jose proper coming past Santa
25 Clara there. And it's actually a double neck. It's not

1 only one. And we looked at ways we could possibly reduce
2 it. We just could not move Santa Clara over, having too
3 much population.

4 On the side -- well, you'll recall a lot of COI
5 testimony during the summer, especially interested in
6 Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Cupertino, moving West, and that
7 was in the interest of an Asian community of interest in
8 West Valley. So you know, despite the narrow necks, if
9 we did that, what we found is that the Asian CVAP in the
10 West Valley would go up, but only about five percent.
11 And then there would be a corresponding drop in the
12 greater ED Asian CVAP of about five percent. So you
13 would end up with about a forty percent or so 40, 41
14 percent Asian CVAP in greater ED, and about a thirty
15 percent Asian CVAP in Santa Clara, which for some, may be
16 desirable but did not seem like a dramatic change despite
17 the drastic change in boundaries.

18 So the only way to consider it would be to be able
19 to accept that double narrow neck around Santa Clara, and
20 it really just didn't seem even worth the effort to
21 consult legal because, you know, it's just a very narrow
22 neck, and then on the West, there would not be any VRA
23 considerations to justify that neck. So that's where we
24 left things.

25 Nevertheless, there is one small COI that we did

1 look at it, and which we would like to improve, down
2 where the city label of San Jose is in red now. Thank
3 you, Tamina. It is a Vietnamese COI, one of several
4 we've received. And a little bit on the Eastern side
5 there, where the "E" of San Jose is, we could bring into
6 Santa Clar, and therefore that COI would be split only
7 two ways, not three, and that would be easily
8 accommodated with a small change to the split in Southern
9 San Jose.

10 That's the one thing we think is doable, but if you
11 want -- there's further discussion on the four versus
12 three-way split of San Jose, I guess we'd love to open
13 that up now.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: If I could just start with a
15 question. When you were talking about the possibility of
16 shifting population from Greater ED into Santa Clar, and
17 you said that it would result in approximately a five
18 percent decrease in the one and a five percent increase
19 in the other. I mean, we've seen instances where
20 communities are happy with CVAP levels in the 30s and
21 seeking a more even distribution. And I'm just -- is
22 that the only reason for not proceeding? And what impact
23 would that have on the split of San Jose itself?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. No, the more important
25 reason for not proceeding is the double neck at Santa

1 Clara, a geographical consideration. But the comments
2 about ACVAP simply did not seem like a dramatic change
3 enough to, you know, work further on the neck because we
4 just didn't see it any other way around the neck.

5 I should say, there were -- of course, there were
6 opposite COIs for greater ED wanting to push, you know,
7 an even larger Asian community of interest there and get
8 that ACVAP even higher. So really, it's really two
9 different COI's pushing into opposite directions there.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. And when you say "neck", I
11 mean, are you talking about point contiguity, or is it
12 just it's narrow?

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: It's very narrow. It is not
14 point, but it is very narrow.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's one of them right there.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Let me let me ask Mr.
18 Woocher, or anyone else from the legal team for advice on
19 this issue.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Tamina, do you even have the -- I
21 don't know -- you don't have the snapshot here, but we
22 saw something that at some point you had.

23 MR. WOOCHEER: Yeah, I haven't seen the actual plan
24 to see where that -- how that neck is. It's, you know, I
25 don't think it would necessarily be preclusive of it, in

1 terms of legality, but it's certainly not advisable,
2 given that requirement status vis a vis some of the
3 others. So I'd have to really look at it to see how it
4 looked. I mean, at this point, the district shapes, you
5 know, would pass muster, and I think it's defensible.
6 But I don't know how it relates to the other factors, as
7 well, in terms of the COI testimony and things like that
8 that would actually justify one thing versus the other.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good. Thank you.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa and then, Commissioner
11 Andersen.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thanks for your work
13 on this, Commissioner Yee. I was going to point out,
14 that Southeast Asian COI, that is both Vietnamese and
15 also Cambodian as well, too, I noted.

16 I also saw that there was a request to -- I guess,
17 two things. One, I hear what you're saying about the
18 necks, or the double necks. We heard quite a bit of
19 testimony from further down South into San Benito and
20 Monterey about being combined or grouped with the San
21 Jose or more the urban technology areas. Did you find
22 that there were other alternatives to maintain that VRA
23 District? That's one question.

24 And then secondly, I also noted that there was a
25 request to swap out Newark for more of Fremont to

1 preserve more of a COI, and I wanted to just ask about
2 that, in case that would also help, you know, give you
3 other options to reduce the number of splits in San Jose.
4 Four does seem like a lot. And I'll stop there. Thank
5 you.

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: May I respond, Chair?

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. So for the district
9 named Cupertino, which has VRA considerations, we did not
10 explore trying to alter that, especially the portion of
11 it that's in East San Jose, simply because there were
12 exhaustive efforts at constructing that district, you
13 know, earlier in our work, and we didn't want to undo
14 that and find ourselves circling back again. So we did
15 not.

16 The Newark for Fremont split, we did take a brief
17 look at that, but I think Tamina had other COIs that that
18 would compete with and undo, so I don't know, Tamina, if
19 you have any of those handy that you can comment on.

20 MS. RAMOS ALON: I do not have those handy on this
21 computer. I will say that that was looked at before, and
22 there were several -- it's conflicting COIs in both
23 directions. So it's really -- I'd be happy to explore
24 that and show who would ever like to work on that, what
25 the different COIs are.



1 With regards to the Cupertino shape that comes into
2 San Jose, Commissioner Toledo and I worked, and
3 Commissioner Fernandez and I worked, a lot on trying to
4 figure out if there was another shape that we could have,
5 or use less of San Jose. Unfortunately, that's where the
6 Latino population is that we had to take. And because of
7 that, the necks that it creates, really, the movement,
8 when we move this into three districts, was to move out
9 Santa Clara. So if you can see the space in between the
10 pink and the black, right here, and the pink of Burbank,
11 which I also need, and this pink right here, these are
12 the two necks. So it's a -- it's a very, very narrow
13 area which we would be looking at.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: I guess one question that I continue
15 to have is, looking only at the narrowest of the necks,
16 how much population are we talking about in that little
17 kind of bubble? Yeah.

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm happy to look at that. Just
19 one moment.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: I mean, sometimes we find that we
21 have spaces like that with little or no population, and I
22 was just wondering how many people are there?

23 And Tamina, even if we -- even if we remove the
24 Easternmost one of those red blocks.

25



1 MS. RAMOS ALON: This area is 843 people.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And if we remove the
3 Easternmost, the one that looks like a C? Yeah, that
4 one. Yeah.

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: This is 355 people.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: And 355 people in a district of
7 760,000, I mean, is that even going to show up in the
8 percentages?

9 MS. RAMOS ALON: My guess would be not. It may go
10 to 50.51.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: We can definitely look at it, if
13 you would like to move this one area.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Mr. Woocher, do you have
15 thoughts on this?

16 MR. WOOCHEER: Yeah. I mean, you're dealing with a
17 district that is very close to the fifty percent to begin
18 with, which, you know, can be problematic in terms of how
19 effective it is in terms of a Voting Rights Act
20 opportunity district. So you would certainly not want to
21 lessen it, if possible. And I don't believe there's any
22 legal distinction between making that change in terms of
23 the compactness contiguity issue.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay. Thank you.

25 MR. WOOCHEER: I don't think you gain anything

1 legally, and I do think you put yourself at somewhat
2 greater risk in terms of how effective that district can
3 be with any lower percentage --

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

5 MR. WOOCHEER: -- because it's close.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: And so even if the numbers remain
7 the same, there could be concerns.

8 MR. WOOCHEER: I think the existing district, you
9 know, raises some concerns about how effective it is at
10 this point as well. I mean, you're right on the margin,
11 and historically, we've seen that sometimes you need, you
12 know, even higher margins to be effective. But it may
13 not be -- it may be that you can't get any higher than
14 that depending, you know, upon what else is done. But I
15 certainly wouldn't want to be taking actions that lower
16 it when they're not necessary.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay. Thank you very much
18 for that.

19 Commissioner Andersen?

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Actually,
21 Commissioner Toledo had his hand up before me, and I was
22 going to ask him, actually, about, you know, he looked
23 carefully into modifying, you know, to making sure
24 Midcoast connected all the way down. I was just
25 wondering if he might have something to say about this

1 point directly before my comment.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Toledo?

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I mean, we looked at this
4 very, very carefully, Commissioner Fernandez and Tamina,
5 and this was the highest we could get it based on the
6 constraints that we have before us in terms of Section 2.
7 And we did consider the compactness issues, as well, and
8 received legal advice that all compliance requirements
9 were met. So at this point, I think we should just
10 probably leave this district as is.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that.

12 Commissioner Sadhwani?

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, sorry. I did have one
14 other point. You know, we were looking at that greater
15 red area, and I was wondering the whole time, did anyone
16 from San Jose talk about that? Everything we got that I
17 saw was from people from Cupertino or Santa Clara, and
18 the letter from Fremont. But I never heard anyone -- and
19 they actually talk about those cities. They didn't
20 actually name San Jose. So I always wondered about that.
21 It's like San Jose just came along because they're in
22 between. And I was wondering if anyone happens to know
23 anything about that, which is one of the reasons why I
24 really wanted to see what we can do in this area.

25 Does anyone have any input on that?



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Turner, do you?

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Well, there just are -- in our
3 Airtable, "San Jose deserves to keep our voice in
4 Congress." "We are the largest city in the Bay Area."
5 "We should keep at least" -- you know, they speak about
6 member of Congress. "No other major city in California
7 is losing its voice." So there are people from San Jose,
8 that's calling, you know, but just to comment on, you
9 know, them wanting to have voice. Another one, "The
10 demographics of San Jose are distinctly different." No
11 specific naming, but San Jose is not wanting to be split
12 into the proposed districts. Here's someone else that's
13 from San Jose. But it's kind of the same thing. They're
14 wanting to be whole as possible. They want to ensure
15 that they do have a voice.

16 I've not come across anything, Commissioner
17 Andersen, just yet. But there's 564 comments concerning
18 San Jose that I'm still looking through.

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Yeah, I was looking at
20 anything about the greater ED. That's one thing I did
21 not -- I did not see about that district, so.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sadhwani?

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Thank you. You know,



1 yes, San Jose is being cut here, but, you know, other
2 cities are, too, right? Long Beach for sure got cut up,
3 as well, and is losing a portion of its voice.

4 I think, in terms of the greater ED district, we
5 have received a lot of testimony that it looks good. It
6 reflects the communities of interest that we have been
7 hearing from since very early on this summer. So I would
8 be cautious to start making changes there.

9 So my question actually, for Commissioner Ahmad and
10 Yee is, in looking at this district, I'm curious. It
11 seems like there was a lot of interest in bringing that
12 Northern portion of San Jose back in. But I'm (audio
13 interference) if there was any consideration to looking
14 at the split that's further down that swaps between Santa
15 Clar and Midcoast. And is there any justification for
16 removing the cut there in that center part of San Jose
17 and having it go more with some of the Midcoast areas?
18 Certainly it changes the logic. I understand that. But
19 I'm wondering if there's an opportunity to keep more of
20 the city whole. I'm certainly not against trying to keep
21 the city whole, you know, more whole, or reduce the
22 number of splits. So I'm just curious if that was an
23 option that was reviewed at all?

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Yee? You're on mute.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: I believe that Tamina can comment



1 on that. It's a --

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Tamina --

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- population challenge. Yeah.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Tamina? Thank you.

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes. Thank you, Chair.

6 So a couple of things in this area. First, wanted
7 to address, one of the reasons you might not see more
8 greater ED comments about that, about San Jose, is
9 because a lot of the San Jose COIs and commenters wrote
10 in about specific neighborhoods. San Jose has over a
11 million people, so they don't think of themselves as
12 living in San Jose. They think of themselves as living
13 in Berryessa, which is what this neighborhood is. So if
14 you're not looking for Berryessa feedback, then you're
15 not -- you're going to miss all of the information that
16 comes in around this area. This is the Berryessa
17 neighborhood. You have the Alum Rock and Latino
18 neighborhoods here. Coming down, these are two distinct
19 Vietnamese COIs. This is Evergreen. And so this is
20 actually what shaped these different areas. These lines
21 where they are -- are a bunch of the COIs in
22 neighborhoods that are currently here.

23 So yes, definitely could -- because these areas, at
24 least between Santa Clar and Midcoast, intersect, there
25 are ways that we could -- we were looking at this part

1 of -- there's a Vietnamese COI over here, which we were
2 hoping to reunite into two districts instead of three,
3 and trading that out for the Almaden neighborhood COI
4 down here.

5 So there are different areas that can be moved along
6 this line, if that's what you would like to explore
7 population wise. And yeah, the reason they're -- it's
8 like these is because of these different COI's that come
9 up and take these separate areas.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much.
11 Commissioner Sadhwani?

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. That was all I was
13 going to suggest is, I mean, is it reasonable to -- I
14 mean, a big portion of the Southern part of San Jose is
15 already with Midcoast. Is it reasonable to explore
16 keeping that lower portion where Tamina was -- just had
17 her curser all with Midcoast and pulling the line of the
18 district back up towards Campbell, Cambrian Park, and Los
19 Gatos, and potentially swapping that portion of San Jose
20 for some of the regions in the Northern portion of
21 Midcoast.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. I am going to ask Tamina,
23 along with Commissioner Yee and Commissioner Ahmad, to
24 continue this and come back tomorrow with the results of
25 that.



1 So Commissioner Ahmad?

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you. Can we see the heat
3 map for the LCVAP?

4 MS. RAMOS ALON: Certainly. One moment, please.

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: And then if you can, because
6 it's kind of dense here, can you zoom into that general
7 region where -- what is covered right now with this info
8 box?

9 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sorry. Let me get the numbers off
10 there. It's a little difficult to read.

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I think I just needed to see
12 this as a reminder for myself on where the population
13 distribution is, and our VRA obligations as well as the
14 unique shape of the city itself, and how it kind of
15 zigzags through the South Bay. Certainly I think,
16 Commissioner Yee and I can go back and explore the option
17 that Commissioner Sadhwani just raised, and see what we
18 get from that exploration.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much.
20 Commissioner Akutagawa?

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I hear what's been
22 said about, you know, this is as good as it's going to
23 get. This is my words, not the words of the other
24 Commissioners that have spoken about this Cupertino
25 district, which, yes, is rather ironic. I just want to

1 just note a couple things that we've had previous
2 conversations around in other areas. One is the mix of
3 urban versus rural agricultural areas, which we
4 definitely have here, and also the COI testimony from
5 those in what I understand is the main VRA area of this
6 particular district. And my question is, you know,
7 someone spoke about the restrictions that we have, and
8 you know, one of the restrictions being that the folks in
9 the San Bernardino, Monterey areas did not want to go
10 into the Central Valley.

11 But I guess now I just want to pose a question,
12 because they have spoken quite vociferously about this
13 pairing and about how they feel that their voice would be
14 disenfranchised because of the combination, or the
15 inclusion of the San Jose area. Would it be better to
16 then reconsider going into parts of the Central Valley
17 and keeping it a much more agricultural area, and then
18 therefore, being able to bring up some of the CVAP in
19 this area, since we are, I believe, still trying to, you
20 know, look at what is going to be the best VRA districts
21 that we can create in the Central Valley, too.

22 So I wanted to just raise that, because if, you
23 know, if that was the constraint, you know, maybe that's
24 just something that we have to just set aside and really
25 look at what do we -- what's the larger goal. It's to

1 create a strong VRA district, and also listening then,
2 afterwards, to COI testimony. Thank you.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
4 Commissioner Turner, followed by Commissioner
5 Andersen, and Commissioner Taylor, and Commissioner
6 Fernandez.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Two things, Chair. Thank you.
8 First of all, with the iteration, or the
9 exploration, that Commissioner Yee was looking at, I read
10 the response a little bit different, and you were asking
11 about reduction of population from, I think, the
12 Cupertino district that was about 300 people to widen the
13 appearance of the neck. And with the counsel feedback,
14 it seemed to me that the risk increased only if we
15 lowered it, and with such a small amount of people, we
16 may not see any percentage difference. And so I really
17 would hope that as we're going back to look at other
18 things, we just take a look at that actual change and see
19 if there's a difference or if there's not, because if
20 there's not a difference, that still might be a viable
21 option.

22 And then the other thing is is, again, I was going
23 through the testimony, the public comment for San Jose.
24 And I did want to just take about twenty-five seconds and
25 read the public comment coming from the mayor of San Jose

1 that speaks to it as well, because we're talking about
2 voices of San Jose. And what it says is, "Thank you for
3 your service. I serve as mayor of San Jose. I write
4 because the proposed Congressional maps would divide our
5 City of San Jose into four parts and dramatically dilute
6 the voice of our one million residents, three quarters of
7 whom are people of color. None of the four San Jose
8 districts would have a majority of San Jose residents, so
9 California's third largest city would become the only
10 major city without a Congressperson primarily
11 representing the city's collective interests. This
12 undermines the voice of San Jose's diverse, less affluent
13 neighborhoods relative to our more affluent and
14 politically connected suburbs. Moreover, by
15 consolidating two of the four districts in the West,
16 South, and Southeast of San Jose, you can preserve
17 majority Latino and Asian American districts in my city,
18 while ensuring that San Jose has a representative who
19 serves a majority of San Jose residents. This is not
20 merely imperative for San Jose. To be sure, farmworkers
21 in the Salinas Valley and coastal residents of Monterey
22 should have strong representation, as well, and deserve
23 the full attention of a Congressperson who does not need
24 to drive an hour North to her office, located near the
25 world headquarters of Adobe and Zoom. Our two smaller



1 cities in the Bay Area, San Francisco, and Oakland, have
2 representatives in Congress who overwhelmingly represent
3 their city. San Jose certainly deserves at least this
4 much."

5 So I thought it was just a different perspective to,
6 again, be able to say that, as we're looking at splits in
7 San Jose, if they're split into areas where no one --
8 where San Jose, again, being the largest city, doesn't
9 have representation or a great voice in any of them, I
10 think that is still a further concern that we need to
11 look at. Thank you.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

13 It certainly remains a concern. At the same time,
14 you know, we have been here with our ears open, trying to
15 listen as closely and intently to the people of
16 California as possible, and these districts reflect, to
17 the best of our ability, what we've been hearing from the
18 people of California for many months.

19 Regarding that neck and the tasking of Commissioner
20 Yee, Commissioner Ahmed, and Tamina to go back and
21 continue looking at this, when we looked at the heat map,
22 it did seem to me as if there might be nearby populations
23 that could be swapped easily for that one neck area. So
24 I just, you know, if, as you're looking further at this,
25 if you can take a look at the possibility of populations

1 to the North that could be switched for that little piece
2 on the West, I'd appreciate it.

3 Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner Taylor,
4 Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Toledo, Commissioner
5 Sinay.

6 And all of this is possible because the mapping team
7 has asked me to continue this discussion for a few more
8 minutes as the next mapper is busy preparing. So please
9 go ahead, and please be concise.

10 Commissioner Andersen?

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair.

12 Yes, I agree with everything that was just said by
13 Commissioner Turner and then what you just said.
14 Additionally, I want to talk about -- yes, the
15 neighborhoods. San Jose, of course, was talking about
16 its neighborhoods, never assuming that it would all be
17 cut up and distributed into other districts. It's just
18 like Los Angeles, when you're assuming that your
19 neighborhood is going to be put with a few other
20 neighborhoods in your area, not your neighborhood's going
21 to be taken and put in a whole different county. And
22 that's what's happening here.

23 And so it's just like San Francisco, when they talk
24 about their neighborhoods, because they assume you're
25 going to be mostly San Francisco. And that's what's



1 really has caught San Jose by surprise, that it doesn't
2 have a majority anywhere, and that probably never
3 occurred to any of them to say, hey, keep our entire city
4 whole, because it's a million people. So you don't tend
5 to think that way. But I don't think we should use that
6 as a line -- as a reason to cut the tip of the Southern
7 part of San Jose in half. I think we should really look
8 seriously at what Commissioner Sadhwani said as well. So
9 thank you.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. And that is the reason
11 for asking the team that has been working on this to
12 continue working and come back to us, based on this
13 discussion.

14 Commissioner Taylor?

15 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you.

16 Good morning, Tamina.

17 Yeah. I think Commissioner Andersen and
18 Commissioner Turner just hit it right on the -- the nail
19 right on the head. I think we looked at it, or public
20 input came, and it was related to neighborhoods and it
21 sort of maybe missed the boat a little bit as it went to
22 the entirety of San Jose. We know San Jose has to be
23 split because of the size, but I think it does bear
24 another look. Yeah. It sits not knowing that they do
25 not have a majority. Thank you.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.

2 Commissioner Fernandez?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Excuse
4 me.

5 Tamina, you might have said this already, but could
6 you tell me what the population is in the other three
7 areas of San Jose that are not related to Cupertino? I'm
8 just looking at the amount of population that would
9 potentially have to move, and as Commissioner Turner and
10 I -- moving 400,000 was quite an effort. Yeah.

11 And you guys know me. I don't like to split cities.
12 I don't like to split anything, actually.

13 But I think -- was it Rancho Cucamonga that was
14 split three times as well? And there are much smaller
15 city, so I'm thinking, you know, if we're going to look
16 at this, we probably should look at Rancho Cucamonga.
17 That's 175,000 split three times, so. Thanks.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
19 Commissioner Toledo?

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I'm --

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Sorry.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Can you hear me now? So I --

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Toledo, if you could
24 hold, we're waiting for a response from --

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Sure.



1 MS. RAMOS ALON: I can get those exact numbers for
2 you in a minute. When we did look at this, it looked
3 like there were in the neighborhood of 333,000 in each of
4 these three blocks here. And I can definitely get you
5 those numbers. And I'd also like to remind you that we
6 had a previous iteration where we did not include San
7 Jose in Midcoast, but we went and took that 300,000 from
8 going up the peninsula. And that was something which the
9 Commission requested that we look in another direction.

10 But I can get those numbers for you in a moment.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

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

13 Commissioner Toledo, please go ahead.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. You know, I'm open
15 to a little bit more exploration, but I do think we need
16 to put a time limit on it because we do need -- we do
17 need to make a decision on this, whether it's later today
18 or tomorrow. I mean, we've received so much testimony
19 from all of California, and in this area, too, and what
20 I'm saying reflects the COIs that we received, and the
21 community of interest testimony that we've received, and
22 we've tried to put it in the right places, also
23 recognizing that we have other considerations as well.
24 We have a voting rights district in this area and we have
25 contiguity and other requirements to deal with. And so I

1 just want to have a decision on this sooner rather than
2 later. Thank you.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yep. Yeah. We should be able to
4 wrap this up one way or another tomorrow morning. Thank
5 you for that, Commissioner Toledo.

6 Commissioner Ahmad?

7 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair.

8 I just wanted to echo what Tamina mentioned, that at
9 one point, we were looking at a more coastal district so
10 that we could encompass more of the population in the
11 South Bay together. There are definitely solutions to
12 these splits. They might require some changes in a
13 number of districts around the area, right, because
14 there's no VRA district requirements to the West. So we
15 do have that flexibility to continue to reduce the number
16 of splits within the city. However, that does come at a
17 cost rate. So we would be splitting COIs. We would be
18 splitting other cities. Not saying that one way or the
19 other is preferred, just recognizing that by the nature
20 of drawing these lines, something, somewhere along the
21 way will be split.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Certainly, something
23 will be split. Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad. Do you
24 believe that it would be useful for us to look at that
25 old iteration that was more coastal?

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: If it's helpful, Commissioner
2 Yee and I can do that offline and come forward with
3 several options for us to explore, or I shouldn't use the
4 word explore. For us to consider, if that's helpful,

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: It potentially could be.

6 Commissioner Toledo?

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: To that point, I do think
8 there's -- thinking about the two central coast districts
9 at this point, the two districts that represent the
10 central coast, if we could get San Jose out of one of
11 these -- out of one of these districts, I think that
12 would also be helpful in terms of their ability to elect
13 candidates of choice that will have the central coast in
14 mind. Just San Jose is the center of population and the
15 center of influence, and certainly, by shifting to a more
16 coastal district, the gravity, where the power is in that
17 district will shift South and give an opportunity for the
18 central coast to actually elect somebody that comes from
19 their area.

20 And so I just wanted to raise that as something that
21 might be helpful. So it might actually help both the San
22 Jose area and the central coast area and the coastal
23 regions to get more representation, if that's a
24 possibility. I just hate making so many changes last
25 minute. But we have seen it in past iterations. We

1 worked away from it. I'm not sure why. I can't remember
2 why. But that may be helpful in resolving these two
3 issues that we're seeing in the central coast, and also
4 in San Jose. Thank you.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. That's very much my hope in
6 asking this group to continue for one more day looking at
7 this and come back to us tomorrow with some options.
8 Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

9 Commissioner Akutagawa?

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I just wanted to
11 support what Commissioner Toledo said. I think we've had
12 had other iterations. I'm also wondering, you know,
13 would we be better off taking this Cupertino district out
14 of San Jose and perhaps down into San Luis Obispo? I
15 don't think there's enough population, but something that
16 I think, you know, would help equalize some of the
17 centers of power and influence that is going to exist.
18 And if you have it in San Jose, you know it's going to
19 come from San Jose. And that's been the same issue that
20 we've heard from the Sierras as well, too. So thank you.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner
22 Akutagawa.

23 Commissioner Fernandez?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And please, San Jose,
25 don't hate me for this, but I honestly don't believe it's

1 our position as a Commission to decide who's going to
2 have more power in a specific district, and maybe by
3 splitting it up, maybe some other areas, maybe Campbell,
4 and Cambria, and maybe there will be some further
5 discussion and not so one sided, potentially, to look at
6 the entire district and what the entire district needs
7 are instead of one area having so much dominance over a
8 district. So I'm just -- I'm trying to take a step back
9 and just trying to look at it holistically. Thanks.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
11 Okay. We're going to our --

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: I have the numbers for you, if you
13 would like.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Please go ahead, Tamina.

15 MS. RAMOS ALON: The San Jose portion of the
16 Midcoast district is 277,358 people. The San Jose
17 portion of the greater ED district is 225,249 people.
18 The San Jose portion of the Santa Clar district is
19 297,413 people, and the San Jose portion of the Cupertino
20 district is 215,663.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you so much for that.

22 Okay. So we will look forward to hearing from
23 Commissioner Ahmad, Commissioner Yee, and Tamina again on
24 this tomorrow morning. We thank you for your work. So
25 far, you've heard the discussion. I hope that that is



1 sufficient to guide you as you explore this further. I
2 have heard from the mappers that instead of returning to
3 Southern California, we're not able to at this point. So
4 we will go back to Jaime, who will update us on her
5 progress in Los Angeles County. So thank you, everyone,
6 for your participation in this discussion.

7 And Jaime, we are all ears.

8 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you so much, Chair. Jaime is
9 just plugging in her computer, and will be with you in
10 one second.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: We're at one half-hour before our
12 next break.

13 Commissioner Sadhwani?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Sure. While we're
15 waiting for Jaime, Chair, I just wanted to ask, or let
16 folks know, that we did have some explorations for the
17 Central Valley districts as well. They are posted for
18 today's handouts. We are certainly beyond the time for
19 our work on the Congressional maps. Just wanted to check
20 in and see if we can anticipate reviewing those tomorrow,
21 or when, just so that the public knows. And they are
22 posted, so hopefully, we can get public comment on them
23 as well.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that question. We
25 should be able to get to that tomorrow. I intend to



1 devote the entire first ninety-minute block to these
2 Congressional explorations so we could look hopefully at
3 what Commissioner Yee and Commissioner Ahmad have, as
4 well as your explorations in the Central Valley.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you so
6 much.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Chair, could I ask just a
9 quick question on that same thing?

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, Commissioner Andersen.

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

12 Commissioner Sadhwani, is it sort of your intent,
13 without going through it, but to essentially recommend
14 these iterations?

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: There are three different
16 options that Commissioner Toledo and I had worked on, so
17 it would be to discuss them. I can just, in very brief,
18 say that, you know, I think the explorations do improve
19 the CVAPs. They don't substantively change, you know,
20 the questions around Modesto and ECA.

21 So that being said, I think if there is a desire to
22 do so, then that would be still an outstanding question
23 at this point in time. But I don't know if Commissioner
24 Toledo has --

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: What I would add to that is,



1 we do have a recommendation on preference on these, and
2 also from -- because we've been working very closely with
3 legal and with our line drawers. We do have a
4 recommendation. The recommendation potentially might
5 help us solve some of the issues farther North, and get
6 us to resolve both the Central Valley question and then
7 also, the questions up in the North. But there's
8 options, so we do have two options. And there's,
9 especially if we move in the second or third option, it
10 gives us some options in the North as well. And I think
11 aligns nicely with the work that Commissioner Turner and
12 Fernandez has been doing, and that we can reconcile the
13 two.

14 And whether it's the initial drafts or the versions
15 that have come after. And so I think we are able to do
16 two things at once, but I do think it will take a little
17 bit longer than thirty minutes to go over. So we just
18 have to have enough time to deal with the Central Valley
19 and then the Sierra district, if we so choose. Thank
20 you.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo. You
22 know, hopefully we'd be able to look at the at the new
23 explorations or the results of the further exploration in
24 San Jose in the first half hour and devote the rest of
25 the time to the Central Valley in that first ninety-

1 minute block. We'll see how it goes, but that that would
2 be my hope.

3 So Jaime, over to you.

4 MS. CLARK: Thanks so much, Commissioners, and thank
5 you, Chair Kennedy.

6 What is on the screen right now reflects the work
7 that I was able to do, and that Sivan was able to do,
8 offline based on your direction. We're going to focus,
9 of course, on Los Angeles County right now. And Sivan
10 will be able to give you a tour of what she could do
11 offline overnight. And also, for the information of
12 Commissioners and the public, this is up on the map
13 viewer. It was posted this morning.

14 So I will begin, I guess, in the Northern area.
15 This was a change that we did live. It hasn't changed.
16 It's Santa Clarita Valley, Antelope Valley, part of
17 Victor Valley, and then this Northern area along 210, in
18 Rancho Cucamonga and Upland areas. Moving to SCSFV, this
19 includes Sylmar, Sunland, Tujunga, all of the city of
20 Burbank, and then Northern areas in Van Nuys, out to
21 Canoga Park. And just a note is that this changed to be
22 able to, as best as possible, keep greater Toluca Lake
23 whole in a district, to keep North Hollywood, to keep as
24 much of this community of greater Toluca Lake with North
25 Hollywood and Greater Valley Glen together as possible.



1 So that really kind of drove this change. And those
2 neighborhood council areas are included in the East
3 Ventura, San Fernando Valley based district, which also
4 includes Granada Hills, Porter Ranch, Chatsworth, West
5 Hills, Tarzana, Encino, Sherman Oaks, and the following
6 areas in East Ventura County, which is Simi Valley,
7 Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, and such areas.

8 I'm going to go to the shoreline district now,
9 which, based on Commission direction now includes West
10 Hollywood and more of the Hollywood Hills areas, also
11 including much of Mid-City, Beverly Hills, Westwood
12 Neighborhood Council, Santa Monica, Venice, Marina Del
13 Rey, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, all of Torrance,
14 Southern Gardena. A change is that, just for population
15 and some of the other swaps that were made in these LA
16 County based districts. Alondra Park is now also
17 included in the shoreline district, also includes Palos
18 Verdes and Rolling Hills.

19 SPCC. And again, all of these changes are
20 interrelated, so I can answer, of course, any questions
21 should the Commission have any, but SPCC includes all of
22 San Pedro, Carson, and West Carson, Compton, Watts, now
23 including Inglewood. This swap was based on some of the
24 direction for Shoreline, and then also based on some
25 discussion with the NELA district. But basically, it

1 includes Inglewood, LAX, now in this district. Or it was
2 before, but Inglewood is now included with LAX,
3 Hawthorne, Lawndale, et cetera, in SPCC.

4 Moving on to the district called 710 to water. This
5 includes more of the Gateway cities with it. So Commerce
6 and Bell are now included as well. They were moved from
7 the NELA district into 710 to water, which helped to be
8 able to incorporate some of the other areas the
9 Commission was talking about yesterday into the NELA
10 district, so those are now included in the 710 to water
11 district.

12 I will look -- we can look at the NELA district
13 next. So this includes Eagle Rock, Atwater Village
14 areas, still including greater Wilshire and Koreatown,
15 with Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, El Sereno, and then
16 Vernon and Maywood are the only remaining Gateway cities
17 in this district. And that's just for population.

18 Moving on really quickly to SD 210, this includes
19 much of the Angeles National Forest, and then cities kind
20 of along the 210, including all of Glendale, Pasadena,
21 Monrovia, Glendora, Laverne, and Claremont, and then also
22 including communities South of the 210 such as Monterey
23 Park, Alhambra, Rosemead, San Gabriel. Arcadia is
24 included in this district.

25 And then just a review of where SD 10 WE is. This



1 was a change that was made in live line drawing
2 yesterday. But this district now includes Ontario,
3 Chino, Pomona, San Dimas, Covina, Azusa, Irwindale,
4 Baldwin Park, and the El Montes.

5 And then, looking at SD 60 by 605, changes here
6 really are around -- they're having to do with some of
7 the changes that were made to SD 210, which used to have
8 the Montebello and Pico Rivera, so shifting those down.
9 If you remember, where we last left off, this district
10 was eight percent overpopulated. And then also,
11 interrelated with this Santa Ana based district, where
12 this, of course, is a district with VRA considerations,
13 and where we left off, SAA did not have fifty percent
14 Latino CVAP. So now, it does. SAA is at 50.56 percent
15 Latino CVAP. This is by including all of Santa Ana --
16 yeah -- Eastern Garden Grove. It does not include any of
17 the city of Orange. So Orange is whole and intact in a
18 different district. Western parts of Anaheim, the same
19 split in Fullerton. It also includes all of Buena Park,
20 and then sort of Northwestern Fullerton, including the
21 city of La Habra, and then the cities of South Whittier
22 and East Whittier. So are along the city boundaries.
23 And then, there's no other city splits involved in either
24 of these districts, actually. So La Mirada is whole and
25 Whittier is whole.



1 And that is a quick review of -- oh, and I --
2 actually, I didn't go over West of 110, so I apologize
3 for skipping over that, and I'm just going to zoom in to
4 discuss that. So based on some of these changes with
5 Shoreline, for example, including more of the West
6 Hollywood areas, moved West Side, Mar Vista, Del Rey, and
7 then this Westchester area into West of 110. This
8 also -- I think that the boundary here moved between SPCC
9 and West of 110 just for balancing population. And also,
10 much of downtown Los Angeles, excluding Little Tokyo, is
11 included in the West of 110. This change also made it so
12 Pico Union could be with Boyle Heights, which had been
13 requested.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Wow, that's pretty impressive,
15 Jaime. Yeah. Applause. I had no -- I didn't even dream
16 that we would come back to see something this well-formed
17 at this point in the process.

18 So let's start with questions and comments.

19 Commissioner Vásquez?

20 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: First of all, wow. This is
21 incredible. Thank you so much, Jaime. This is great.
22 Overall, I like this structure a lot, and more than I
23 thought that I would. Really more of a question, because
24 I'm assuming, or at least, I anticipate that you had
25 certain things in mind when you were sort of negotiating

1 these lines. And so for me, the area that I am looking
2 at in particular is Vernon and Maywood. I know we've
3 heard quite a bit of comment about, particularly Maywood,
4 but I imagine also Vernon as well, being with the Gateway
5 cities, probably in that 710 to water district. I
6 anticipate that in order for that to happen, probably, I
7 was looking at Los Feliz being moved into, I think that
8 shore -- or one of those districts, but it doesn't look
9 like a clean swap can be made to include Vernon and
10 Maywood, and I just wanted to get your, sort of, read on
11 that.

12 You're on mute.

13 MS. CLARK: Yeah. Yes. Sorry. I was, like,
14 looking at -- my zoom little thingy was hiding something.
15 Yeah. So actually, adding Maywood into the 710 to water
16 district would overpopulate the 710 to water district,
17 and it would make it 6.32 percent deviation. I kind of
18 looked at some of what other, like, county-wide or
19 statewide submissions were kind of dealing with that and,
20 you know, just looking at options would be maybe removing
21 Florence-Graham. So having Florence, Huntington Park,
22 and Walnut Park not together. That's one option, just
23 for a population swap, and then, you know, doing a
24 basically three district swap, or moving a different
25 Gateway city into NELA to sort of trade.



1 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Okay. I don't have any
2 direction right now, but thank you for walking through
3 that.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez and
5 Jaime.

6 I was going to ask about that interface between SAA
7 and SD 60 by 605. Just wondering if you had explored La
8 Mirada and East Whittier instead of East Whittier and
9 South Whittier, whether that might make more sense?

10 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I'll turn the census block layer
11 on with the heat map. So South Whittier is overall a
12 higher percent Latino CVAP. And I did try that, yes.
13 And in sort of a situation like that, I couldn't keep SAA
14 at over fifty percent Latino CVAP

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. And would it help with
16 that -- I mean, we're getting close to the bounds of
17 underpopulation of SD 60 by 605. Taking any part of that
18 Southern portion of Whittier that looks to be similarly
19 dense and adding it to SAA, along with South Whittier and
20 East Whittier.

21 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I think that that would under
22 populate SD 60 by 605 and a population trade then would
23 be splitting when Buena Park, was also an option.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay. Thank you. I don't
25 want to take up too much time on this.



1 Commissioner Toledo?

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. I just wanted to
3 recognize Jaime for the phenomenal work in this area. I
4 mean, I see all of the goals kind of being met here, but
5 can you just speak to the number of minority/majority
6 seats that are in this area, and the other goals that
7 that we had discussed yesterday around keeping some
8 communities whole, et cetera, and what you were able to
9 achieve, what you weren't able to achieve over the
10 evening?

11 MS. CLARK: Yup. Absolutely. So SD 10 West-East
12 and SD 60 by 605 are the only districts in this plan to,
13 you know, from most recent -- my understanding of the
14 most recent discussions with VRA counsel that actually
15 have VRA considerations, and SD 10 West-East is at 58.83
16 percent Latino CVAP. That's the protected group under
17 the VRA in that area. And SD 60 by 605 is 53.73 percent
18 Latino CVAP. That's also the protected group in that
19 area.

20 And then additionally, 710 to water has over fifty
21 percent Latino CVAP. It's 51.92 percent. NELA, in the
22 current iteration is 53.93 percent Latino CVAP. And then
23 in the San Fernando Valley based district, it's 50.23
24 percent Latino CVAP. Those are the majority/minority
25 districts in this iteration.

1 And then additionally, I think, just in looking at
2 other communities that the Commission had really
3 expressed interest in wanting to keep together, for
4 example, Asian communities in West San Gabriel Valley,
5 based on, you know, definitions of what cities are
6 included, this community is whole and included in SD 210.
7 And then, also looking at -- I think that with the West
8 of 110 and SDCC, then a lot of Black communities and
9 historically Black neighborhoods are kept together in
10 these districts.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you so much. And again,
12 I think amazing job and I appreciate all of your hard
13 work on this.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.
15 Commissioner Yee?

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair.

17 Amazing work, Jaime. I feel like this is the
18 tipping point into hopefulness and positive momentum, at
19 least for me.

20 Just one small thing. The Northern border of Azusa.
21 I'd like to explore going North to match it into the
22 forest with the border we worked out for the
23 Congressional map. And I believe there's very little
24 (indiscernible) --

25 MS. CLARK: So just to clarify, making this portion

1 that is part of National Forest with the National Forest,
2 or moving that further South?

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Moving it further North, so that
4 the canyon and the two forks of the river become part of
5 the Azusa district.

6 MS. CLARK: Oh, I understand. Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: And just match the Congressional.
8 Yeah.

9 MS. CLARK: Sure. Okay. Could I make that change
10 here really quickly?

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Sure.

12 MS. CLARK: And I can -- I'll just grab the general
13 area and then, if it's okay, offline, I can work on
14 making it match exactly the Congressional boundary.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

17 Commissioner Turner?

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair.

19 Jaime, phenomenal work.

20 I just wanted to say to the Commissioners, I think
21 this represents almost all of what we've asked for. And
22 I just want to encourage us to be able to move on from
23 this and not keep trying to tweak it and change it,
24 because every change requires a different change, and we
25 have to be able to move forward and complete this. I

1 think this looks great. I don't know what would be ever
2 perfect for everyone, but I think this is excellent work.
3 I appreciate the increases that we've seen in the shifts
4 and the changes. I really want to encourage us to let
5 this be and move on.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
7 Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I guess -- yeah --
9 great work, Jaime,

10 Just a couple questions based on some of the COIs
11 that I read about, I think in, I don't know whether it's
12 in NELA or if it's in the adjacent district, but
13 Koreatown, there's been a request to ensure that
14 Koreatown remains whole and not split.

15 MS. CLARK: Koreatown is whole in --

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's whole? Okay.

17 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you for making
19 that change. Yeah.

20 And then I hear what Commissioner Turner is saying,
21 I just want to just -- I'm not going to give direction on
22 this. I just want to lift up that there was a request to
23 stick to the previous draft maps, particularly around the
24 San Gabriel Valley. While there's appreciation that the
25 core Asian COI cities that have we've heard quite a bit

1 from are remaining together, there's quite a bit of
2 concern from both the Asian and Latino communities about
3 being paired with some of the other wealthier cities that
4 are now in this. And so just like all of the other
5 conversations that we've had, I just wanted to just say
6 it out loud so that we are aware of it, and making a
7 conscious choice if we're going to go this direction.
8 And also so that, you know, again, people are heard. So
9 thank you.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
11 Commissioner Sadhwani?

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's amazing, Jaime, as
13 always.

14 A few thoughts. I hear you, Commissioner Turner,
15 and I can live with this map.

16 I wanted to raise a couple discussion points for us,
17 though, before we move on. One of them, I was under the
18 impression yesterday when we left that we had discussed
19 and said that we were going to move the cut portions of
20 Upland, Rancho Cucamonga that were left hanging there
21 into the 210. Am I mistaken in that?

22 MS. CLARK: I had noted that as a suggestion. I
23 think maybe Commissioner Vazquez had noted that there
24 was -- however, one of the Commissioners had noted
25 there's public input. But I actually never received

1 direction to do that.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. I will raise that
3 only in that that's -- yeah -- that's a big jump from
4 Victor Valley all the way down the mountains through to
5 this area that is most certainly connected to the 210
6 corridor, and that we have connected in other places. So
7 that that was the one surprise, I think, that I had. And
8 I would ask Commissioners to share their thoughts on
9 that.

10 That being said, the 210 corridor is already
11 overpopulated. So if we were to move them in, that would
12 require additional shifts. So you know, that's a
13 temperature check for the rest of the Commission on where
14 we would land on that.

15 I wanted to also just raise and second the concern
16 that Commissioner Vazquez raised about Maywood. I was
17 curious, I understand when we looked at it that removing
18 Maywood, or putting it into that Long Beach district
19 would overpopulate it. So I was just wondering if
20 there's an opportunity to swap further down the map.

21 In other iterations for Congress and Assembly, we do
22 have Hawaiian gardens with Cypress -- that district, the
23 North OC coast, is underpopulated, so I was just curious
24 if that would be a possibility.

25 That being said, I am also keeping my eye on that SD

1 NELA district because I think it has done a really great
2 job of combining many different Latino communities
3 throughout that region, whom we've heard from a whole
4 lot, so I wouldn't want to do it. And I think I'm trying
5 to weigh all of those things. And I just wanted to raise
6 it because we certainly have heard from Maywood. They
7 definitely are a Gateway city, so I think those are some
8 of the swaps that I would be just generally curious to
9 explore. Thank you.

10 And one last thought. You know, on Commissioner
11 Akutagawa's point, yes, we heard -- well, I don't know.
12 I've seen two pieces of testimony that were exactly the
13 same about the Asian-American community. But I think
14 overwhelmingly, we had received so much testimony from
15 groups about having the API community separated in this
16 area from the Latino community. So I'm still in favor of
17 this iteration at this point in time. Thank you.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

19 Jaime? And we have three minutes until break, so we
20 may have to ask colleagues to hold their comments until
21 after break.

22 Jaime?

23 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much. Just a note about
24 this Maywood swap. Maywood is about 25,000 people.
25 Hawaiian Garden's about 14,000 people. So I'm not sure

1 that it would be quite so simple as like a one, you know,
2 move it here, move it here, and then everyone is
3 populated within the percent deviation still.

4 And previously, the Commission has instructed me to
5 split Lynwood and have Lynwood with Compton and Carson
6 based districts. And I'm wondering if that's something
7 the Commission would like me to explore, maybe perhaps in
8 addition to having Hawaiian Gardens with the NOC Coast
9 District.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Jaime, could you go a little further
11 into the rationale for making that change?

12 MS. CLARK: That would just be a balancing of
13 population. I think that including Maywood in 710 to
14 water would overpopulate 710 to water, and it would make
15 that 6.4 percent deviation. Removing Hawaiian Gardens,
16 which is about 14,000 people, I don't think would bring
17 710 to water below the percent -- or below five percent
18 deviation. So the suggestion then would be to split
19 Lynwood here as Commission has previously instructed for
20 other iterations, and that would further remove some of
21 the population from 710 to water and add it to SPCC. So
22 that would -- the point would be to be able to include
23 Maywood, while still having 710 to water be balanced in
24 terms of population.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And the split in Lynwood

1 would be at the 105?

2 MS. CLARK: That's where we've had it before.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good. Okay.

4 Thank you, everyone. My apologies. It is
5 breaktime, so hold those questions and we will be back at
6 12:45. Thank you all.

7 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 12:29 p.m.
8 until 12:45 p.m.)

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone, for your
10 patience during our fifteen minute break. We are back.
11 We are continuing our discussion of the new iteration
12 that Jaime has brought us for Los Angeles County at the
13 Senate level.

14 So returning to our discussion, Commissioner Le
15 Mons?

16 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I wanted to echo the
17 appreciation to Jaime on this version that's being
18 presented today. I think it really does get to the
19 majority of the requests and direction has been provided
20 by Commission.

21 I also wanted to echo Commissioner Turner's point of
22 accepting and moving forward. I support this particular
23 version. I'm not against any of the exploration -- well,
24 the exploration that Commissioner Sadhwani raised up.
25 However, I'd be perfectly happy supporting the version as

1 it is current. Thank you, Chair.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.

3 And Commissioner Le Mons raises, I think, an
4 important concept for us at this point in the process.
5 We are coming up -- we are less than a week away from the
6 date that we intend to vote on our final maps. And so
7 the question really is not can we live with them. It's
8 can we support them? And I appreciate Commissioner Le
9 Mons framing it in those terms. We need to be thinking
10 in terms of maps that we can support once we get to next
11 week. So thank you, Commissioner Le Mons,

12 Commissioner Vazquez?

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes, thank you. Just wanted
14 to agree with Commissioner Sadhwani's potential swap.
15 Although, that for me is not a priority. I can support
16 the map as is. However, sort of being able to zoom out
17 and spend some thinking over the last fifteen minutes
18 about the map as a whole, I do think we had discussed,
19 although I will admit I don't believe -- I think, Jaime,
20 you're right, that we did not give -- we did not give
21 final direction on the portion of Rancho Cucamonga and
22 Upland that are split and are currently paired with, I
23 think, the Victor Valley. And so for me, that that feels
24 like a piece that I would like to explore, trying to move
25 that into the 210. And an understanding that there will

1 maybe need to be some swapping, hopefully between just
2 the two districts, the San Fernando Valley and the 210.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner
4 Vázquez,

5 Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Thank you. Wanting
7 to just say a bit more follow up on my comment earlier,
8 because I absolutely get the importance of things that we
9 see that we didn't see before. But for me, I guess what
10 I'm saying is that it's starting to feel that, maybe we
11 don't realize that it is a very real possibility and a
12 growing concern that we can run out of time. And what I
13 really want us to do is to lock in certain areas and move
14 on and put the time at the back end. And after we've
15 locked everything, and we say, you know, there's this one
16 area that we think we could have, maybe go back and look
17 at it. And even then, not drastic changes because, of
18 course, it means then that Californians can't comment on
19 what we've changed last minute. So I can't state
20 strongly enough. I don't know when we'll get in a hurry
21 and really feel like we're out of time, if it's not now.
22 And what I don't want us to do is to get to some of the
23 end portions, Central Valley or other, and then all of a
24 sudden figure we don't have enough time, and now we want
25 to rush through the process.

1 It's time to rush now. We've heard from the
2 beginning from Californians. We've done what we could do
3 to accommodate them. These maps, we like to say they're
4 not going to be perfect. But I have two more things for
5 my area. It's not going to be perfect, but I have three
6 more things for my people. It's not going to be -- and
7 all of them are our people. And we're saying it with our
8 mouth, but our actions don't line up that we will not be
9 able to accommodate everyone.

10 And I think the sooner we land on something,
11 Californians can get ready to determine how they're going
12 to work together with their new partners, with the new
13 areas, with the new districts, with the new, you know,
14 elected officials that, you know, how they're going to
15 apply -- they can start down that path. But we have to
16 move. We can't keep doing what we're doing, making
17 changes on everything. And then just one more, because
18 you're one more change is going to impact that last area
19 someone else really did want to have moved. And then I
20 I'm going to want one more thing. We got to lock it and
21 we need to move. And at the end, if there's time now,
22 let's go back and look at it. That's all. Thanks.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
24 That is such an important message for us at this point in
25 time. I urge all of us to take those words to heart and

1 always have an eye on the end date which, again, is not
2 the 27th. We have requirements to leave the maps as they
3 are for several days before the 27th.

4 So we really are working towards our target date of
5 the 20th, and we need to understand everything we do in
6 relation to our ability to complete our work by that
7 point in time.

8 So again, thank you, Commissioner Turner, for those
9 words.

10 Commissioner Toledo?

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I would agree with
12 Commissioner Turner completely and wholeheartedly. You
13 know, I think this map excerpt reflects so much of what
14 we wanted. The COIs have been kept together. Not
15 perfectly. We've had to split some in some cases. But
16 it is -- it's a good representation. It's something that
17 I can certainly support.

18 And if we are going to make any changes, I would
19 hope that they'd be minimal, regionalized, and not impact
20 the goals that we set out, which was to maintain the
21 minority-majority, to raise the CVAPs, to keep the COIs
22 that we've identified together. And so limited in that
23 matter.

24 But I'm ready to lock this in, so I'm hoping that we
25 have support to do that. And I'm hearing that most



1 Commissioners, even the ones who want a couple of --
2 would like to see a couple of changes or exploration are
3 also -- would be also in support of this map, unless I'm
4 reading this wrong.

5 Thank you, Chair.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Yes. I
9 also agree with Commissioners Toledo and Turner.

10 However, if there is some minor explorations, I would
11 recommend that Commissioners Vazquez and Sadhwani work
12 with Jaime so that they're -- to minimize back and forth.

13 And then also, as Commissioner Toledo, I would
14 really like to minimize any changes because any time you
15 make a move or a change, you're impacting a different
16 COI, communities of interest. So whichever way, but I'm
17 just trying to consolidate it and make it as efficient as
18 possible. Thanks.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
20 Commissioner Vazquez?

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. Thank you. I agree
22 with everything that's been said. And I'll just add a
23 reminder in our conversation largely yesterday that we
24 actually spent very little time on the L.A. region Senate
25 maps compared to the rest of the maps in the rest of the

1 state. And so I do feel like these particular maps did
2 not get as much discussion or thought as the rest of the
3 maps in the rest of the state or even as much as the
4 Assembly maps in this portion.

5 So I think I would be more than happy to work Jaime
6 off-line to try to see what, you know -- what else might
7 be able to be done along the margins and rather quickly.
8 And again, I hope I have demonstrated in the past that
9 when I have requested something, I have been more than
10 willing to accommodate sort of the will of the Commission
11 and in the spirit of moving forward.

12 So I hope if the Commission will grant sort of some
13 additional off-line time, that, you know, we can move
14 with the proposal. And if that doesn't please the
15 Commission as much as this current iteration, then for me
16 this current iteration is something that I can support.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.
18 Commissioner Toledo?

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm being supportive of
20 providing some opportunity to explore around the edges.
21 And just as long as what comes back or maybe doesn't come
22 back as a recommendation meets the goals, right, that we
23 set forward. Because if it's going to create -- if it's
24 not going to meet the goals, then I do find that as
25 problematic. Thank you.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. So I am -- okay.

2 Commissioner Turner?

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. And I just wanted to
4 say, Chair, I support that totally, that part of that is
5 what got us to this point of what Jaime just presented
6 was some further thought on it. I just, again, just want
7 to -- that time factor. And even if we did it wrong and
8 even if we didn't spend the right enough time in the
9 right areas, the time is still going to run out.

10 And so I like exactly what was presented by
11 Commissioner Vazquez and those that's going to do a quick
12 exploration on the outside. And particularly as it comes
13 back where it doesn't impact other areas, I think this is
14 the way to go and move.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that.

16 I am happy to give the go-ahead for one or two
17 Commissioners to work with Jaime. I will depend on Ms.
18 Mac Donald to serve as gatekeeper to tell us whether this
19 is even feasible as far as her management of the mappers'
20 time as what -- you know, keeping in mind the other
21 demands on them.

22 As far as who works on this, I would also want to
23 know if there are others, whether it's Commissioner
24 Taylor, Commissioner Le Mons, anyone else who might be
25 interested in working on this.

1 Commissioner Le Mons, your hand is, I think, still
2 up. But I just wanted to touch base and confirm. Thank
3 you.

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. Just --

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Toledo.

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Sorry, Chair.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So I was just going to suggest
8 an addition to that. I am perfectly fine with
9 exploration of whatever meets the goals. But maybe
10 potentially just seeing if there's general consensus for
11 support for this. And if -- so these would be our maps
12 that would move forward if no refinements come up, if the
13 refinements that we are seeking, you know -- and of
14 course, we can always make refinements should there be
15 some exploration that comes back with things that we
16 would -- that we all can also agree to.

17 But maybe just -- I hate to use the word lock it in,
18 but lock it in for now so that we can -- and hope that
19 Vazquez and whoever is willing to work on some
20 refinements can bring us something that also meets the
21 goals and criteria. And then we can, of course,
22 incorporate that into our thinking. But I'm just
23 thinking about just the path forward.

24 Thank you, Chair.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.



1 I mean, at this point, I would consider this map as
2 being the map that we have for the Senate for Los Angeles
3 County. Commissioner Fernandez will be leading us
4 through the review of all of our districts. And, you
5 know, there may be minor points that could be raised
6 then. I am certainly trying to do my best to get us all
7 the way through the Senate maps and through the Board of
8 Equalization maps by the end of Friday.

9 And to the extent that there is any time remaining,
10 we can come back and look at, but again, I have to rely
11 on Ms. Mac Donald to ensure that the mappers' time is put
12 to where it is most needed to ensure our overall success
13 in this endeavor.

14 Commissioner Akutagawa and then Commissioner Taylor.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I just want to state
16 that I think -- well, first off, I am in support of
17 Commissioner Vazquez doing additional exploration.

18 I also want to note that we are already two days
19 over due to continued tinkering on the Congressional
20 maps. And I'm going to also state that I think we're all
21 guilty of that too.

22 So I think given that we still have additional
23 iterations of the Congressional maps that are still going
24 to be presented over the next couple days is my
25 understanding, I think giving Commissioner Vazquez the

1 chance to look at this is okay.

2 And the fact that, for the most part, we're pretty
3 satisfied with these maps I think speaks to the fact that
4 we should hopefully be able to wrap it up in the next
5 couple days, which then hopefully we will also be able to
6 do the same with the Congressional maps. I think we're
7 at the point where I think we're ready to just lock
8 things in, as you said, Chair. Thank you.

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

10 Commissioner Taylor?

11 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes, Chair. Thanks. So I
12 thought there was some good wisdom in maybe Commissioner
13 Sadhwani taking exploration with Commissioner Vazquez.
14 But if she doesn't have the stomach for it or is not able
15 to do it, I don't have any issues with taking that
16 sojourn with Commissioner Vazquez. And we can wrap it up
17 to see what's available or what's possible.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that, Commissioner
19 Taylor.

20 Commissioner Vazquez?

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Thank you. Happy to
22 work with either of the Commissioners.

23 Just wanted to clarify and just get, like, a general
24 consensus about sort of order of operations for some of
25 these explorations. That way I know where to spend our



1 collective time off-line.

2 So these are my priorities, and please let me know
3 if the Commission would like something different. So for
4 me, now being able to zoom out, I feel like priority for
5 me, number one, is looking at this Rancho
6 Cucamonga-Upland piece because we had discussed it
7 somewhat yesterday.

8 Number two is the issue of Maywood given that we
9 heard so much public comment about including Maywood in
10 the gateway cities.

11 And then number three is this proposed change from
12 Commissioner Yee about adding the forest area to Azusa.

13 Am I missing something? I had three. Is there a
14 fourth?

15 (No audible response)

16 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: All right. Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just real quickly. I think
18 the Azusa one got fixed already.

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Did we confirm those changes?
20 Okay. Then yes. So then two priorities, first one being
21 Rancho-Upland, second being Maywood. Great. Thank you.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.
23 Commissioner Sadhwani and then Commissioner Toledo.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. I just wanted to
25 confirm. I would support these maps as is. I do support



1 Commissioner Vazquez continuing to work on it. And I
2 also most definitely support Commissioner Taylor working
3 with Commissioner Vazquez to try to make some marginal
4 improvements. Thank you so much.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Good answer.

6 So let's ask Commissioner Vazquez and Commissioner
7 Taylor to spend a little bit of time with Jaime. Ms. Mac
8 Donald will ensure that the amount of time is controlled
9 from an overall management perspective. And we look
10 forward to hearing back from them probably tomorrow.

11 Commissioner Toledo.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. In addition to that, I
13 think -- I mean, I'm fine with the two goals. And also
14 just maintaining the CVAPs or -- either maintaining or
15 increasing the CVAPs, as we've always said. I'm just
16 repeating it because I just think it's so important.

17 And then maintaining the number of majority-minority
18 seats as well as our goals.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Excellent.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.
22 Commissioner Vazquez.

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Thanks for naming
24 that. Also, I am not interested in doing anything that
25 will reduce our CVAPs and complicate life.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Excellent. Okay. Thank you,
2 everyone. That was a very good -- first of all, again,
3 an excellent bit of work by Jaime, a solid presentation,
4 a solid discussion.

5 And we are able to move now to Sivan.

6 MS. TRATT: Thank you, Chair. One moment while I
7 get my screen up.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. We had left population
9 unassigned in San Diego County.

10 MS. TRATT: So the lines in red are where the
11 Commission left the districts after live line drawing
12 yesterday. And the black lines underneath represent the
13 changes that I made off-line that are also what is posted
14 for the public.

15 So I just wanted everyone to know that we do have
16 this starting point in case we want to walk anything
17 back. But just kind of pointing out some things, we had
18 some pretty crazy deviations. We had a negative
19 thirty-five in this SBRC district. We had this 17.56 in
20 the IOC district. We had a negative eight in SCCA. Plus
21 twelve in MCV.

22 So a lot of big numbers and a lot of kind of
23 structural changes in the Inland Empire. So I would love
24 to just today work to kind of smooth things out in the
25 Inland Empire as I know that that's where the biggest

1 kind of architectural shifts were taking place. But I
2 didn't want to go beyond the directions that the
3 Commission had given me because it was going to be
4 affecting the whole map basically.

5 So just -- I know that Jaime did touch on some of
6 these districts because there is overlap between L.A.
7 But starting in this POF district, the current deviation
8 is at 3.24 percent, and the Latino CVAP is at 52.88
9 percent. Again, this is still cutting off the Northern
10 portions of Upland-Rancho Cucamonga but now includes all
11 of the City of San Bernardino as well as stops at the
12 county line for San Bernardino-Riverside.

13 Moving to the South, this SBRC, which previously
14 stood for San Bernardino-Riverside County is now a
15 Riverside County only district. The changes that were
16 made I will put on the draft lines because you can see
17 just how different these districts are looking now.

18 I tried to implement direction to keep Riverside
19 whole. Unfortunately, there was no configuration I could
20 find that would keep the Latino CVAP over fifty percent
21 while including the entire City of Riverside. So
22 unfortunately, I did have to keep the split, although I
23 did lower that line a little bit to the South.

24 I also, again, removed portions that were in San
25 Bernardino County, moved the district on the East side --

1 or excuse me, on the Western side slightly to include
2 parts of the Cities of Corona, Norco, Eastvale, and then
3 also includes now all of Jurupa Valley and goes as far
4 South as Meadowbrook, Perris, Romoland and also includes
5 San Jacinto.

6 So those I would be happy to finetune, but just
7 pointing out a few of the other things that need
8 addressing, we have a negative 8.75 percent deviation in
9 the MCV district. We also have a negative 8.77 percent
10 deviation in the SCCA district. We do have this
11 unincorporated area still -- or excuse me, unassigned
12 area of population in the Eastern portion of San Diego
13 County that will need to be absorbed by a district
14 because currently it's not in any district.

15 So yeah. Those are the things that I would point
16 out as definitely needing attention. So happy to start
17 wherever the chair or Commissioners would like.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Sivan.
19 Commissioner Akutagawa.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So I have one
21 question on Riverside. We've gotten quite a bit of COI
22 testimony lately about the splitting of UC Riverside.
23 And so I just wanted to ask first about that one.

24 And then I'd just like to ask a question about South
25 OC, but first I'd like to see about this one.

1 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Sorry. Just trying to take off
2 the layers that are blocking this.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: It looks like we're in good shape.

4 MS. TRATT: So it looks like University -- yeah. It
5 looks like it is in this Northern portion of the city and
6 is in the SBRC. Commissioner Akutagawa, if you had
7 specific COI testimony with streets, I could double-check
8 that those streets are included, but from what I can tell
9 it looks like it is whole in a single district.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: There was mention
11 specifically about 900 University Avenue.

12 MS. TRATT: So it looks like University Ave. is
13 North of where the border is --

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

15 MS. TRATT: -- because the border is along the 215.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Great. As long as they're
17 all -- I know we just tried really hard to ensure that
18 the universities don't get split awkwardly because that
19 could be very awkward.

20 MS. TRATT: No. I appreciate that direction. Thank
21 you.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think it's in Riverside.
23 Can you turn on your microphone?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. I had written
25 down 900 Riverside Avenue. So maybe that was what was



1 being cut off. I'm not sure.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: The different COI
3 testimonies that I'm reading now is indicating 900
4 University Avenue in Riverside. Yeah. I don't know. I
5 don't know if there's a Riverside Avenue too, so --

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Let's move on from this.
7 Commissioner Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, I wanted to also ask
9 about Orange County I mentioned.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Go ahead.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So South Orange County.
12 Given some of the deviations, I know that there's been a
13 lot of COI testimony requesting more of a coastal
14 district for Orange County that would encompass the
15 entirety of the Orange County coast. And I wanted to
16 just bring that back up again as we're exploring San
17 Diego. You know, is there ways in which we can bring in
18 Dana Point and San Clemente, particularly since this is a
19 very large district?

20 And then that will have, obviously, some effects to
21 the North San Diego-Camp Pendleton areas too. But
22 potentially with that unassigned area, perhaps some of
23 the coastal areas can take in more of San Diego city.
24 And then that inland Rainbow, Bonsall, Fallbrook,
25 Escondido, which I've read a lot of COI testimony

1 recently is speaking about wanting to stay more inland
2 and to the East. And so perhaps that could be combined
3 with that unassigned area that we have right now and
4 perhaps move up into Southwest Riverside because I
5 believe that area was a concern about keeping it with the
6 SECA districts. So thank you.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
8 Commissioner Sinay.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. Ironically, we're
10 receiving a lot of COI testimony now asking for
11 Escondido, Vista, Oceanside, Carlsbad, Bonsall,
12 Fallbrook, Rainbow, which was a great one two days ago
13 for the Assembly. Anyway I -- for Congress. I'm sorry.

14 I keep thinking that -- does it make sense -- and I
15 don't know this area that well. But it feels like we're
16 cutting really close to a lot of the Salton Sea issues.
17 If we took Anza-Borrego and we moved it into the SECA
18 district, would that allow people to look at
19 environmental issues more holistically or not?

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: That certainly seems plausible. We
21 are looking for, what, 10,000 people or so that we need
22 to move? Or is it more than that?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I don't think it will
24 affect the CVAP data, statistic. But I just kept looking
25 at that and just wondering if it just made sense to

1 keep -- you know. Boundaries are created by humans, not
2 by nature. I mean, some boundaries are, but these
3 regional -- so that's why I was just wondering if putting
4 that together made sense.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. And we would eventually
6 also -- if we're going to move at least Borrego Springs
7 and the area to the East and North of that into SECA with
8 the Salton Sea, we would need to think in terms of moving
9 Anza and the areas South and East of Anza into SECA as
10 well.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I don't know if it gets
12 to be too big, but I was just thinking in the --

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay. So Sivan, could we
14 look at the Northeast quadrant of the currently
15 highlighted segment?

16 MS. TRATT: Like zoom into where Borrego Springs
17 area is?

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

19 MS. TRATT: Do you want the terrain layer on or --

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

21 MS. TRATT: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Are you waiting for instruction
23 from us? Sorry.

24 MS. TRATT: Yes. Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Sorry about that. Can

1 you zoom out a little bit? Okay. And this is the
2 full -- not just Anza-Borrego and Anza?

3 MS. TRATT: Yeah. This is all of the unincorporated
4 area that I had gotten direction yesterday to remove from
5 the -- it was formerly in the SCCA district.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So could we just look at the
7 brown? Like we said yesterday, kind of Anza-Borrego,
8 Anza up above, like, near where the 74 is. Just look at
9 how much -- I can't remember -- I know we did this
10 yesterday, so I apologize. How many people are in -- if
11 we go to Anza to Anza-Borrego?

12 MS. TRATT: Okay. Yeah. Yesterday, you had asked
13 just this Southern portion. But let me include Anza as
14 well. One moment, please.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. And we may just
16 want to do that.

17 So Chair, just I'm curious on your thinking if this
18 makes more sense or the Coachella Valley for the SECA,
19 the negative SECA?

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: I think at this point, this is a
21 good way to go.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: I agree with you that the
24 environmental concerns -- the Anza-Borrego area is an
25 important area in terms of environmental concerns and

1 matches with a lot of the terrain in the SECA district.

2 MS. TRATT: Should I go ahead and move the selected
3 area into the SCCA district? It looks like that would --
4 it is 12,285 people. And it would make the deviation of
5 SCCA negative 7.53.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So we're looking to move
7 eventually 100,000 into SECA. Okay. And Indio is
8 already in SECA. I would say, yes, let's go ahead and do
9 this. We can keep it in mind if we need to back it out
10 at some point.

11 MS. TRATT: Did you want Lake Riverside and Aguanga
12 also included? Or should I --

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: No. No.

14 MS. TRATT: Okay. I'll exclude. I'll readd those
15 back to the other. One moment. But you can keep talking
16 while I do that.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So we need to resolve the
18 remaining population that is unassigned. And so
19 basically, keeping in mind what Commissioner Akutagawa
20 had said, we might be looking at moving that unassigned
21 population into the SD-POW-ESC district and then passing
22 population from there into the SOC-NSD district and
23 through into Orange County.

24 So I don't know. Sivan or Karin, if you want to
25 walk us through what that might look like and what we

1 would need to do or be looking -- keeping in mind as we
2 did something like that.

3 In the meantime, I'll take some of these hands.
4 Commissioner Sadhwani, Commissioner Fernandez,
5 Commissioner Yee.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Since we're here,
7 I'll make my comment here. I actually didn't have a
8 problem with our draft maps in this area that included
9 this whole more Eastern portion of San Diego being in
10 SECA. So I just wanted to raise that. I'm fine if we go
11 back to that.

12 Also in this area, you know, I just want to lift up
13 we're getting a whole lot of testimony. We've always had
14 a lot of testimony from the LGBTQ community in Coachella
15 Valley wanting to be kept together. And I just want to
16 raise -- I'd like to see us attempt to try and keep them
17 together here.

18 That being said, I didn't actually raise my hand for
19 either of those. I'm actually more concerned with our
20 VRA districts back up in San Bernardino. It seems like
21 there might be ways to strengthen them. In particular,
22 I'm noticing -- well, we're actually over population
23 already in the POF district.

24 But I'm curious if incorporating portions -- moving
25 some population from Ontario -- that would mean splitting

1 Ontario to some extent -- could be moved into the POF
2 district in order to further strengthen that district a
3 little bit.

4 Although I'm seeing -- why did I -- I thought when I
5 looked at this before it was at fifty percent. So maybe
6 I'm wrong here. But I'll just raise that. I think that
7 is in general an option. I mean, I think it's worth
8 exploring. Maybe not in live line drawing, but it could
9 certainly be something maybe that Sivan explores off-
10 line.

11 I think down below in that other district -- I'll
12 just note. I mean, I think we're pulling together
13 different communities. I wanted to acknowledge that we
14 are taking in more of Riverside here. And that means
15 that we're not taking in Hemet and East Hemet where we've
16 had communities of interest testimony in the past.

17 In general, I can live with that. I think that we
18 have kept that COI together in other places. But I just
19 wanted to raise that and acknowledge it. I don't believe
20 that doing a swap there would actually impact the CVAPs
21 particularly based on some of the testimony that we've
22 received and the way others have drawn that area. But I
23 just wanted to raise it and kind of name that, that that
24 has occurred there. Thank you.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

1 Commissioner Fernandez?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. I was
3 just curious on Rancho Cucamonga and Upland. Right now
4 they're both split. I didn't know if there was a way
5 to -- thank you -- to either keep either one of them
6 whole by drawing the line differently, like between the
7 cities instead of right across. And there might have
8 been a reason. There might be one of the freeways there
9 or highways.

10 So anyway, I was just wondering what those
11 populations were on each side and to see if we could
12 minimize splitting one of them. Thanks.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I think we'll come back to
14 that shortly.

15 Commissioner Yee.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Very quickly back to
17 Commissioner Akutagawa's comment about UC Riverside. I
18 believe that actually had to do with the Assembly
19 district square. Actually, you separate it from the
20 greater part of Riverside. I'd be happy to look into
21 that. Would be even happier if, perhaps, Commissioner
22 Vazquez is interested in looking at that and having it
23 ready for a future date when we may have time to revisit
24 that.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.



1 Commissioner Andersen.

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. I like
3 adding Anza and Borrego to SSC. It does drain marsh --
4 it would drain from Borrego. Certainly would drain into
5 the Salton Sea.

6 But actually, I was thinking more of -- kind of
7 looking at the areas that Commissioner Sadhwani was
8 talking about, the POW or whatever they are up in that
9 area. Thinking of moving populations. I know that the
10 High Desert would really like to be High Desert not in
11 L.A.

12 And if we could go up a little bit on the map,
13 please, a little further North on the map. And I believe
14 that Highland wanted to go with the -- with actually the
15 High Desert and/or Victorville. You know, they're native
16 eight percent. And I noticed that Antelope Valley, who
17 also would rather be with Antelope Valley, we might be
18 able to switch some populations there. Maybe put
19 Victorville back in or something.

20 The Rancho Cucamonga area, that was -- it was drawn
21 that way because they originally wanted to be with the
22 Angeles Forest. But I also kind of like Commissioner
23 Fernandez's idea of maybe one whole and the other whole.
24 Sort of doing something in that area.

25 Just a couple of ideas as we move these populations

1 through.

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

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. The first thing
5 that just kind of popped -- and I think we've had it like
6 that before, but I just want to bring it up. But it
7 looks like the tribal lands right next to Anza have been
8 split. And so it might make sense to bring that line
9 South underneath those tribal lands. I know we'll be
10 losing some population, but I think it will help the neck
11 as well.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. And also I would say I'm not
13 seeing the reason for excluding that area in the middle.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: From which one?

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: From SECA. So let's finish this.
16 Let's move the line there. The selected area, the green
17 line, needs to come South below those tribal lands.
18 Right. Okay.

19 Okay. So then we're back to the question of this
20 unassigned population in kind of central Eastern San
21 Diego County.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I thought --

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Sivan --

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just going to say I think
25 what Commissioner Akutagawa said is good. What I'd like

1 us to do is look first at the -- kind of the City of --
2 because what we did in Congressional is we created these
3 vertical lines that don't necessarily make sense for the
4 City of San -- I mean, for San Diego County.

5 They do on the coast, but not in other places.

6 Well, they do in two different places, on the East and on
7 the -- but I'm good at bringing it over to San Diego POW.
8 The only question I have -- because I hear what you're
9 saying, Commissioner Akutagawa, is it looks like we need
10 population North.

11 And so I'm wondering do we need to push more of the
12 East side San Diego North up to Riverside to get it to
13 San Bernardino.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So this is where I was asking
15 Karin or Sivan or Andrew, anyone, to walk us through what
16 we need to be looking at and thinking about as we look to
17 assign -- and I believe what we're looking at is
18 something on the order of 91,000 people in that
19 unassigned area. And helping us think through the bigger
20 picture issues, the issue of the underpopulation in the
21 district with much of the Coachella Valley and the High
22 Desert, the underpopulation currently in SBRC. The
23 issues that Commissioner Akutagawa raised regarding the
24 feasibility of creating a coastal district running the
25 entire length of Orange County.

1 So just help us think through kind of the big
2 picture issues of process and result along those lines.

3 MR. DRECHSLER: Hi, Chair. This is Andrew. And I
4 just wanted to weigh in. And as you can -- or Sivan has
5 the number up of that unassigned area, which is about
6 77,000. If we did move it to -- completely over to the
7 POW, yeah, seed district, then that would be over -- I
8 think we would be about at seven percent. And then over
9 on -- seven percent over on deviation.

10 The district below that is short about 30,000. The
11 district SOC and SD is, you know, short from -- and this
12 is just getting to zero. Both of those are short about
13 30,000 for the Southern one and about 20,000 for the
14 Northern district.

15 So we could take this population in this area and
16 distribute it and have deviations overall, I think, would
17 be in the, like, one -- we could have all three of these
18 districts approximately one -- you know, 1.5, 2 percent
19 over deviation. So that's an idea of where we can start.
20 And maybe start by fixing this and then address a couple
21 of the other issues that were raised in Riverside.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

23 MS. TRATT: Chair, if I may, just to add to that, I
24 think that before we talk about the coast of Orange
25 County, we should, like Andrew said, address the

1 unassigned population. But I think we should also get
2 these two high negative deviations below five percent.
3 And then potentially pushing population up through this
4 SWRC and reuniting the Coachella Valley into two
5 districts as currently it's split in three districts with
6 this configuration.

7 So I think if we can talk maybe more big picture,
8 that will -- because there's a lot of different
9 competing -- directly competing priorities because these
10 districts have so many people in them, so --

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay. So if you could just
12 very quickly give us a population figure for that chunk
13 of the Coachella Valley that is in SWRC. I just want
14 to --

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

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- know what the population is.
17 That's Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, Indian Wells, La
18 Quinta.

19 Okay. While we're waiting, Commissioner Fernandez.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

21 If we move that unassigned area to SECA, doesn't
22 that even it out? No. But it will --

23 MS. TRATT: It would (indiscernible).

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- balance it, right?

25 MS. TRATT: Yes. That is correct.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: It would, but we're trying to be
2 responsive to community of interest input from those East
3 county communities that do not want to be in the SECA
4 district.

5 MS. TRATT: So Chair, I've selected these cities in
6 the Coachella Valley. And they are total population of
7 110,770 people.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And I'm thinking we may have
9 to move Anza back into SWRC and just have that Borrego
10 Springs area of San Diego County grouped with the Salton
11 Sea. And then if we looked at -- well, I mean, we still
12 have issues. I mean, Descanso is not going to want to be
13 with Riverside County. But are we looking at possibility
14 of moving them into SD-POW-ESC and then moving Bonsall,
15 Fallbrook, Rainbow, and Pala into SWRC? Okay.

16 Commissioner Fernandez, did you have anything
17 further? Okay.

18 Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you for that.
20 I was just going to ask if there was -- it looks like you
21 are already exploring the Palm Springs or that -- the
22 Coachella Valley area as an option.

23 I think -- what I've been reading is that the East
24 San Diego inland counties want to remain inland and with
25 each other. There's also been COI testimony that I read

1 about particularly Fallbrook, Bonsall, and Rainbow
2 wanting to be with Escondido. It seemed like there was
3 some openness to being with the other inland East San
4 Diego counties. It wasn't necessarily throughout all of
5 it.

6 Then there's the connection -- you know, I think we
7 know that -- we're reminded that these districts are
8 going to be really, really large and that we're already
9 looking at, you know, cross-county, you know, districts.
10 And so perhaps trying to keep it limited in terms of how
11 far into Riverside we have to go, that would probably be
12 better.

13 But I'm just thinking that maybe, you know, going up
14 into Temecula and that Southwest Riverside area might
15 help create that more inland district. And it looks like
16 because of population they're just going to be really
17 large districts. But it's probably better than being
18 with SECA for those areas, which is extremely large and
19 we already know that they would prefer to be with more
20 similar types of, you know, cities. So thank you.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you for that.

22 Commissioner Andersen?

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Two things.
24 I know the Coachella Valley wants to be whole, but if
25 you -- just looking at that quick switch, this --

1 remember, this is a VRA district -- went from sixty-one
2 to fifty-four.

3 And the impetus of that VRA district is also water
4 related and environmental. And I know the valley has
5 many, many things in mind. So I'm not hugely in favor of
6 that swap.

7 But the other thing I wanted to say is any of the
8 changes in this Anza or Borrego, as we make those lines,
9 can we please look at the terrain level and make them
10 accordingly so we don't, you know, make areas that are in
11 one district but you can't get there because of the
12 terrain level, please.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. No. We did look at the
14 terrain level when we did that. And we can --

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Originally, yes, but when
16 we're making those couple of changes, please.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. We can certainly continue to
18 do that.

19 Commissioner Turner.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I was just
21 wanting to go back to the public comment not in favor of
22 the swap for Fallbrook. Lots and lots and lots of
23 testimony requesting that they stay North inland San
24 Diego with all of the, you know, San Marcos, Vista,
25 Rainbow, all of what we keep hearing. So to move them

1 into Riverside for this other swap, I'm thinking maybe --
2 well, we know we're changing COIs one for another again.
3 But there is just substantial testimony of them wanting
4 to remain North and inland. Thank you. And not with
5 Riverside, per se.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
7 Commissioner Sinay.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's absolutely right that the
9 newer testimony is saying that. And we've received a lot
10 in the last forty-eight hours. But if we go back to when
11 we had the COI input public sessions, the -- what we
12 continually heard is Temecula wanted to stop at the San
13 Diego line, but Bonsall, Fallbrook, Valley Center, Pala,
14 they liked 15 -- there's two corridors. There's a 15
15 corridor, which is the 15. And then there's the 78
16 corridor. And Escondido kind of goes right -- both of
17 them kind of go right through Escondido. So Escondido
18 could go either way.

19 But that -- so that's why I said it was ironic that
20 we got it after we were talking about the Congressional
21 because that's partially what we were trying to do in the
22 Congressional, and we weren't getting this -- the
23 community input wasn't that.

24 So I think we could go either way. They are
25 connected now in some of the districts currently. Not

1 from our perspective. And if we need to -- yeah. It's
2 going to be we either need to push population North that
3 way or through Camp Pendleton to Orange County.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

5 So yeah. If you can back us out -- and back us out
6 a good bit because we do need to address this issue of
7 the underpopulation and where we're going to get that
8 population from. So one possibility is bringing in more
9 of the Victor Valley into MCV. I don't know how much of
10 the Victor Valley we could bring into MCV. Possibility
11 of bringing in enough to resolve the underpopulation of
12 both MCV and SECA.

13 And then to the extent that Antelope Valley, Victor
14 Valley were underpopulated, then we'd need to be looking
15 at making that up. We have some excess population in
16 SD210, but it's hard to see how to get it to that
17 Antelope Valley, Victor Valley area, particularly if we
18 were having to go around the West side. We'd have to go
19 through multiple districts.

20 Sivan, could you move the center of the map to the
21 right a bit? Thank you.

22 And then -- okay. So we've got S coast with some
23 excess population as well. Okay.

24 Andrew, you were starting to narrate through some of
25 these bigger picture questions. Do you have any further

1 comments on that?

2 MR. DRECHSLER: I think for MCV, there could be -- I
3 think it's Highlands if we wanted to take that from POF.
4 And I think there might be some areas there that would
5 be -- would do two things. One, it could increase the
6 CVAP and POF but also help the population deviation in
7 MCV. So that's just one big picture thing that I see
8 immediately.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Highland. I was also looking at
10 Loma Linda as a possible candidate there. We've got the
11 Southern portion of Redlands already in MCV. And to me,
12 it would make sense to move Loma Linda to be with the
13 Southern portion of Redlands.

14 Take some more hands here. Commissioner Sinay, did
15 you have anything further? Okay.

16 Commissioner Sadhwani.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. So a couple thoughts.
18 One, I would support, you know, taking out Highland and,
19 as I mentioned before, having that POF district
20 potentially taking parts of Ontario to continue to
21 populate it but also to hopefully boost Latino CVAP
22 because that is a VRA district.

23 Another piece is you mentioned pushing population
24 from SD210. We raised earlier -- and I believe
25 Commissioner Vazquez and Taylor are looking at this. We

1 still have -- we could put -- well, actually, that's
2 in -- how would that work? I'm thinking it can -- if we
3 pushed the Rancho Cucamonga and portion of Upland that's
4 sitting out into SD210, it would require you to take more
5 from SD210 out and pushing it up, through, and around.
6 So, you know, a more complicated process, but one that
7 would potentially lead to additional population in MCV.
8 Thanks.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay.

10 Commissioner Toledo.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Chair. I'm just
12 trying to wrap my head around all of these potential
13 changes. And I tend to work best with goals. So and I'm
14 just trying to understand what the goals of all these
15 changes are. And as best as I can see them, what I'm
16 hearing at this point is keeping a strong SECA, so making
17 sure that the CVAP in that area is strong, maintaining
18 the LGBT community in the Coachella Valley together,
19 potentially some ensuring that the CVAPs in SBRC and then
20 PDF -- I think it's PDF or POF --

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: POF.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- are improved as best as
23 possible or at least maintained while also getting the
24 deviations to the appropriate level. Are those the goals
25 that we are trying to move in? I mean, I'm just trying

1 to put all of the pieces together and trying in my head
2 to understand the direction that we're going and to --
3 because ultimately, at the end of the day, we can go back
4 and say we met the goals or we didn't or we met most of
5 our goals. But just trying to understand where the
6 direction is -- where we're going, I guess.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yep. Those are pretty accurate.
8 You know, it's part of the remedying the
9 underpopulations. But we've got that unassigned
10 population that we are trying to deal with. So, you
11 know, that could be included in the list.

12 Anything further, Commissioner Toledo?

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No. Thank you. I just was
14 making sure that I understood the direction.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Appreciate it. Thank you.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Sure. Commissioner Fernandez.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. I'm just
19 thinking at some point we might want to maybe work off-
20 line on this maybe with one of the line drawers. Because
21 it does seem to be -- you're going to have to move
22 population around, so it's -- it make take a while.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So I'm just wondering if
25 that might be better.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

2 Commissioner Turner.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, Chair. And I think shape
4 files were sent on this, but there is an extensive swap
5 suggestion that's coming in from the hub that will
6 maintain our VRA district. And that suggests that for
7 SECA we're bringing in the rest of Southeastern San Diego
8 to keep it whole while maintaining the majority LCVAP
9 area South of 94, East of 805 into SECA. And then
10 there's other swaps that they are suggesting that will be
11 able to help this.

12 And so I think the team, our line drawers, have
13 this, but maybe we can look at this. Moving in areas
14 into SOC and SD to population. It goes on quite
15 extensive, but it gives a lot of direction. That may
16 have been a newer suggestion that was sent just on the
17 14th that might help.

18 And I don't know, Chair, if you wanted --
19 Commissioner Fernandez talked about taking it off-line --
20 if you wanted that done or if you wanted me to read out
21 so that you can -- the Commission can see the suggested
22 changes and see if this gets at what we're trying to
23 accomplish.

24 MS. TRATT: Commissioner Turner, those lines are in
25 green. Those are the latest version from the Black

1 census and redistricting hub that I have.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. From the 14th? Thank
3 you, Sivan.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: But that would -- as I read the map,
5 that would leave most of East county San Diego in the
6 SECA district. And that is one of the issues that we are
7 trying to address to see if we can find a way to group
8 those East county communities better than having them
9 there.

10 So yeah. We'll probably come back to getting some
11 overall direction for some off-line work, but let's
12 explore a little bit further right now.

13 Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

14 Commissioner Andersen.

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Just quickly. I'd like
16 to grab -- balance the MPH -- what the San -- the High
17 Desert with some of Victor Valley, if possible. We need
18 about 30,000 people. But I will stop anything else. And
19 please take Jaime.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Jaime.

21 MS. CLARK: Hello. Thank you. Just thought I'd pop
22 in since we're talking about the 210 district and have
23 been working off-line on this. It is possible and -- you
24 know, I'm going to keep working with Commissioners Taylor
25 and Vazquez on this. And it is possible to move that



1 population into 210 and then sort of absorb the
2 population throughout other districts without having to
3 rotate it fully around. Looking at doing a big rotation
4 would potentially throw off the CVAP in NELA or in the
5 San Fernando Valley based district. So just a no on
6 that.

7 And then additionally, right now, talking about MCV
8 and trying to balance populations there, just removing
9 that area in Rancho Cucamonga and Upland from the Victor
10 Valley based district makes that district underpopulated
11 by negative 6.44 percent.

12 So then trying to balance MCV with that would
13 further underpopulate it. So essentially, just making
14 this move with this Victor Valley, Antelope Valley based
15 district, again, you're going to underpopulate that
16 district. And essentially it would require probably
17 moving this unassigned area in East San Diego County in
18 with SECA to move population to MCV to then populate this
19 direction.

20 So basically just note here that if you want a
21 balance between MCV and Antelope, Victor Valley, it's
22 the -- and remove Rancho Cucamonga from that district,
23 then the population balancing actually has to go the
24 other direction than moving from the Antelope Valley,
25 Victor Valley district into MCV.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. That's very helpful. I mean,
2 what I'm hearing is that as much as we might want to and
3 as much as they might want us to, it's just very
4 difficult to work this through and have East county San
5 Diego not be part of SECA.

6 Is that what I'm hearing, Jaime?

7 MS. CLARK: Well, this is definitely Sivan's forte.
8 I think she could speak to this better than I could.
9 It -- I mean, in some way or another, this population, of
10 course, needs to be assigned to a district. And right
11 now, with looking at moving this Rancho Cucamonga area
12 out of the Victor Valley, Antelope Valley based district,
13 the population does need to move North in general.

14 So rather that be with East San Diego County going
15 North to the SWRC district and then areas in the
16 Coachella Valley -- more areas in the Coachella Valley
17 being included with MCV so that there's room for more
18 population to move into the Victor Valley based
19 district -- yeah. So I guess it doesn't necessarily need
20 to be with SECA, but of course all of the districts need
21 to balance and all the area needs to be assigned. So
22 that might be the most direct route to move that
23 population.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Sivan, do you have further
25 thoughts on this?

1 MS. TRATT: Yeah. I think everything Jaime said is
2 probably what I also would have said. We don't have to
3 add all of this population back into SECA. We could
4 probably get away with adding, you know, some of these
5 Easternmost cities and just kind of trying to see how
6 much we can add until we get this within range.

7 But yeah. I definitely like the suggestion that
8 Andrew made about moving Highland into the MCV. I don't
9 know if folks were looking at the pending changes box.
10 And I can definitely bring it back. But moving Highland
11 out would fix both MCV's negative deviation, it would
12 keep POF's deviation still within range, and it raises
13 the Latino CVAP to over fifty-three percent.

14 So I think just that one move might tick one thing
15 off the box. And then we can return back to the
16 unassigned and SECA and move that way. But I think we
17 should address that first because I don't think that
18 pulling from Los Angeles is in the best interest of the
19 overall goals of the Commission at this point.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Right. Right. So unless
21 there's any objection, I would like to ask Sivan to go
22 ahead and make that one change as a first step. And then
23 I think it would make sense to look at moving Loma Linda
24 into MCV as a possible second step and for many of the
25 same reasons as the move of that population in Highland

1 to MCV.

2 MS. TRATT: So again -- and I'll pull up both of
3 these before I commit them just so everyone can see.
4 Moving the rest of Highland into MCV would make the
5 deviation of MCV negative 3.5, so back within range. It
6 would also make the Latino CVAP of POF 53.31 percent.

7 And then looking at moving Loma Linda in would have
8 a similar effect, although it would not fully fix the out
9 of range deviation. MCV's deviation would still be
10 negative 6.23. But it would raise the Latino CVAP of POF
11 to 53.65 percent.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: And actually, a third option would
13 be to move all of Loma Linda and plus part of Highland.
14 I recall that we have Highland split in some of the other
15 maps.

16 And I'm thinking, unless mappers tell me otherwise,
17 that we could be considering -- I mean, we have to be
18 careful with the CVAP in POF, but underpopulating it is
19 not necessarily a major concern. So we have the CVAP
20 above fifty-four. We have the deviations on both sides
21 within range. Do we want to look at taking any more of
22 Highland?

23 Commissioner Sinay and then Commissioner Vazquez.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just going to volunteer
25 to work with the line drawers off-line when that time

1 came.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you. We've got about
3 eighteen minutes until our meal break. And I think that
4 may be when we do give direction for some off-line work.

5 Commissioner Vazquez.

6 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Before we make these
7 changes, can we -- I'm uncomfortable with making these
8 changes to a VRA district that we worked on yesterday
9 without having the Latino CVAP on, especially in
10 Highland.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: With the heat map on?

12 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. Sorry.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect. Perfect. Thank you,
14 Sivan.

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I am comfortable with
16 these changes. Bummer that we can't keep Loma Linda in
17 POF since we spent some bit of time trying to make that
18 work yesterday. But I am okay with these changes.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: The option was to not bring in Loma
20 Linda but to bring in more of Highland. So which makes
21 most sense to you?

22 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: What may be helpful also is
23 to turn on the Black CVAP because I think there are --
24 there's some within group distinctions and communities up
25 in the San Bernardino-Highland area.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. I mean, my consideration in
2 this is that Loma Linda, you know, does have a good bit
3 of affinity with particularly that Southern part of
4 Redlands and --

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Right.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- Yucaipa.

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Right. Yeah. I think this
8 is an acceptable change from my perspective given all the
9 factors.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And we can refine it further
11 at some later point if we really have a reason to come
12 back to it. But -- okay.

13 Commissioner Turner.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I wanted to
15 inquire concerning is that a -- kind of Northwest
16 geography to where Highland is, is that a reservation
17 area we're splitting?

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: There is a reservation there. Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. And was that by design
20 that we're splitting it?

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: I think we had tried not to. That's
22 the San Manuel.

23 MS. TRATT: Yeah. It appears to be in the MCV
24 district currently. I'm not sure if it also overlaps
25 with the City of San Bernardino.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So what we're seeing also --
2 Sivan, could you -- are we seeing -- okay. It's the heat
3 map that's on also. So if you could turn the heat map
4 off for a second. Maybe that's going to give us a
5 better -- okay.

6 So then we need to fix that. Can we bring the rest
7 of the San Manuel lands into POF or is --

8 MS. TRATT: Yeah. That shouldn't be a problem.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- are we better going the other
10 way?

11 MS. TRATT: No. That shouldn't be a problem. I
12 would just have to accept these changes first. But
13 there's --

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

15 MS. TRATT: -- it looks like less than 100 people in
16 the census blocks in this area. So it shouldn't make a
17 big difference in the --

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Very good.

19 So any objection to making these current highlighted
20 changes -- shifting Loma Linda and part of Highland from
21 POF to MCV? That will put both of the population
22 deviations within range and the Hispanic CVAP in POF
23 would increase from 52.88 to 54.02. Any objection?

24 Okay. Sivan, please proceed with that. And then
25 bring the San Manuel lands into POF.

1 MS. TRATT: One moment, please. All right. Those
2 changes are complete.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And if you can zoom back out
4 so that we can see most, if not all, of this region. So
5 we still have underpopulation in SECA. We still have the
6 unassigned population in East county San Diego. And so
7 we need to decide whether we want to explore pushing some
8 population up across the San Diego-Riverside County line
9 or if we are going to cross the San Diego-Orange County
10 line or some of both.

11 And if we are going to push population up across the
12 Riverside County line, then I might think of reversing
13 the change with Anza, have Anza back on the Riverside
14 County side.

15 Commissioner Vazquez.

16 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Sorry to backtrack
17 just a little. Question for the Commission. We just
18 moved the San Manuel reservation to keep it whole and
19 with a San Bernardino anchored district. And I'm just
20 curious if maybe it makes more sense to actually put that
21 whole reservation in the MCV district. While that
22 reservation is definitely associated with San Bernardino,
23 I'm just curious about keeping it sort of with some other
24 critical masses in the MCV area of native reservations.

25 So just a question. I don't have a strong opinion.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We can keep that on a list of
2 pending questions. I think it is a good one.

3 Commissioner Sinay.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You know, I think kind of what
5 Commissioner Turner had mentioned earlier that there --
6 you know, we had kind of explored earlier if we wanted to
7 take more from the South -- you know, the Southeast San
8 Diego, that area, and put it into SECA, which would
9 then -- that's more, you know -- that would allow us to
10 keep some of these other communities of interest
11 together.

12 The problem is -- I mean, what happened when we
13 pulled this -- the East county out of the SECA district
14 was it really did strengthen the VRA district. And
15 they're very, very, very different areas. And I think
16 that there's more similarity if you add some of the
17 other -- some of the neighborhoods that were dense but
18 near the 94 as Commissioner Turner said.

19 And that would allow to create communities in San
20 Diego -- you know, create probably two districts in San
21 Diego that would make more sense for the community. And
22 some of it would, you know, continue to push up, but
23 it -- you know. So that's one alternative.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Turner and then
25 Andrew.



1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. That's exactly what I
2 wanted to go back to. East San Diego to balance
3 population, I'm wondering if we can put the heat map on
4 again to see if there is at least more of that population
5 that we can move back to SECA so we would have less
6 unassigned area to attempt to move.

7 MS. TRATT: One moment, please. I'm just changing
8 it back. It's currently on Black CVAP. So let me just
9 change it back to Latino.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The unassigned would probably
11 still be there, but just the SECA wouldn't be negative.
12 Can you zoom in a little bit when you have a chance.
13 Kind of in the -- you know, South of the 94 corridor.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: If there's a way we can take
15 the red off so we can see the heat map because we
16 selected all of this area to try and move it out of SECA.
17 But what I'm looking to see is if we select areas that
18 have heavy concentrated populations -- and maybe they're
19 spread out. We know that. And maybe put the numbers on.

20 MS. TRATT: I'm sorry?

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: The census blocks.

22 MS. TRATT: So that would -- I would be zooming in
23 really, really close. If you want me to --

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. I see.

25 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Yeah.



1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

2 MS. TRATT: I can zoom in on an area. Where would
3 you like to see the --

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Well, what I'm wondering is,
5 is I'm trying to see -- because we're trying to move
6 population. And right now, we were trying -- what was
7 the number? The total amount of people that we're trying
8 to move.

9 MS. TRATT: I believe it's around 77,000 people,
10 so --

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So what I'm trying to do is to
12 just determine if there's a way we can reduce the amount
13 of people required to move so we can put some back into
14 SECA based on an area that has more Latino population so
15 that we don't lower the CVAP.

16 So if we were to grab some of the unincorporated
17 area in the North, this is, again, not based on COI.
18 It's just based on balancing population for right now to
19 see what that looks like. I don't know what these areas
20 are per se.

21 MS. TRATT: Yeah. We could look at moving the line
22 on the other side of Descanso as I feel like these might
23 be more East county cities. And then Ramona, Alpine,
24 these could be put in with these other districts. We
25 could also look at moving population from the City of San



1 Diego and shifting things up that way. Yeah.

2 But most of the population is going to be close to
3 the city anyways. There's not very much population out
4 here.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Andrew.

6 MR. DRECHSLER: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. And sort
7 of going along that suggestion and going back to sort of
8 adding this -- you know, the idea of, again, adding the
9 unassigned population, the 77,000 to the POW-ESC
10 district, from there, you could -- once we do that maybe
11 address SECA first.

12 Yesterday, we had explored going into the Southern
13 part of the City of San Diego and not necessarily, you
14 know, going all the way over to the City Heights COI, but
15 there was some population that could be added to raise
16 the SECA number and the population number. I think that
17 could easily solve. That would be taking population away
18 from the COR-Cajon district. But as we will be
19 overpopulated in the district North, we can move the San
20 Diego -- the city -- the line that's going in the City of
21 San Diego where we can move that North a little bit and
22 see -- to help populate that out.

23 And then once we are done with that, we can then
24 look at the SOC-NDS. So that's sort of -- move the
25 unassigned population, address SECA, and then work your

1 way North from there would be one way to do this. And
2 again, happy to work with, you know, this now or over the
3 break.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. If you could just excuse me
5 for a moment.

6 Commissioner Fernandez, if you can just take over
7 for a second while I'm dealing with another matter.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Looks like it's lunchtime.
9 No. I'm kidding.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Almost. We are five minutes away.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Sorry. Okay.

12 Andrew, one more time. Sorry.

13 MR. DRECHSLER: No. Not a problem at all. So we
14 have about 77,000 in the unassigned area. And if we move
15 that over to the West and add it to the SD-POW, that
16 would be overpopulated. But once that is over there, the
17 things that we could do is first address the SECA
18 district because that is underpopulated. And if we went
19 and looked at that population near Sherman Heights,
20 Barrio Logan just to the East of that, we can add in some
21 of the population to get the SECA numbers population
22 number up.

23 From there, we would move North because we would be
24 taking population from the COR-Cajon. And we could
25 address that by moving the line in the City of San Diego

1 further North. And then we would be doing two things.
2 One, you would be getting the population number back in
3 COR-Cajon. You'd be getting the population number in
4 SD-POW-ESC down as well.

5 And then, finally, the final step in this would be
6 then addressing the SOC-NDS district. And I know that
7 Commissioner Akutagawa wanted to maybe perhaps move some
8 of the OC beach population out of this. So that's
9 something we can look at. But it's sort of like a ripple
10 effect that I just walked through.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It is a ripple effect that
12 effects quite a few districts, Andrew.

13 Are there any objections to the path that Andrew
14 just kind of described right now? Are we good with
15 making the initial move of the -- what is it called --
16 unassigned area into SD-POW. Right? That's what you
17 said?

18 Okay. I don't see any objections. Commissioner
19 Sinay, is your hand up or is it just -- are you doing a
20 Fernandez there?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No. Well, I was just going to
22 say just to add a little more context for, you know, when
23 we're saying parts of San Diego can go into the COR and
24 El Cajon, that would -- I think the first we would like
25 at is the Asian business COI because that would be a good

1 combination with those that are already in there.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So let's commit
3 this, Sivan, please. Again, awesome, Sivan. Just wanted
4 to make sure we've given you kudos.

5 MS. TRATT: No kudos necessary. Okay. So now
6 SD-POW-Escondido district is over by eight. Should we
7 zoom in on the portion of San Diego city that is in
8 the --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

10 MS. TRATT: -- SCCA district? Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Sivan.

12 MS. TRATT: One moment.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then if we don't get
14 done, then hopefully -- we do want you to have a lunch
15 too, Sivan, but it might be cut into a few minutes.
16 Maybe if we can have someone work with you off-line if
17 that would be okay?

18 MS. TRATT: Yeah. That would be great actually. So
19 yesterday, we looked at adding population South of the
20 94. Is that where we would like --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: What does that look like
22 number-wise?

23 MS. TRATT: Yeah. I can start grabbing some blocks
24 here.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I have to use my pieces.



1 MS. TRATT: So we could add more if we would like.
2 Currently, though, adding this selected population would
3 bring SCCA within the legal deviation. It would be at
4 negative 4.34 percent.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And did it drop our --
6 wait. Did it drop our --

7 MS. TRATT: Latino CVAP would be at 60.88.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. And it's at 61
9 right now?

10 MS. TRATT: It is.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: You're hiding it from me.

12 MS. TRATT: But it's super underpopulated, so --

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

14 MS. TRATT: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. I'm ready. Thank you for
17 taking over.

18 We do need to have a quick closed session.
19 Commissioners will find invites for the closed session in
20 their email. It is also coming up on time for lunch. So
21 as far as the public, we will be coming back after our
22 lunch. That is scheduled to end at 3 p.m.

23 So thank you, everyone. We will see you -- we will
24 see the public at 3 p.m. And we'll have a brief closed
25 session as soon as we can -- as soon as we can get in



1 there.

2 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone, for your
4 patience during our meal break. As I had indicated
5 beforehand, we did have a brief closed session meeting
6 while we were away. I apologize for not mentioning
7 beforehand that that was held under the pending
8 litigation exception. We did not take any action in that
9 meeting. And we are back to resume our live line drawing
10 with Sivan here to help us.

11 Sivan, if you can just pull the map back for a
12 moment, and we can review where we are in the bigger
13 picture here.

14 So SECA is underpopulated. San Diego, Poway,
15 Escondido is overpopulated. COR-Cajon is underpopulated.
16 South Orange County, North San Diego is underpopulated.
17 Southwest Riverside is overpopulated. MCV is
18 underpopulated. POF is pretty good. SAA is slightly
19 underpopulated. We have some population in SD10 West.
20 And we are needing some population in SBRC.

21 Okay. Could we start this session by looking at
22 where we might address the underpopulation of SBRC and --
23 so if we zoom into that. Okay.

24 So we've had -- we've certainly had some community
25 of interest input over the months wanting Hemet to be in

1 a district with Moreno Valley and Perris. Could we look
2 at what bringing Hemet in would do to our numbers?

3 MS. TRATT: Yes. Sure. One moment while I select
4 Hemet. So adding all of the City of Hemet in would put
5 us over the five percent deviation. And it looks like it
6 would also lower our Latino CVAP to 49.48, which could
7 likely be addressed when we remove additional population,
8 but just pointing that out.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. That seems unlikely. Okay.
10 If we go to the other end of the -- or maybe if you could
11 go ahead and put on the heat map for us.

12 MS. TRATT: Let me turn off the city color fill.
13 One moment, please.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay. Could we look at the
15 Southeastern portion of Chino? We're looking -- okay.
16 SBRC. We are 37,000 or so underpopulated. Okay. If we
17 can look at that area. Yes.

18 MS. TRATT: One moment, please. Would you like me
19 to continue adding population?

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. And I would say, you know,
21 probably the -- well, I would follow the Ontario -- yeah.
22 Up the county line there.

23 Okay. So now we have -- wait a minute. How did
24 that happen? No. If you bring -- if you reverse those
25 last couple of blocks because we had -- okay. So the

1 population deviations there -- okay.

2 MS. TRATT: Negative 0.65 for SBRC and 0.05 for SD10
3 West. And the Latino CVAP of SBRC would be 50.6. SD10
4 West would be 59.33.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Could you reverse one more
6 block there in Ontario?

7 MS. TRATT: Yes. Should I keep removing population?

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: No. Any other thoughts from
9 colleagues? I mean, another thought is if we reshaped
10 this so that Norco and Corona were out of this district
11 and we looked at more of -- maybe looked at more of
12 Chino.

13 Commissioner Sadhwani.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I definitely would suggest
15 removing Corona and Norco. I don't know how much of
16 Corona we have in there currently. Another option also
17 might be taking a look further down at Hemet and East
18 Hemet. Again, in our Assembly maps, we had actually
19 spent quite a lot of time looking at COIs within this
20 area. This is a VRA district, so it's not simply about
21 COIs. But if you notice, we had a line cutting through
22 the Northern portions of Hemet. I don't know exactly
23 what the Latino population CVAP is there, but that might
24 be something that could help us out as well.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Sivan, let's try bringing in



1 that same Northern portion of Hemet that we have at the
2 Assembly level.

3 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Should I go ahead and move out
4 some population in Corona first potentially? I think
5 that will give us a better --

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I'm getting head nods. So
7 yeah.

8 MS. TRATT: Okay. Okay. One moment while I add
9 those to the Southwest Riverside district.

10 Okay. So it looks like we're looking for about
11 86,000 people in that Northern portion of Hemet, which I
12 think is doable. I'm going to accept this change. And
13 we can always come back to this.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: We were also looking at possibly
15 removing Norco. Do I remember you saying yesterday that
16 you had tried to add more of Riverside city and that was
17 not helping?

18 MS. TRATT: It was not helping the --

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

20 MS. TRATT: -- Latino CVAP, no. But it was
21 obviously helping other, you know, Commission directions.
22 But yes. It did not help Latino CVAP in that case.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

24 MS. TRATT: Do you want me to try and also bring in
25 East Hemet or focus first on this Northern portion of --

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: I would say first on that Northern
2 portion.

3 MS. TRATT: Okay. One moment, please.

4 So I know this isn't the cleanest selection, but it
5 looks like we could move farther South if the Commission
6 so desired. But currently, we are only at about 60,000
7 people selected in this area.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. We're at 50.33. Okay. I
9 think -- yeah. If you can finish cleaning that up.

10 Commissioner Fornaciari.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Unfortunately, it
12 looks like that's making our CVAP go down. In the more
13 Northern area of this district I was noticing something
14 we had included in the Assembly that maybe we can include
15 here to see if that helps.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Perfect.

17 MS. TRATT: Where was that area, Commissioner
18 Fornaciari?

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Just right above
20 Woodcrest. You see there's, like, a triangle sticking
21 South? Do you see where I'm talking about on the
22 Western, very Western part of the map right now; right
23 there.

24 MS. TRATT: Oh, this area right here --

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.



1 MS. TRATT: -- in Riverside?

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: I didn't know if -- I mean, it
3 doesn't look like we want the whole part, but if you
4 know, have a line kind of on the bottom going up
5 Northeast, maybe if we continued that line and captured
6 those red blocks, that might help. I don't know.

7 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Let me add some population from
8 that part of Riverside. One moment. So that gets us
9 closer to being back in deviation but Lat -- looks like
10 Latino CVAP is at 50.39.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. I think -- I think we're
12 going -- we're not achieving our objectives here. I --
13 Commissioner Turner and then, I'd appreciate Commissioner
14 Sadhwani's thoughts on going looking more towards Chino.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. It may cross a county
16 line, but I'm looking at a population that's North of
17 Eastvale. Does that go -- oh, that goes off into a
18 diff -- no.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. But that --

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. That's right.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: I mean, we -- we --

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- we explored that a moment ago.
24 And there may have been some marginal benefit going that
25 far North, but no farther because when we -- when we

1 started going North from there, the numbers started going
2 down. So I was -- I was thinking more of --

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- of looking in Chino --

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. And that didn't do
6 anything; did it?

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Andersen, and then
8 Commissioner Vazquez.

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I like the idea of
10 ra -- don't try to get all of it in one area but get
11 little bits. And with that in mind, I might not take the
12 full triangle that Commissioner Fornaciari was talking
13 about, but if we go a little further South, there's a --
14 also, don't know how many people it has, but in a --
15 little bit from the South --

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Oh, Canyon Lake?

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- and also East. Correct.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. So it's --

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: A little further East.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- it's --

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Go to South and East.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. It's towards the bottom of
23 Menifee, I think.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right there. That little bit
25 of --



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- Canyon Lake. I don't know
3 how many people are in it, but you know, it was 3 or
4 4,000, but I wouldn't take all of it. Only the -- say
5 the Northern portion and just see. If -- you know, we
6 take little bits in different areas, only because it's
7 VRA district. If you take that area, say, on the West
8 side of the -- of the reservoir, of the lake.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. It didn't -- looks like it
10 didn't do much for us either way.

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Nope. Okay.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Vazquez. And then
13 Commissioner Fornaciari, and then Commissioner Sadhwani.

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Agree with the
15 approach of trying to get a little -- a little bit around
16 the edges and can we zoom into the Grand Terrace portion
17 on the county line between Riverside and San Bernardino?
18 I know I remember that being a strategic ad at one point;
19 it may not be very strategic now because there's no --
20 there's no Latinos there, or at least not a large-enough
21 portion. That do anything to CVAP?

22 MS. TRATT: It lowered it by --

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah.

24 MS. TRATT: -- about a tenth of a percent.

25 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I like that -- I liked



1 the -- or I thought maybe it helped a little bit to take
2 that Southern portion of Chino. Yep. Right there. I'm
3 wondering if we just follow -- I wonder -- to try to get
4 North of Eastvale, I wonder if we take a little bit of
5 Ontario along with Chino. Are you --

6 MS. TRATT: Sorry. I had the wrong layer on. One
7 moment while I reselect that.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: And --

9 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- and another thing that we can
11 consider is if there are -- if we want to overpopulate
12 and then remove areas, that might help us reach our
13 objectives. So that's just another way to approach this.

14 Commissioner Vazquez, did you have anything further
15 right now?

16 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: No. I like that suggestion.
17 There also seems to be maybe something-gardens down below
18 Norco. Yeah. Right there. That might be worthwhile,
19 trying to widen that line to capture that little piece of
20 Corona.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: No.

22 MS. TRATT: So yeah. We're now below fifty, but we
23 are within our deviation range, but that is with adding
24 all of the selected areas. Would you like me to deselect
25 any of these selections?



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: I would deselect that last one.
2 Commissioner Fornaciari.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. So I know it's
4 going the wrong way population-wise, but I'm wondering if
5 we have areas that maybe like Norco that are really low
6 in CVAP, if we take those out first and then -- and then
7 go forward from there. But I guess I would also offer
8 that maybe this is a little more in-depth than -- and
9 hit-and-miss kind of thing than we might want to do live,
10 and I don't know. It's up to you, Chair.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Now, let's continue for a few
12 more minutes, and then we can -- we can pull back and
13 look at this region more broadly and see if there's any
14 other instruction we want to give Sivan.

15 Commissioner Sadhwani.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yep. Actually, pretty much
17 the same advice or suggestions as Commissioner Fornaciari
18 and Vazquez. Just -- I'm just noting, right, if we're
19 looking at our Assembly lines, and again, not nesting,
20 but note till we've pulled down into Eastvale. We
21 exclude Norco, which was Commissioner Fornaciari's
22 suggestion, and I agree with that. And then we include
23 Corona -- that -- more of Corona, Coronita, and El
24 Cerrito. And I don't know where exactly that's going to
25 get us.



1 I'm also concerned that this area may not -- we may
2 not be able to get it super high, but at a minimum, I
3 think we could try those. And I would agree also -- I
4 mean, I think, yes, let's work on this. But at the same
5 time, I would feel perfectly comfortable giving direction
6 to Sivan to continue to work off-line to try and you
7 know, boost this as much as possible.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner
9 Sadhwani. So the areas you were suggesting was exclude
10 Norco, exclude the Southwestern portion of Eastvale that
11 is -- that is grouped with Norco in the Assembly
12 district. And then what else?

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think -- I think in
14 particular, let's start with taking -- removing Norco. I
15 mean, let's keep Eastvale for now because we do need
16 population. But definitely Norco and then pulling in
17 more of Corona and El Cerrito --

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- possibly -- there's only
20 little dubs and dabs in there, but Coronita also seems to
21 have some population down there. I don't know how much.
22 But you know, as we -- as we kind of similarly did in
23 the -- in the lines. I would say keep Eastvale for now,
24 Sivan --

25 MS. TRATT: Oh, okay.



1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- only because we would be
2 cutting off some of those little red dots in there.

3 MS. TRATT: So before I can add more of Corona, I
4 have to remove this first.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

6 MS. TRATT: Can I go ahead and accept this change?

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

8 MS. TRATT: Okay.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Turner. Commissioner
10 Vazquez.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I wanted to see what
12 would happen if we grabbed population at the county line
13 far South of Fontana all the way across if it would -- we
14 could pick up population there or increase our CVAP with
15 those numbers at the county line in Fontana.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Vazquez.

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sorry. I think I am
18 repeating what Commissioner Turner just suggested to
19 bring that county line in Fontana, bring the district
20 line South. It may improve the CVAP somewhat.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Bring the line South or bring the
22 line North into San Bernardino?

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Oh, so we're -- I think,
24 saying the opposite thing, but trying to achieve the same
25 objectives --

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: -- so either take the Fontana
3 line and move it South on the Fontana side or take the
4 Colton side and move it North. I'd be, I think, more in
5 favor of taking the Fontana line South just because the
6 Grand Terrace -- cutting Grand Terrace in half, I would
7 say, is a little less preferable.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. So that we're going to
9 reduce population in SBRC if we move that Fontana line
10 South.

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Right. And I guess I was
12 thinking we could still potentially keep some of the
13 Hemet --

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: -- population.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

17 MS. TRATT: So Chair, what I currently have selected
18 is twofold. These are the portions of Corona, El
19 Cerrito, and Coronita that were in the Assembly lines as
20 well as bringing this line down in Riverside, as
21 suggested additionally by Commissioner Fornaciari.
22 Adding both of those areas into the SBRC district would
23 again raise our Latino CVAP to 51.77 percent.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Any objection to making this
25 change? Okay. Sivan, please go ahead with that one.



1 Commissioner Turner.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No. Nothing new. Just if we
3 need it --

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- I'm still interested in
6 either way at the -- at that line.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Vazquez.

8 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: No. Nothing else.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: What about Menifee? Is --
11 I don't know if that would boost it a little. I'm trying
12 to think of other ways similar to what Commissioner
13 Fornaciari was saying of taking out some areas.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But right now, we are --
16 oh, wait. We're not under. Okay. But it's --

17 MS. TRATT: We're still under --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- we are a little bit
19 under --

20 MS. TRATT: -- like .41 of that.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- but not as much as I
22 thought in terms of --

23 MS. TRATT: Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- bringing in -- well,
25 part of Menifee.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So --

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- we have -- we have two areas we
4 want to explore, the Northern part of Menifee and the --
5 then moving the -- it was moving the line South of the
6 county line along the Southern edge of Fontana, and
7 that's if we need to reduce the total population. So
8 let's go ahead and add the Northern portion of Menifee
9 first.

10 MS. TRATT: So just looking to get you under
11 deviation and I can continue to add --

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would, yeah.

13 MS. TRATT: -- as desired, but we are going in the
14 right direction. The Latino CVAP was raised slightly to
15 51.81.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Yeah. I would -- I would
17 continue South.

18 MS. TRATT: Okay. One moment, please.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: And again, I don't -- I don't mind
20 overpopulating and then finding a good place to remove
21 population. Sivan, go ahead and keep bringing that line
22 South in Menifee. You see in -- over towards Winchester
23 where the Assembly line takes a right turn. Yeah. If
24 you can the --

25 MS. TRATT: Right here?

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- bring the bottom part of that,
2 yeah, just to the left of where your hand is. So if you
3 could bring the line in Menifee South to there, and then
4 let's look at it.

5 MS. TRATT: Okay. One moment while I clean up this
6 selection. Do you want it all the way across?

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

8 MS. TRATT: Okay.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, she's going to clean it up.

10 MS. TRATT: And I can clean this up off-line, but --

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

12 MS. TRATT: -- is this more or less the area --

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: That's more or less what we were
14 looking at. Do we -- do we want to remove any from the
15 Western portion of that where we're well within deviation
16 right now as I -- as I read the table.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: But am I correct that our
18 Latino CVAP has declined?

19 MS. TRATT: Yeah. The Latino CVAP, if this area was
20 added, would be 50.82.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, it --

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And before we were at 51.60.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: 50- -- we had at 51.8 at one
24 point.

25 MS. TRATT: Yeah, that was just with the

1 Northernmost portions.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Yeah. So Commissioner
3 Turner.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, that's what I was
5 calling out. We had it initially 51.8, and with adding
6 those additional portions, we've dropped CVAP in the area
7 so.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: So do you --

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And that was just the very --
10 with the very first selection that she made up at the
11 top.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I see.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, we go -- you see?

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: So now we're at 51.81.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So Commissioner Sadhwani.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I know we looked at
18 it before by taking the whole strip of Northern Hemet,
19 there's actually one area -- and again, I don't know what
20 the population is just in those blocks further over in
21 Hemet.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Can we go ahead and accept
23 this?

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah,
25 yeah, yeah.



1 MS. TRATT: Oh, you did want me to accept -- oh,
2 okay. Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just that -- yeah, that top
4 portion that raised it to 51.8.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

6 MS. TRATT: All right. One moment.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Okay. And then -- yeah, I
8 want to give direction and ask Sivan to continue working
9 on this off-line.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Um-hum.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: But we'll take Commissioner
12 Sadhwani's --

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- suggestion first.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right. So just that area
16 kind of coming straight downward, dipping down into it.
17 I wonder if you (audio interference) take that portion as
18 opposed to that full longer strip if that might --

19 MS. TRATT: This portion right here?

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

21 MS. TRATT: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

23 MS. TRATT: One moment, please.

24 MS. TRATT: So we're --

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And it looks like we're --

1 MS. TRATT: Yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. Thank you.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. It went -- yeah, it's an off-
4 line thing. So Sivan, we won't -- we won't accept this
5 one. We'll ask you to continue to work on this off-line
6 if you could -- yeah, zoom out.

7 MS. TRATT: Yeah, I think if before I go and work on
8 this off-line, if I could get some like, nonstarters from
9 the Commission because I think -- I just -- I don't want
10 to -- in making an effort to strengthen the voting
11 potential for this district, I don't want to disrupt any
12 of the other architectural kind of changes that the
13 Commission has already made. So just any specific noes,
14 specific yeses would be really helpful in addition to if
15 anyone wants to volunteer to embark on this off-line and
16 make an iteration, I don't know how that's happening, but
17 if that's a possibility still, that would probably be
18 best.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good. Commissioner
20 Sadhwani.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I mean, happy to work
22 with Sivan if she needs that, but also happy if someone
23 else wants to take it on, no problem. I would just say
24 in general, totally okay to cross into county borders.
25 That being said, I would be concerned if we lowered the

1 POF.

2 I also just wanted to note, yesterday we spent time
3 looking at a few of the maps that had been offered by
4 some of the community groups. And we were looking, kind
5 of, in broad strokes. And I just wanted to note, in this
6 area you know, the Black Hub, for example, draws a
7 similar district, but they only top out at 50.63. MALDEF
8 draws also similar in this area, not the same, but
9 similar, and they top out at 50.94. We're already doing
10 better than some of those community groups. So I'm
11 excited to see what Sivan comes back with just noting
12 that we're already at 51.81. So thank you.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Okay. So if you could
14 pull the map back a little bit farther.

15 Commissioner Fernandez.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair.
17 And I am also okay with county -- crossing county lines.
18 I would prefer to get this Latino CVAP higher, though,
19 higher than the 51.81. Thank you.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa. Okay.

22 Commissioner Fornaciari.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Let's see. We have
24 another -- a number of other kind of changes that we've
25 been looking at in Sivan's area here. Do we want to have

1 somebody just work with her globally on the whole area to
2 come back with a -- with a proposal?

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. So we've got the
4 underpopulation SECA; we've got the underpopulation and
5 MCV; we've got the split in the Coachella Valley that we
6 need to see if we can address. I would be okay with
7 reversing that change, having Anza back in Riverside
8 County based district. Sivan, if you could pull the map
9 back any further.

10 MS. TRATT: Let me turn the heat map off.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please. Okay. So we still
12 have the overpopulation in San Diego/Pala/Escondido
13 district. Again, depending on where we need population
14 that could go through Southwest Riverside District or
15 through the South OC North San Diego District depending
16 on where we need the population.

17 Anything -- any other instructions, Commissioner
18 Sinay?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm willing to work on this
20 area --

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- with the line drawers.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Do we -- do we want to ask
24 Sivan also to look at Southeast San Diego as a potential
25 source of the -- of the additional population that we

1 need in SECA? Okay. So we would -- we would want some
2 further exploration in Southeast San Diego to address the
3 SECA underpopulation. The -- my understanding of the San
4 Diego POW Escondido excess population is that most of
5 those would want to go not with the -- could you -- could
6 you zoom in a bit? Yeah. So the -- there's a
7 possibility of grouping -- keeping Ramona, Alpine
8 Descanso, that general area with the San Diego portion
9 with Santee, et cetera, and then we might look at Valley
10 Center, Bonsall, Fallbrook, Rainbow, Pala as potentially
11 being in the Southwest Riverside District as a way of
12 moving some of that population. So if you could explore
13 that, if you could explore raising the Latino CVAP in the
14 Riverside City District and looking at how to address the
15 split in the Coachella Valley.

16 Commissioner Akutagawa.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I think I just want
18 to state, I think we're at a point where we can't have
19 too many nonstarters, I guess, right. That includes,
20 yes, there's a desire not to cross counties, but I think
21 we just have to be open to that --

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Right.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- right?

24 Lastly, I just want to maybe suggest that maybe one
25 way to rotate that San Diego area once we get the VRA

1 districts put in place, is moving that you know, San
2 Diego Poway. I know they didn't want to be with
3 Coronado, but I'm wondering if that might be better
4 because it's a big district anyways. And then you know,
5 you could move out at least -- then you might be able to
6 you know, group them a little bit differently. That's
7 just a thought so.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Right.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Okay. Sivan, are you --
11 do you have sufficient direction at this point?

12 MS. TRATT: Yes. And who should I be
13 coordinating -- or I guess if Commissioners who are
14 willing to work with this could email Karin, that would
15 be the best way to get the set up to work off-line.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We've actually asked them to
17 email Anthony, and Anthony will liaise with Karin so.

18 MS. TRATT: Thank you for that clarification. Yes,
19 email Anthony first.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Sivan. And in
21 line with our run of show, we would next like to sit down
22 with our friend, Kennedy.

23 Commissioner Fernandez.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Sorry. I should
25 have said this before, but I forget that the one area

1 that was unassigned initially, I realize I don't want
2 to -- they don't want to go into Imperial, but if they
3 have to, that -- they may have to stay there so --

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- I just want to make sure
6 we --

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: I mean, that's --

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- state that.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- that would be part of the --
10 yeah. All options on the table.

11 MS. CLARK: And Kennedy is setting up right now, so
12 we just need about one minute.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good.

14 MS. CLARK: Thanks for your patience.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

16 MS. WILSON: And hello.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Central Valley.

18 MS. WILSON: I will be -- hi. Sorry. Can you hear
19 me? I wasn't sure if --

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

21 MS. WILSON: -- I could hear you.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. We can hear.

23 MS. WILSON: Oh, okay. Okay. So let me just pull
24 up my screen really quickly and we can get started. So
25 here are our current -- your current Senate districts for



1 the Central Valley and Northern California.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect. So we're going to -- we're
3 going to start with the VRA areas in the Central Valley.

4 MS. WILSON: Okay. Sounds good to me. Let me zoom
5 in on those. And would you like me to describe kind of
6 what we've got going on here?

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

8 MS. WILSON: Okay. So starting in Kings and Kern,
9 we have a similar configuration to what we've had in the
10 Assembly maps and the Congressional maps. The Country
11 Club is not included. Neither is -- let me zoom closer
12 to Bakersfield Country Club and Old Stockdale are not
13 included in this iteration. If you want to further
14 refine and pull in the lines even closer, we can do that
15 as well. We have Shafter kept whole; Delano, McFarland,
16 Wasco together. And then moving up into Kings and
17 Tulare, we have Kings' whole, and Tulare carves out
18 Visalia. So Visalia is not a part of this district at
19 all. However, we have Farmersville right next to it
20 included Lindsay, Strathmore, Porterville, Tulare is
21 whole. And then moving to the North, we have --

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Kennedy, could you speak up a little
23 bit?

24 MS. WILSON: Oh, yeah. Sorry.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.



1 MS. WILSON: This better volume or maybe me -- let
2 me move closer as well. Okay. Is this better?

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

4 MS. WILSON: Okay. Do you want me to repeat
5 anything?

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: No. I think we're good.

7 MS. WILSON: Okay. So moving into Fresno County, we
8 do have the cities of Fowler, Parlier, Reedley,
9 Kingsburg, Selma, and Orange Cove, a part of this
10 King/Kern district. So it really spreads out between the
11 Southern parts of Fresno, all of Kings County, portions
12 of Tulare, mostly the Eastern -- the Western portions
13 excluding Visalia and then down into Kern County, and
14 again, the familiar shape that we've seen before.

15 And then moving on to the SBENFRESNO, which includes
16 Fresno, the city of Fresno, it goes atop the cross off
17 Shaw, and then cuts up the 99 as well. And then you have
18 the Southern portions, and you have Clovis, and then the
19 Northeastern and then parts North of -- North and East to
20 the 99 going up to the Fresno/Kern District.

21 And then we also stop at the Fresno County line. We
22 reach into Madera. And we have the city of Madera,
23 Madera Acres up to Chowchilla, and Fairmead, and again
24 the entire county of San Benito. And then we the Salinas
25 Valley from Salinas down to King City as well as

1 Greenfield, Soledad, Gonzales, Chualar, Spreckels as
2 well. And those are the two VRA districts that have been
3 constructed in this area.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioners, are we able to
5 support these as they are?

6 Commissioner Fornaciari.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I'd be interested
8 in seeing our Assembly districts because we have --

9 MS. WILSON: Just one moment while I bring those up.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- please. We had four,
11 right, Assembly districts in the Valley and then one
12 on -- in San Bernardino; is that correct, four VRA
13 Assembly Districts? Yeah. I just -- I just want to
14 compare.

15 MS. WILSON: So looking at our Assembly Districts,
16 they are in blue. I'll follow. So from the bottom, so
17 it comes in blue. It's a little bit tighter in the
18 circle that it makes here. This one stretches out a
19 little farther on almost all sides, except for this
20 middle part near La Cresta.

21 And then we -- moving North again in blue, it does
22 come down to Buttonwillow, but then does move in closer
23 here as well. We do take a part of Visalia in our
24 Assembly district and move out to Woodlake and Lemon --
25 and Ivanhoe as well.

1 And then come and taking similar parts in Fresno,
2 the boundary differs just slightly as you can see some
3 little divots above that black line. And I would say a
4 main difference is definitely the inclusion of San Benito
5 and the Salinas Valley. And the Assembly districts, you
6 did not cross that county border line and I continued to
7 move North. And as you can see, the district stops in
8 Merced and cuts right above this Atwater, the City of
9 Atwater, as you can see here. And so that is a
10 difference of why this line moves higher and this one
11 stops at the Fresno County border.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: So yeah, just an interesting
13 difference here is the current district is -- the current
14 Senate district in San Benito and the Salinas Valley and
15 it goes over and includes Merced County, which is not
16 included this time, just FYI. And I guess I would -- I
17 would wonder aloud if that is a better match for San
18 Benito and Salinas Valley.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well --

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fornaciari, do you have
21 thoughts on that.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- the road definitely --
23 I mean, there's a road that goes between the two
24 counties --

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.



1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- that -- yeah. There's
2 no -- there's no connection between San Benito and the
3 counties we have them paired with. But then -- yeah, I
4 guess -- I guess we need to -- need to do some thinking
5 about how we would design that.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Any other colleagues have
7 thoughts on that? Is this -- is this a change that we
8 would like to direct the mappers to go off-line and
9 develop options for us and bring those back at some
10 point?

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I didn't understand the
12 change. Can you say that again?

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: The change, instead of linking San
14 Benito and Salinas Valley to Fresno County as we have it
15 in the current Senate draft, we would link San Benito and
16 Salinas Valley to Merced County with which they are
17 currently grouped in a Senate district, not our maps, the
18 2010 Commission's map. And Commissioner Fornaciari was
19 pointing out that there is, in fact, a road link between
20 San Benito County and Merced County, where there is not a
21 road link between San Benito and Fresno County.

22 Commissioner Toledo.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'd support a linkage that
24 would keep more of Monterey, San Benito, and Merced, and
25 possibly some Santa Clara if we need it, to get to the

1 million mark if there was a -- if there -- if there was a
2 way to do it. I just don't know if there's enough
3 population to make it all work out and also maintain the
4 districts in the Central Valley. Thank you.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

6 Kennedy, can we hear from you?

7 MS. WILSON: Yes. I was just going to say, so
8 taking out San Benito and the Salinas Valley would
9 obviously under populate the Fresno district as it is
10 now. And to keep this a VRA district as well, it would
11 have to go into Merced. So San Benito -- it -- like this
12 has to -- what -- it has to go with one or the other --
13 well, Fresno has to go with one or the other, because if
14 you take away San Benito, then this is underpopulated.
15 And if San Benito goes with Mer -- Merced, then Fresno
16 has nowhere to go.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

18 Commissioner Fernandez.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I'm with Commissioner
20 Toledo. I -- I'm just wondering what that paring's going
21 to look like. I think that we might have to go back and
22 do Santa Clara, which is we've already done that in the
23 Congressional. So I guess I'd be open to exploring, but
24 I'm just not sure how we're going to be able to tie the
25 communities from San Benito area or the Salinas area --

1 Salinas Valley to the Fresno that is also VRA.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Right. Okay. Kennedy, and
3 then Commissioner Andersen, followed by Commissioner
4 Turner.

5 MS. WILSON: And my apologies, I meant to lower my
6 hand.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Andersen,
8 followed by Commissioner Turner, followed by Commissioner
9 Sinay.

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I know this is -- this
11 is a problem, but I would prefer to keep -- try to keep
12 the VRA district in the Central Valley. You know,
13 Fresno, and Merced have more in common than Fresno and
14 San Benito, the Salinas Valley. I mean, you can't get
15 there. And I see the problem. I don't think we'll have
16 enough population if we try to go -- yeah, the San
17 Benito, Merced, Santa Clara, I don't think you get there.
18 I think you've got to do the Fresno/Merced area. I would
19 try that first, please.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
21 Commissioner Turner.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I'm totally in
23 support of the Fresno/Merced and certainly can work off-
24 line as well.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you for that.



1 Commissioner Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to say how
3 impressed I was by how high the CVAPs were for the VRA
4 districts. And I would be curious -- I mean, I think
5 Merced/Fresno makes sense, but I would also be curious to
6 know you know, is San Benito -- does it feel close to the
7 Central Valley or to -- or to you know, we're getting all
8 these emails saying, don't put us with the Silicon
9 Valley. And I know it's not the Silicon -- parts of it,
10 but I just -- I'd like us to be open.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

12 Commissioner Toledo.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I was wondering if
14 Kennedy has some of the community maps that have been
15 drawn for this area and how they draw the Central Coast
16 in particular, but all of the VRA districts, if she has
17 the shapefile -- obviously, if she doesn't, then we can
18 take a look at them off-line.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Kennedy.

22 MS. WILSON: Yes, I do have MALDEF, Black Hub, and
23 Asian Americans Advancing Justice loaded into my plan
24 right now, if you would like to look at those.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.



1 MS. WILSON: Okay. So I'll start with MALDEF. They
2 have a simi -- similar configuration down in Kern County.
3 However, in Tulare, they do take some of Visalia and then
4 take out again that part of Hanford that we spoke about
5 earlier. And then they reach into Tulare from the top
6 and still take some of Fresno County that looks just like
7 Laton and Kingsburg. They bring into their
8 Kings/Tulare/Kern version.

9 And then again in Fresno, it's very similar.
10 However, they do take out Old Fig Garden, so they follow
11 Shaw and then dip below Old Fig Garden and then go out to
12 the 99. And then they have Sanger, Fower -- Fowler,
13 Reedley as well as the rest of the Western part of Fresno
14 County. And then they go up and take Merced as well as
15 Madera -- Madera, Madera Acres, Chowchilla, Fairmead.

16 And then going to the San Benito District, they have
17 San Benito paired with more of Monterey, and then up into
18 Santa Clara, and taking more of San Jose as well as
19 Morgan Hill, San Martin, and Gilroy as well. And those
20 are MALDEF's.

21 And I can go ahead and put on Black Hub as well or
22 if you want to talk about that one or you let me know the
23 one you want to show.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Kennedy, do we have the CVAPs for
25 the -- for the MALDEF map?

1 MS. WILSON: Yes. One moment. So one moment while
2 I select that. I don't know the exact numbers, but I do
3 know that their Kings/Tulare/Kern version was at fifty-
4 eight, and then their Fresno/Merced -- Merced version is
5 at fifty-three. I don't remember the .00 or what that
6 was, but I can look that up for you right now.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And could I ask Mr. Becker
8 for his thoughts on our current Senate draft in this
9 area? And it --

10 MR. BECKER: There were four -- if memory serves,
11 there were four Assembly districts in these VRA-covered
12 areas and there are two Senate districts which are
13 exactly twice the size of the Assembly districts. So I
14 think this -- these compositions and given their
15 population concentrations, I think that the current
16 iterations adequately protect the Latino population
17 protected by the Voting Rights Act in this area.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

19 MS. WILSON: So for this district, the one that
20 spans across Kings, Tulare, and Kern, they have a Latino
21 CVAP of 58.9 compared to this version at 58.06. And then
22 their Merced/Fresno is at -- and one moment while that
23 loads up, 53-point- -- and we'll have that in a moment.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fornaciari.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh, I don't think we got

1 there. Did she -- Kennedy say with the San Benito?

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: She's coming back with that.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Okay. Sorry.

4 Yeah.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: You want to wait until after that?

6 Okay.

7 MS. WILSON: And sorry, I don't have in the file, it
8 doesn't have the numbers the same way, but from looking
9 at them before, again, so this is 53.22 and ours is at --
10 yours is at a 55.31.

11 And I will now go on to look at the San Benito one.
12 I believe it was around forty-three. And so we will see
13 right now as I open that up.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: While she's doing that, did
15 you get Fresno/Merced she said was fifty- -- someone had
16 wrote it down here?

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 53.22.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: 53.22.

19 MS. WILSON: And so there San Benito configuration
20 is at 43.12 percent Latino CVAP. And if I may talk about
21 when we were constructing this, we -- you chose to put
22 San Benito with Fresno under the -- you know, under the
23 knowledge that San Benito could not be with a VRA
24 district if it was not put in with the Central Valley.
25 And that's why it's this configuration today.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Right. Okay. Commissioner
2 Fornaciari.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So basically where we're
4 at, it seems, if I can just summarize, we have five
5 Assembly VRA districts, but we only have enough
6 population, LCVAP population, to draw two VRA Senate
7 Districts. And our drafts had chosen to cross to San
8 Benito. Other versions we're seeing both districts are
9 in the Central Valley. So I guess we have a decision to
10 make on how we want to ultimately draw our VRA Senate
11 districts.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: And what changes are needed from the
13 way we have them drawn currently, which, according to
14 counsel, are compliant with our obligations?

15 Commissioner Turner.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I just wanted Kennedy
17 to continue. We still did not see the maps for the Black
18 Hub, so I wanted to be able to see those as well.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

20 MS. WILSON: Yes. We still have the Black Hub and
21 Asian Americans Advancing Justice.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Why --

23 MS. WILSON: So I will --

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. While you load those, I'll
25 continue with some of the hands until you're ready.



1 Commissioner Fernandez.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I just wanted -- I
3 think Commissioner Fornaciari said that we have five in
4 the Assembly, but we only have four in the Assembly VRAs.

5 And then in terms of preferences, I would -- I would
6 prefer to keep San Benito with Monterey because in the --
7 in the Congressional, we paired them with Santa Clara, so
8 I would really like to be able to you know, share the
9 pain, and then work off the other VRA in the Central
10 Valley. Thanks.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that, Commissioner
12 Fernandez.

13 Commissioner Sadhwani.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I mean, I think for
15 me, the question is are we comfortable leaving the folks
16 in -- sorry. I'm blanking on where we are in the map
17 here, Merced, hanging out outside of a VRA district. I
18 mean, it seems to me that the -- that there's a
19 responsibility to include them in there. Maybe I'm
20 wrong, but maybe if we could get some clarity on that,
21 that would be helpful.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: So the choice seems to be, and Mr.
23 Becker, correct me if I'm wrong, protecting a population
24 in Merced County versus protecting a population in San
25 Benito County and the Salinas Valley. We could -- we

1 could -- you're on mute. We could draw --

2 MR. BECKER: Yeah --

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- a district -- a VRA district in
4 either direction, but not both directions simultaneously.

5 MR. BECKER: So what I can't comment on is whether
6 those are the only two choices available. There are --

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

8 MR. BECKER: -- VRA concerns in both San Ben -- San
9 Benito and Merced County as well as Fresno County. And
10 I'll just leave it at that as to what direction you want
11 to -- want to go with that.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

13 MR. BECKER: I think the -- Kennedy, can you show
14 the current -- the current Fresno/San Benito district?
15 Can you make -- thank you. So I think it's a question as
16 to whether or not -- whether or not it's impossible to
17 draw a district with both those -- with all of those
18 areas in it in which case you're not required to. But if
19 it's possible within population limitations, which are
20 the top criteria, that would be desirable.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Becker.
22 Commissioner Toledo.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I mean, it's -- it seems like
24 our current maps do cover the protected groups at this
25 point. I mean, when I look at who's protected and

1 they're pretty much all in the VRA district at this
2 point. Although, it's not my preferred -- it's not my
3 preferred map. My preferred map, I think, would have
4 from a policy perspective, more of the Monterey and San
5 Benito area outside of a VRA district, mostly because
6 they were in the past under Section 5 of the VRA.
7 They've worked together for so long and that is the
8 Central Coast. And we're putting them in a district that
9 is not quite as -- the connection's not quite there. But
10 I also see the importance of protecting the voices of
11 those who we need protection.

12 And so I'm just struggling with that at the moment
13 and thinking through that and see if there's any other
14 configuration that might meet all of the requirements.
15 It doesn't look like the population is there to create
16 the -- enough of the VRA seats, but still thinking
17 through that and processing.

18 Thank you, Chair.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.
20 Commissioner Fernandez.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. And we
22 do have a strong CVAP right now. I think it was six- --
23 fifty-five percent, something like that. And we tend to
24 always look at how they're not connected, but they are
25 connected. It's that Latino voice that's very important

1 to have, and it's at fifty-five percent. So my initial
2 vote would be to keep it as is. And then if we're going
3 to go somewhere else with that, then I would look to have
4 San Benito with Monterey. Thanks.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
6 Commissioner Andersen.

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I have to say that no,
8 it -- I mean, right now, the way we have it drawn, Merced
9 is not covered which bo -- we just heard is indeed a VRA.
10 And I would like to see it in the Central Valley.

11 I also think that San Benito, you know, we've been
12 hearing a lot from the San Benito and Monterey that they
13 do not want to be with the Central Valley. And they do
14 want to be more with their -- with Monterey and their
15 coast. And their -- despite what our numbers are saying,
16 they're saying that they're numbers say that's different.
17 Although, I haven't seen any of their numbers. So I'm
18 also kind of torn, but I would prefer to really look at
19 the Merced and see what we can do there.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Can you be a little more specific?

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I would like to pursue the two
22 VRAs districts -- or the Senate in the Central Valley.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Keeping the boundaries of both VRA
24 Senate districts within the Central Valley?

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: That is correct.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good. Thank you.

2 Commissioner Sinay.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I -- you know, to be consistent
4 with what we have done with all the other plans and
5 districts, I would want us to explore as much, as we can,
6 that our obligations to all individuals versus geographic
7 areas, and see if we can create -- this one's not the
8 current -- is this the current lines? No. Can you put
9 the -- yeah, I was -- I was getting a little confused.

10 I would -- you know, really see -- I mean, as I said
11 earlier, I think the Latino CVAP is strong. It's the
12 first time you know, we come to the Central Valley and
13 there's a strong Latino CVAP in all the areas. And that
14 was because we could pull in more population. But maybe
15 there is a way to do part of -- you know, part of San
16 Be -- Benito, part of Merced, and part of Fresno you
17 know, seeing which one -- you know, creating a VRA
18 district that encompasses the three VRA obligations. It
19 might not cover all people, but at least it gives voices
20 to Latinos in all three. I'm not sure if I'm making
21 sense.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: So you would be proposing a VRA
23 district that included the Salinas Valley, San Benito
24 County, a portion of Merced, and a portion of Fresno?

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Um-hum.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So --

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If it works.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: If it works. So let me ask Kennedy,
4 from a mapping perspective, what are the -- what are
5 the -- what are the chances of coming up with something
6 like that?

7 MS. WILSON: If you want to split communities
8 more -- you know, I kind of see it going one way or the
9 other.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: So Salinas Valley, San Benito, and
11 either part of Merced or part of Fresno?

12 MS. WILSON: Yeah. If you -- it's hard to pick up
13 the population. You know, taking just a part of -- San
14 Benito already is not taking very many people, but then
15 you just would have to then split up the community that
16 is here to take part of both. And that would be a
17 decision you have to make about how to --

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

19 MS. WILSON: -- split in both areas.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay.

21 Commissioner Turner.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. So yeah, the CVAP
23 numbers in San Benito is very strong, but it is not the
24 Central Valley. San Benito is not the Central Valley.
25 And I really want the -- to be able to support the

1 Central Valley having two strong Latino VRA districts.
2 And I think that it can be done in the Central Valley. I
3 think Central Valley is where I want to make sure we're
4 doing what we can, that we're not just choosing to not
5 concentrate on folk -- you know, on ensuring that they
6 have strong representation as well.

7 San Benito has requested to be with some of the
8 other districts in Monterey. It's where they've told us
9 they want to be. It's where we can look at to see if
10 that can even be carved up differently, to keep strong
11 representation there. Perhaps there are other options.

12 I'm still waiting to see the other two maps that we
13 asked for and get sidetracked each time. I want to see
14 where the numbers are for the Black Hub and for the -- I
15 think you said the Asian Advancing Justice as well,
16 because I want to make sure we're not just saying, oh,
17 there's two -- we need the now go -- I mean, I know
18 everyone's looking hard at this, but it feels like we're
19 going one or the other. And I want us to keep working
20 and exploring options here, too, now that we're in the
21 Central Valley. I think that the Central Valley deserves
22 focus this time as we're working on these maps.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner
24 Turner.

25 Could we pull back a little bit, Kennedy? Okay.

1 Thank you. And can you walk us through what -- and these
2 are -- this is a map from the Black Census and
3 Redistricting Hub. Could you please walk us through
4 their districts in the Central Valley and Central Coast?

5 MS. WILSON: I can; and I would like to point out
6 that the Black Hub and Asian Americans Advancing Justice
7 lines are the same in the Central Valley. So if I toggle
8 them on and off, Black Redistricting Hub has a color
9 fill, and the green lines are the Advancing Justice. So
10 they are identical. So as we look through them, this
11 will be both of these districts.

12 And so they have a similar configuration in Kern
13 County. Again, they include all Shafter, Wesco,
14 McFarland, and Delano. Moving North, they keep King's
15 County whole, but they do take out a portion of Visalia,
16 which was similar to MALDEF, except for MALDEF also cut
17 out in Hanford as well.

18 And then moving into Fresno County, we have Reedley,
19 and Kingsburg in the Black Hub and Advancing Justice
20 maps. And then in the other MALDEF maps, they -- Reedley
21 was not included and put into the Fresno district.

22 And then moving into the city of Fresno, MALDEF,
23 compared to the other two, takes out Old Fig Garden and
24 dips a little bit lower into the City of Fresno, and then
25 they meet again on the 99.



1 And then moving up into Madera County, there's a
2 slight difference here and between Madera Acres and
3 Madera, but it's just the unincorporated area between the
4 two. And then we have Chowchilla and Fairmead also
5 conclude -- included.

6 And then moving up to Merced, we have a similar line
7 following Livingston up to Winton as well. And if you
8 allow me to put on our Assembly -- our Assembly lines, it
9 does follow that line as well up in Merced, so we have
10 the same line there.

11 And then going out to MIDCOAST, MALDEF as you can
12 see, the red lines takes more into San Jose. It still
13 has Morgan Hill, San Martin, and Gilroy. And the Black
14 Hub, and Asian Americans Advancing Justice has a wider
15 line and grabs more of this coast than MALDEF does. So
16 the Cities of Carmel Valley up to -- into Santa Cruz
17 County up to almost Santa Cruz, they have those cities as
18 well included in their San Benito district.

19 And then moving further down, MALDEF stops. You see
20 that it comes in around where it says Monterey and down
21 to the county line whereas the Black Hub and Asian
22 Americans Advancing Justice goes down into Santa Barbara.

23 Here, as far as CVAP goes, the Latino CVAP is at 57
24 percent where MALDEF has of around 50.9. And the Merced
25 to Fresno district, they have their Latinos CVAP at 52,

1 where MALDEF has it at 53.14, and this one is at 52.29.
2 And then in the MIDCOAST District, their Latino CVAP is
3 up 30.8 percent, while MALDEF had it at around 43, I
4 think it was at 43.17; somewhere around there. And those
5 are the differences between the three plans.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Kennedy. That was very
7 helpful.

8 Commissioner Turner, do you have something further
9 at this point?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No. I don't have anything
11 further. Thank you.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

13 Commissioner Fornaciari.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Kennedy, I'd like
15 to see if we can make a comparison of what we have now
16 and then compare that to what if we drew two Central
17 Valley districts and how the those districts would
18 compare.

19 MS. WILSON: As far as line live draw -- live line
20 drawing goes or --

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Can you do -- can you
22 just -- can you do me a favor and just swap out San
23 Benito and Monterey County for Merced and -- so we can
24 kind of compare the CVAP between those two

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.



1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- options.

2 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment while I do that. I
3 will do that now.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thank you.

5 (Pause)

6 MS. WILSON: And one question about moving up into
7 Merced, would you like me to take the entire county, or
8 would you like me to take the Assembly district boundary
9 that we had up to there?

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I would say let's start
11 with going as far as the Assembly District boundary.

12 MS. WILSON: Okay. One moment.

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Kennedy, you -- did you say
14 that our Assembly line is the same as both the MALDEF and
15 the Black Census Hub in this coun -- in this county?

16 MS. WILSON: It is not the same as -- I'll put them
17 on right now. So this is MALDEF's line; there's goes up
18 to the county line. And then Black Redistricting Hub,
19 there's -- oh, sorry, let me turn ours off. There's are
20 the same; Black Redistricting --

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great.

22 MS. WILSON: -- Hub and American -- Asian Americans
23 Advancing Justice. However, MALDEF's goes up to the
24 county line.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.



1 (Pause)

2 MS. WILSON: And let me pull up my pending changes
3 before I make any change. And sorry, this is a little
4 small, so let's bump up the font for everyone. So to
5 bring in the -- that much of Merced would put our
6 deviation -- for what -- how the district is currently
7 assembled in all other parts would bring us to a negative
8 8.54 percent deviation. And then the Latino CVAP is at
9 51.46.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So then if we went up to the
11 county line.

12 MS. WILSON: Let's try. Up to the county line
13 brings our deviation to a negative 5.99 and the Latino
14 CVAP to a 51.08 percent.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Could we have the heat map
16 on, please?

17 MS. WILSON: Yes. One moment.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So we are -- we are still
19 underpopulated beyond the margins and our Hispanic CVAP
20 is lower with this configuration than with the Fresno/San
21 Benito/Salinas Valley configuration.

22 Commissioner Fornaciari.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. My apologies. I
24 didn't write down the numbers. What did the other --
25 what MALDEF and the Black Hub have for their district

1 like this?

2 MS. WILSON: MALDEF was at a 53 -- if someone could
3 help me there. I know someone wrote it now. MALDEF was
4 at 53-point --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: 22 --

6 MS. WILSON: And I'd have --

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: 53.22.

8 MS. WILSON: Okay. Thank you very --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

10 MS. WILSON: Thank you, very much. And Black
11 Redistricting Hub had it at 52.29.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thank you.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Sinay, followed
14 by Commissioner Turner.

15 And we've got ten minutes until break.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Couldn't we just -- there -- I
17 mean, there seems to be -- I don't know how much
18 population there is, but with the heat map on around
19 Fowler as well -- yeah, there seems to be a good number
20 you know, it seems red. I don't know what the numbers
21 would be, but if we added that, would that help?

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: And the question, I guess, we could
23 extend the question to, would that help without harming
24 us in the Kings/Kern district?

25 MS. WILSON: Well, something I do see, I -- I do



1 think it would harm your Kings/Kern. I don't know how
2 much we would need to take. However, something that the
3 other maps did draw was taking into Visalia and this
4 Northwestern area. And so you could potentially do a
5 swapping of populations that way. You took some here and
6 brought in some from the Fresno/Kern. And then possibly
7 released some out at the top of Merced if you took so
8 much out and kind of worked it that way.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay. So if we -- if we
10 took that sort of approach, how close would we come or
11 could we in any scenario, surpass the Latinos CVAP in our
12 current configuration? I'll --

13 MS. WILSON: That -- oh, yeah.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: I'll --

15 MS. WILSON: I haven't tried --

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

17 MS. WILSON: -- that exact configuration. However,
18 I would say I don't know that it would get you past
19 fifty-five percent.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, no, I'm not asking about past
21 fifty-five. I'm asking about past 53.18, which, as I
22 read it, is the Latino CVAP in our current configuration.

23 Let me go to Commissioner Turner, and then David
24 Becker, and Commissioner Sadhwani.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair, and thank

1 you for those -- the way that we should be thinking about
2 it. I just wanted to say again, I'd love to work with
3 Kennedy off-line to be able to play with adjusting lines,
4 keeping within COIs and what we've talked about before to
5 do exactly that, to see if we cannot create the two or
6 retain the two strong VRA districts with the shift in how
7 we're thinking about having the maps aligned.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner
9 Turner.

10 David Becker.

11 MR. BECKER: Hi. Kennedy, I just have a question.
12 Can you tell me what the total Latino CVAP is in each of
13 Merced and San Benito County as a whole? And can you
14 also tell us all what the total number of Latino
15 citizen -- citizens of voting age both those -- in each
16 of those counties?

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Mr. Becker, are you -- you're just
18 limiting it to San Benito County, or did you want San
19 Benito County --

20 MR. BECKER: San Benito and --

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- plus the Salinas?

22 MR. BECKER: Both San Benito County as a whole and
23 Merced County as a whole?

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. But leaving out the Salinas
25 Valley?



1 MR. BECKER: That's correct. I just --

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

3 MR. BECKER: I just want -- I just want --

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect.

5 MR. BECKER: -- the county-based data. Yeah.

6 Thanks.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Right. Okay. Thanks.

8 MS. WILSON: So for Merced County, the Latino CVAP
9 for the entire county is at 46.28 percent.

10 MR. BECKER: And wait, the total -- and the total
11 Hispanic CVAP in the county is 69,496; is that correct?

12 MS. WILSON: Yes.

13 MR. BECKER: Okay. Thanks.

14 MS. WILSON: And then one moment while I go to San
15 Benito. That is the Latino CVAP in San Benito is 49.92
16 percent and the population is 19.20 -- I mean, 19,203.

17 MR. BECKER: Okay.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Nothing further, Mr. Becker? Okay.
19 Thank you. We've got six minutes or so before break.

20 Commissioner Fornaciari, would you be willing to
21 work with Commissioner Turner and Kennedy at looking at
22 this? Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Absolutely.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect. Thank you. We do, I
25 think, unless Karin, unless you have some other thought

1 on this, I was hoping that after the break we could -- we
2 could continue with Kennedy up towards Sacramento. Does
3 that still make sense or -- that would be one more
4 ninety-minute block?

5 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah. There may be -- I thank you
6 for that question, Chair Kennedy. There may be some
7 changes based on what's happening with the VRA districts
8 that may affect the Sacramento area.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

10 MS. MAC DONALD: So we could, of course, go up
11 there, but it might make sense to perhaps go to someone
12 else. And I'm going to check in --

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

14 MS. MAC DONALD: -- with my team and see who might
15 be ready. And if I could get a couple of minutes to
16 assess that and get back to you --

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

18 MS. MAC DONALD: -- that'd be great.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Let's go ahead and go on break now.
20 And let's be back as scheduled at 4:45.

21 Thank you, everyone.

22 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:25 p.m.
23 until 4:45 p.m.)

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone, for your
25 patience during our break. We do appreciate it. We are



1 glad to have you here with us. We are just waiting for a
2 few moments for -- to get some further reaction on an
3 iteration that we had asked the mappers to work on during
4 the break. If we can stand at ease for two minutes, we
5 will not go anywhere. We're just waiting for a response
6 so that we can move forward. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I just want to remind
8 everyone that's out there that our meetings tomorrow,
9 Friday, and Saturday will be starting at 9:30 in the
10 morning. So it's been posted, but just in case you don't
11 see the updates, it's there for you. And I'm sure
12 everybody's excited about being here early.

13 (Pause)

14 MS. CLARK: Chair.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, Jaime.

16 MS. CLARK: I just got confirmation that this
17 iteration looks good and so I'm ready to share.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Very good. Okay.

19 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thanks so much. I'm going to
20 share my screen now. And just so that the Commission
21 knows and so the public knows, we're currently working on
22 getting this iteration PDF'd. I literally just finished
23 it during the break. And so it's getting PDF'd and good
24 as is, and that will be posted shortly. We'll send it to
25 staff as soon as possible for posting. So thank you all

1 for your patience.

2 And I also did have time right when she left the
3 meeting to collaborate with Sivan on this. This won't
4 negatively impact Sivan's areas, and it won't -- it --
5 you know, there won't be any districts that could not be
6 balanced, for example, with these changes. So got the
7 green light from Sivan to present this as well so. But
8 there are four districts that are impacted by this
9 change. It's the ANTVICVAL District, SD210, SDWE, and
10 SD60X605. So that's just a preview, and I'll go over the
11 changes right now.

12 So the whole point of this -- these changes was to
13 add these areas here in Rancho Cucamonga and Upland and
14 San Antonio Heights, areas in San Bernardino County North
15 of the 210 into SD210. So to make up for that population
16 in the Victor Valley area, I included Apple Valley. So
17 now Apple Valley would be with the rest -- most of the
18 rest of Victor Valley would be with Antelope Valley and
19 the Santa Clarita Valley areas. Wrightwood and Lytle
20 Creek would still be included in these areas and not with
21 the 210.

22 In the 210, the changes are to include these areas
23 in Rancho Cucamonga and Upland and San Antonio Heights
24 into this district. To adjust for the deviation
25 discrepancy, La Verne was moved into or rather, out of



1 SD210, as were Duarte and Bradbury.

2 Moving on to SD10WE, this line was adjusted to match
3 that in Congress that goes into the National Forest. And
4 then the areas that I just noted, Laverne, Duarte, and
5 Bradbury were added into this district for population
6 purposes.

7 And finally, to make up for that population of
8 adding -- adding the aforementioned cities to SD10WE, we
9 moved West Puente Valley, Valinda, South San Jose Hills
10 into SD60X605. We did have a chance to make sure that
11 the VRA requirements in these two districts were still
12 met and counsel said that everything looked okay to them.
13 And that is --

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Mr. Becker, will you --

15 MS. CLARK: -- the iteration and the changes.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Jaime.

17 Mr. Becker, you've come on, so I'm guessing you have
18 something to -- some words of wisdom for us.

19 MR. BECKER: I just wanted to say -- I mean, I just
20 remind everyone that Latinos in this area are a VRA
21 consideration. They meet all Gingles preconditions. And
22 while there are -- there are significant Asian
23 populations in here, Asians are not large enough to form
24 a majority of a Senate district, which are very, very
25 large. They are, however, large enough in the Assembly

1 map. And there is a district with VRA considerations
2 there. I'll say that these current configurations, I
3 think we're really talking the VRA context only relating
4 to SD10 West and SD60X605, both look adequate to protect
5 Latino voting rights in those areas. I think they're --
6 I think they're sufficient.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you. I'll lead
8 off the questioning, as it were. Jaime, could you tell
9 us what the population of the Antelope Valley, Victor
10 Valley District, how that population breaks down on
11 either side of the county line? I'm just looking for
12 percentage in San Bernardino County versus percentage in
13 Los Angeles County.

14 MS. CLARK: One moment, please.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

16 (Pause)

17 MS. CLARK: So the highlighted area is the area in
18 San Bernardino County that's included in this Antelope
19 Valley/Victor Valley district, and that represents
20 290,940 people, or about 28 percent of a -- of a Senate
21 district.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. A further question is -- am I
23 correct -- or you can remove the highlighting now. I'm
24 just wondering is Phelan whole or is there a split there?
25 There's something going on -- that -- or is that just the

1 shape of Oak Hills?

2 MS. CLARK: Yes, Phelan is whole. There are no city
3 splits --

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

5 MS. CLARK: -- in Antelope Val -- or excuse me, in
6 Victor Valley. So Apple Valley is whole, Oak Hills, and
7 Phelan are both whole.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you. Any further
9 questions from Commissioners, comments about this new
10 visualizations?

11 Commissioner Vazquez.

12 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sorry. Yes. I had another
13 conflict, but just wanted to thank Jaime for obviously
14 working her magic on, on this map. And I think this
15 reflects the priorities that were given by the
16 Commission. And this map, I can support.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.

18 Commissioner Andersen.

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I know this is probably not
20 something that could ever happen, but is there any way
21 you can grab something from San Fern -- the San Fernando
22 Valley, put it in Ante Val -- Ante -- with Antelope to
23 put Victorville back in the high desert? It's, what,
24 200- -- 281,000?

25 MS. CLARK: I think that a -- I think that a

1 tradeoff that would look something like that would be to,
2 for example, and you know, without, for example, crossing
3 Mulholland or you know, trying to maintain also the
4 architecture of the rest of LA County, would -- an option
5 would be looking at pulling Burbank, potentially even
6 Glendale, into the East Ventura/San Fernando Valley based
7 district and then pulling population parts of Santa
8 Clari -- or excuse me, parts of San Fernando Valley into
9 there.

10 I'm not sure the exact other tradeoffs that would be
11 required. I think it would also include, instead of
12 ending this boundary here between LA and Kern County,
13 definitely taking parts of -- you know, like, taking
14 California City, Edwards Air Force Base area, and
15 including that in the district with Antelope Valley,
16 Santa Clarita Valley, and San Fernando Valley.

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I know it's just -- you
18 know, the -- they've wanted to be separate in every
19 single time and I -- they started out that way and I
20 think in every single map now they're with the Antelope
21 Valley so. I --

22 MS. CLARK: I do --

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- yeah.

24 MS. CLARK: -- believe they're separate in Congress.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: In Congress. Thank you.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
2 Commissioner Vazquez.

3 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I just wanted to acknowledge
4 Commissioner Andersen's desire, that is that -- that was
5 one of my priorities. It didn't shake out that way,
6 especially given the major architecture change that
7 happened in the San Gabriel Valley. I will say that
8 again with just how large these districts are, I would be
9 a little concerned about like pairing -- we've heard some
10 testimony to the effect of pairing the Antelope Valley
11 with parts of the San Fernando Valley. And it would --
12 you, in some ways, would have to break up particularly
13 Latino communities of interest in the San Fernando Valley
14 to do that. And I do think while they're absolutely,
15 absolutely different, they're both high desert
16 communities separated from you know, really, the urban
17 and suburban populations on the other side of the San
18 Gabriel Mountains.

19 And so I loved the way that Commissioner Turner
20 phrased it at one point earlier today of folks getting to
21 know their new partners, right. These are -- these are
22 new partners and allies. And I do think there are
23 strong, high-desert community interests that can pair
24 these two communities who have historically not worked
25 together because maybe they haven't necessarily had to

1 work together. So I'm hopeful that this -- that this
2 sort of splits the difference and a lot of our competing
3 priorities across LA County so. But also I want to
4 acknowledge that I have been a fan from the -- from the
5 get-go of keeping both separate. And I just -- I don't
6 think that that is possible, especially in a district
7 this large.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.

9 I -- my take is slightly different. I have been
10 less concerned about separating them than I have been
11 about balancing them. You know, I -- my sense is that --
12 I've driven the road between Lancaster, Palmdale, and
13 the -- and the Victor Valley. I know that it's not a
14 very pleasant experience, but I'm also aware of plans for
15 a high-density transport corridor between the Victor
16 Valley and the Antelope Valley at some point in the
17 future. And you know, as far as projects for those two
18 communities to work together on, that certainly going to
19 be a big project to work together on.

20 I'm more sensitive to the folks on the San
21 Bernardino side saying, we're the -- we're the
22 stepchildren; we never are going to be able to elect a
23 candidate of our choice because we are always going to be
24 outweighed by the folks on the Los Angeles County side of
25 the line. So I'm less concerned about splitting them,

1 than I am about balancing them.

2 And again, I see how difficult it would be to
3 balance them because the population of the entire Victor
4 Valley you know, isn't a half-a-million. It doesn't
5 really come close enough to half-a-million for there to
6 be effective balance. But I just -- I just wanted to
7 share that.

8 Any further thoughts from Commissioners? Okay. Is
9 this something that we are -- Jaime.

10 MS. CLARK: I'm sorry. I have one more iteration to
11 show. And I was --

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Oh, okay.

13 MS. CLARK: -- not trying to interrupt this
14 conversation, so apologies.

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, but this is very timely.
16 Please, go ahead.

17 MS. CLARK: Okay. I thank you. The other one was
18 just in the 710TOWATER district. Previously we had
19 rec -- I'd received direction to work on an iteration of
20 moving Maywood into, and potentially Vernon, into the
21 710TOWATER district and to remove Hawaiian Gardens.

22 If you recall, I was like, I don't know if it's all
23 going to fit; we might have to split Lynwood. But
24 happily Lynwood is whole. Hawaiian Gardens is with the
25 N-OC-COAST. Vernon could not be included in this

1 district just in an attempt to keep Latino populations
2 together in SDNELA, so that CVAP is at 50.00 percent,
3 including NELA. And Maywood was moved into the
4 710TOWATER district with Hawaiian Gardens moved out. So
5 everything is balanced within plus or minus five percent.
6 And again, this was also an iteration I had worked with
7 Commissioners Vazquez and Taylor on.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Any further thoughts on
9 these changes to our Senate maps in -- the Senate map in
10 Los Angeles County?

11 Are we -- Commissioner Vazquez.

12 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: No changes. Just wanted to
13 also, I think, Commissioner Akutagawa noted it earlier
14 today, but also just wanted to acknowledge the growing
15 public comment around the change in our Congressional map
16 in the West San Gabriel Valley.

17 As, I think of many of you remember, this -- we
18 actually had a visualization that looked -- that had --
19 we started off with a visualization from Jaime that had
20 the West San Gabriel Valley split. And I and
21 Commissioner Akutagawa asked for more of the West San
22 Gabriel Valley to be included in that -- in that
23 iteration with the idea that you know, there are economic
24 differences contained in sort of between the foothills
25 and the more valley-based dis -- or valley-based cities.

1 Ultimately, I think, again, we heard a lot from the
2 community. We had conflicting testimony; we're having
3 conflicting testimony right now. There was a very, very,
4 very strong sense from the community that the entire
5 Asian Community of Interests in the West San Gabriel
6 Valley wanted to stay together. And so I think this is
7 just a testament, again, to having to balance different
8 factors.

9 And one of the things in our playbook was to if
10 we -- if there was conflicting testimony, if we could
11 meet other objectives with a change, that we would do
12 that. And one of those objectives is strengthening our
13 VRA district. And so just wanted to thank Commissioner
14 Sadhwani for helping us envision that. And again, just
15 wanted to acknowledge at the community input around you
16 know, there's -- there is a tension here in this -- in
17 this region. And I hope we did our best to sort of
18 balance a lot of these tradeoffs.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez. I
20 believe that you and Commissioner Taylor did indeed.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I wanted to add my
23 voice to this. You know, I know I lifted up what we were
24 hearing. And I -- you know, I think what we're trying to
25 do is to acknowledge what we are hearing. However, just

1 in comparison, I wanted to just also acknowledge that our
2 Congressional maps are essentially just like this
3 particular one, too. So I think that the work that
4 Commissioner Vazquez and Taylor did -- you know, I think
5 is meeting our various objectives with the intent that
6 VRA is number two. And therefore, we still can maintain
7 an important COI that has given us a lot of input that
8 they wanted to stay together. And since it reflects a
9 lot of the Congressional district, I think that, you
10 know, I just want to say kudos on all that we have in the
11 LA area, and the fact that I think we can keep moving on
12 to the other areas. I'm so excited. So thank you,
13 everyone.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect. So just wanting to get a
15 general sense. This is -- this is -- or is this a map
16 that we are able to support? Okay. So Karin and Jaime,
17 thank you for this. This is a map that we feel we will
18 be able to support.

19 Do we have Tamina next?

20 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes. So this will take a couple of
21 minutes. We --

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

23 MS. MAC DONALD: -- are going to switch over to
24 Tamina in a second.

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



1 (Pause)

2 MR. MANOFF: We are standing by for maps. Thanks
3 for your patience, everyone.

4 (Pause)

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: Apologize for the delay there. So
6 Kennedy and I are going to be working on the San Benito
7 area because now I've been informed that there have been
8 some changes while I was away working in other areas that
9 might -- that definitely will affect my area in Senate.
10 So Kennedy is going to commit those changes right
11 now, so we can take a look. And then if we could get
12 some direction on where you would like to go with the bay
13 area maps, given this new thirty percent. Really? You
14 left me with thir -- okay. Now, if we can -- if I can
15 get some direction on where you would like me to go with
16 this in Senate, then I'd appreciate it.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: We're waiting for map.

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sorry about that. Too many
19 mappers, one --

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: That's all right.

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: -- too many mappers, one computer.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: That's all right. Okay. So if we
23 can get a quick recap.

24 MS. WILSON: So in my area, we were going to be
25 exploring bringing the VRA district up into Merced, which

1 means bringing San Benito and the Salinas Valley back
2 into the MIDCOAST district. And that is why we see a
3 30.58 percent over deviation in Tamina's area and a
4 negative 34.44 percent in the Fresno district. And
5 that's an overview of the change that we made.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So then we had -- we had
7 started by looking at what a -- what a valley-based VRA
8 district starting from the North from Merced County would
9 look like. We came up, I believe, a little bit short in
10 population, and we were starting to look at where we
11 might make up that population. So if you could take us
12 back to that point.

13 MS. WILSON: Oh, so we're coming back to my area.
14 Sorry. There's a little confusion. So we could make up
15 that area by taking in Merced. And I can go ahead and
16 highlight that again. And so with the addition of the
17 County of Merced, again, it left us with a CVAP of 51.08
18 and we were still under -- negative 5.99 percent.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And Commissioner Fornaciari.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. We were working on
21 some further explorations. We were able to identify some
22 additional changes that got it up to 52.5. And that was
23 just really quickly looking at a few things. So we
24 didn't have enough time to explore further, but that --
25 we didn't commit any of those changes. We were just in

1 exploring space.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So essentially we're fairly
3 close -- reasonably close to having something to look at
4 on that side. Okay.

5 Do we -- do we then want to start looking on
6 Tamina's side on the -- on the -- in the MIDCOAST area
7 and seeing how we balance out that population? Okay.

8 Commissioner Fernandez.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sorry, Chair. I thought we
10 were actually going to try to work it right now, and I
11 was just going to ask for the Latino heat map, but if
12 we're not, then I don't need to see it. Thank you.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Apologies to the mappers.

14 Commissioner Fornaciari, are we -- are we at a point
15 where we want to move forward with this exploration in
16 live line drawing?

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I don't -- we could -- we
18 could show you the changes that we had proposed.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: But then it's a little bit
21 of a fishing expedition to find additional swaps to bring
22 it up a little bit more.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Understood.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I defer to Commissioner
25 Turner, too.



1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And we were just getting
4 started probably all of about five, six minutes when we
5 had to come back, so they can switch out the computer, so
6 we don't have a lot. It's moving in the right direction
7 and it's very positive, but we're not ready just yet to
8 be able to show you our whole plan.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. (Indiscernible, simultaneous
10 speech) --

11 MS. WILSON: Chair, if --

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

13 MS. RAMOS ALON: If perhaps I could get some
14 direction of maybe what the circle is going to be. So
15 taking from where, and how is the circle going to
16 complete, like what is the rotation going to look like.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay. So then -- so then
18 let's start working on the MIDCOAST side where we have
19 thirty-plus percent excess population and looking at
20 where we want to shift that population to. And I think
21 it would be -- it would -- it would certainly be helpful
22 to be enlightened by Commissioner Ahmad and Commissioner
23 Yee in relation to work that they've been doing at the
24 Congressional level. So any thoughts that you might have
25 would be welcome as we go through this.

1 Commissioner Toledo.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I'm just curious -- I
3 mean, and maybe -- I don't know if this will help because
4 we're overpopulated in this area, but I'm just thinking
5 about maybe shifting this down. So maybe taking out some
6 of the San Jose population so that we can have more of a
7 Central Coast. See if we're going to -- so maybe taking
8 out some of the San Jose population, so it's -- so that
9 the -- so that the population could be more focused
10 around the counties of San Benito, San -- Monterey, and
11 Santa Cruz as opposed to -- as opposed to where they are
12 now.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you for that. So
14 Tamina, what areas -- what are the urban areas -- San
15 Jose urban areas that are currently included in this
16 MIDCOAST District?

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: There are just a few blocks around
18 Cambrian Park.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Came up.

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: This is very different from the
22 Congressional iteration. Let me just --

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Most definitely.

24 MS. RAMOS ALON: -- remind you kind of what they
25 looked like, because they are very different. So in

1 Congress, we had the Cupertino District, right, which
2 came up from the bottom of Monterey through San Benito,
3 and then came into San Jose. We do not have that same
4 configuration. We did not have the same configuration
5 even before this swap, so this actually keeps most of San
6 Jose in the San Jose district for Congress.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

8 MS. RAMOS ALON: I mean, sorry, for Senate.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. And we have thirty percent
10 excess population in this area that we need to shift out,
11 so do you have suggestions on where we might start
12 shifting?

13 MS. RAMOS ALON: So let's see. You could either
14 go -- because there's very little popu -- you could take
15 out all of Santa Cruz, and these areas, and shift that
16 North, or we could take out San Luis Obispo and shift it
17 South, more, or less.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: It seems like we're better off
19 shifting population North in order to bring it back down
20 into this valley-based VRA district encompassing Merced,
21 part of Fresno, and part of Madera.

22 MS. RAMOS ALON: So you would like to maybe make a
23 circle this way?

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: I -- that seems to me to be the most
25 viable.



1 Commissioner Turner.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. So just the -- kind of
3 the Northern -- or the Southern parts of those counties,
4 is that we're looking at, Chair?

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, we need to -- we need to
6 figure out. So thirty-thou -- thirty percent.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: (Indiscernible).

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: We're talking 300,000 people that we
10 need to move? Wow. Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: So that would mean taking San Jose
13 and putting it with the --

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

15 MS. RAMOS ALON: -- with the Stanislaus/Merced area.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Andersen.

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. I was going to say,
18 let's take as much -- you know, fill -- you know, take a
19 bit of a chunk, send it South. What we could do, which I
20 think is only a few percent. But -- so we're looking at
21 twenty-five percent we got to get rid of. And so I'd
22 throw what you could into those next you know, going
23 South. And then if -- you could take it a little further
24 North and then use it -- bringing it through like the --
25 through -- you know, the Tracy, that -- that's a very --

1 you know, kind of going up and then down into that
2 direction as opposed to directly across. The reason is
3 because -- yeah, a little bit more like that. Then take
4 kind of the rest North because peninsula's aren't -- you
5 know, you can't go up very much. You know, there's
6 already -- that's -- there's all positive, positive,
7 positive. So you can't do a lot there without running it
8 through. So -- yeah. That -- because I see there are
9 many more roads from the North than there are right in
10 this area.

11 I was going to talk about something else but go
12 ahead. Go to the next person, please.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Fornaciari.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. So basically what's
15 going to happen with that negative thirty-four percent is
16 going to wind up in ECA when we add Merced County about
17 and make the other swaps -- or generally going to go in
18 ECA or around there. But I guess I was just curious
19 if -- can you -- can you grab the whole Southern part of
20 Santa Clara County that is in the MIDCOAST District and
21 let us know how many people those are? Because you've
22 got Los Gatos, Cambrian Park, Campbell, I know those
23 aren't huge cities, and you've got San Martin, and all
24 those guys.

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: This is 296,236 people.



1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So that's basically our
2 thirty percent.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. So --

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: It looks like a good
5 start.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. So unless there's objection.
7 Commissioner Andersen.

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I was trying to look at
9 some populations, but you can -- you know, Campbell, and
10 I can't quite see what else is there of that Saratoga and
11 those areas, they wanted to be up on the peninsula. You
12 know, I'd sort of grab a couple of those; put them into
13 the peninsula for -- until you get just below five
14 percent. And then move the rest in the other direction,
15 so you can -- that's a nice, easy switch, getting rid of
16 some.

17 And then the rest, I would take up into in with San
18 Jose, and then you might have to move -- you know,
19 actually take a little bit of that other portion of San
20 Jose you know, wi -- that's gone up. You'll have to do
21 the next switch.

22 Like, you know, do the fir -- do the -- do take the
23 portion of -- that you can put into the peninsula and do
24 that first. And then you'll see what kind of numbers
25 you're dealing with. And it'll -- you can take the next

1 step.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So if we -- if we took from
3 that narrow -- the narrowest point just above where the
4 MIDCOAST label is, can we look at just the population in
5 that segment to the left of that and see about the
6 possibility of moving that into peninsula without
7 overpopulating it, without going beyond the five percent?

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I think that's going to be too
9 much. I'd sort of grab the -- a couple of cities first,
10 then walk down -- walk it back down. Like, Campbell, you
11 know, the Northern cities that start way, but give it a
12 try.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Let's just get --
14 Commissioner Fernandez.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Campbell is
16 44,000. So that's already going to take you over if you
17 put that into the peninsula. It'll take you to -- unless
18 Campbell's not whole in this. Is Campbell whole in this
19 one, Tamina? It is. That would -- that would get you to
20 about a 6.5 percent in peninsula, so you'd be over by a
21 percent-and-a-half.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Can we pull the map out?

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Saratoga's thirty-one.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay. Let's zoom back in
25 some. Okay.



1 Commissioner Fernandez.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I just say we take the
3 whole amount, even with Saratoga, it would take you above
4 five percent in peninsula. I would say you take the
5 whole amount, and you start moving it. And the reason I
6 say that is because in all the other iterations, correct
7 me if I'm wrong, we've really split up Santa Cruz, San
8 Benito, and Monterey. And I'd really like to keep them
9 together in one of the --

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Right. Exactly.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- iterations so.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Exactly.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Thanks.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: So let's, for now, let's move all of
15 this from MIDCOAST into San Jose.

16 MS. RAMOS ALON: Chair, Kennedy and I were -- may I
17 make a suggestion?

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

19 MS. RAMOS ALON: Kennedy and I were just discussing
20 that if we're going to do love line drawing either way,
21 you might want to finish what you started because you
22 have an aim over here in the Central --

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

24 MS. RAMOS ALON: -- Valley. And then we can figure
25 out how it resolves itself in the other areas.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. If that's -- if that's going
2 to be best for you, that's how we'll do it.

3 Commissioner Ahmad.

4 Commissioner Toledo.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I mean, I -- I mean,
6 I'm a little concerned that we have -- we've been told we
7 have a protected class in San Benito and not putting them
8 in a VRA district is concerning to me, or at least not
9 trying to ensure more of a voice at the minimum, right.

10 And so I'm almost thinking we tried to do our best
11 to -- and this doesn't solve the problem at the end, try
12 our best to get -- to connect the Latino portions of San
13 Jose down through -- like we do in the Congressional map,
14 through the agricultural areas of San Benito, Monterey,
15 and into the San Luis Obispo area deep -- where we --
16 where there are Latino populations as well, and try to
17 create a coast -- a district that is a little bit more
18 coastal, but outside of the Central Valley. Because
19 otherwise, I think here we're going to end up a CVAP
20 that's quite low and might prevent the Latino community
21 from having a voice and electing -- or an opportunity to
22 elect a candidate of their choice.

23 I know that the -- because some of the community
24 maps actually got this area to mid-40s. And that might
25 be possible if we do a longer district, although, I am

1 seeing the problems with rotating the population,
2 figuring out how to rotate that population. The
3 population either has to go South, or East, or in some
4 other direction. And so -- but I just wanted to raise
5 that, given that we do have a protected class --
6 protected population in the San Benito area. Thank you.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: We had discussed this earlier in the
8 day. And my understanding was that coming up with a VRA
9 district in this area, the MIDCOAST area, meant that we
10 would not be able to create another one in the -- in the
11 Central Valley. And so what we're facing is, do we
12 create the second VRA district to be entirely in the
13 Central Valley, or partly in the Central Valley, and
14 partly in this MIDCOAST area, but that would leave Latino
15 populations in Merced County, not -- outside of a VRA
16 district. So just wanted to check that that is a correct
17 understanding, and to ask Commissioner Toledo for his
18 thoughts on that specific tradeoff.

19 So Commissioner --

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: But my understanding is that
21 if you have a protected group, that we have to do our
22 best to try to include as much of it as possible in the
23 VRA. And any -- and I know we're -- that's our goal, and
24 that's we're trying to do here. And -- but at this
25 point, we'd be leaving all of San Benito out of a VRA

1 district. And maybe --

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: And --

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- it's -- yeah.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. And we looked at the number
5 of -- at the -- at the CVAP numbers for both Merced
6 County and San Benito County. And Mr. Becker, correct me
7 if I'm wrong, we found much higher numbers in Merced
8 County than we found in San Benito County?

9 MR. BECKER: Yeah, that's right. I think -- so I
10 don't know that there's any iteration where three Senate
11 districts can be drawn including the Central Coast, San
12 Benito area, and the Central Valley area. I don't know
13 that anyone's been able to do it. I think it's -- I
14 think it's likely very difficult.

15 So assuming that, there are populations that are --
16 that are protected in San Benito and Merced. The
17 Merced -- the numbers of protected Latinos under the
18 Voting Rights Act in Merced are significantly larger
19 overall than in San Benito. It's about three-and-a-half
20 times as much population -- Latino population in Merced.

21 Probably the first choice, which might not -- which
22 might not work, this is just a -- is can a district be
23 drawn that encompasses basically the rough areas of
24 SBENFRESNO, including some of Merced, the Latinos
25 populations protected there and the San Benito County

1 protected populations. I'm somewhat skeptical that can
2 be done. Maybe even respecting equal population, given
3 the challenges, the num -- just the raw numbers of people
4 that would be in that, in which case it's -- I think it's
5 probably acceptable to, and probably preferable to try to
6 encompass the Merced populations given the large numbers
7 there, include them in the VRA district.

8 That's probably where I would go with this because
9 there's -- these districts are just so large. It's very
10 difficult to -- even though they're very large given the
11 concentrations of populations where they are, it's really
12 hard to encompass all of the populations in exactly the
13 same way. Maybe in the Assembly districts you can -- you
14 can do that.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Becker. That was
16 indeed my understanding of where we were, why we were
17 there, and what we were trying to do.

18 Commissioner Sinay.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I promise I have no solutions,
20 but I just -- I did want to -- you know, as Commissioner
21 Fernandez said, we have recei -- heard over and over
22 again that you know, we have split up Santa Cruz a ton of
23 times, and it would be nice to keep Santa Cruz with
24 Monterey, as they've requested, and San Luis Obispo has
25 requested to be with Santa Barbara, and San Benito with

1 Monterey and Santa Cruz.

2 The other piece is I'm looking at our districts
3 right now and when you look at the handouts that we've
4 shared in the past on the Gingles precondition for the
5 State Senate, we've got you know, the right -- we've got
6 the right grouping for the -- for the coast, but we may
7 need -- since we're over, we may want to just -- I don't
8 know if taking out -- you know, using a scalpel --
9 scap -- whatever --

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Scalpel.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- scalpel might help us
12 because you know, just to kind of get us higher up and
13 that's how we remove the population we need to remove
14 versus just -- I think it's going to be difficult unless
15 we do it that way to increase the CVAP.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

17 Kennedy or Tamina, sorry. It says Kennedy but.

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yeah. So actually, Kennedy would
19 like to request that we deal with VRA first.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And I agree that's --

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: Please.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- that's a good idea.

23 Commissioner Andersen.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: For this area, I believe what
25 we would like to do is keep San Benito, the Salinas

1 Valley, the Monterey, and Santa Cruz as the dominant of
2 this district. And so what I propose is we take as much
3 of San Luis Obispo -- group as much of San Luis Obispo as
4 we can further South with Santa Barbara and Ventura,
5 which is not that much, but it will help. And then if we
6 want to increase the -- rearrange the population, if we
7 grab that area that is also Latino area of Santa -- of
8 San Jose, but as a little tiny sliver from the West
9 instead of from up from up from the East, which would
10 enable us to push a little bit of population into the
11 peninsula and then continue the rest of that Santa Clara
12 area going North and then East into -- as we'll need to
13 walk it through either Stanislaus or San Joaquin.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
15 Commissioner Turner?

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair.

17 I wanted to go back to the numbers in San Benito and
18 in Merced, because what I'm clearly trying to do is to
19 work towards the two strong VRA districts in the Central
20 Valley. The Central Valley, when we looked at Merced,
21 the numbers that we received when Mr. Becker asked
22 earlier was 69,496 Latino people in Merced as opposed to
23 19,203 in San Benito. So to me, it does then force more
24 of a pressure or desire to protect in the one area, and
25 particularly since we have to do equal -- so the

1 population that we're trying to balance out now, I don't
2 know that we need to still look at population and CVAP
3 numbers for San Benito, unless we are still trying to
4 also make that a VRA district and we're not.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're not going to be able
6 to.

7 MS. TURNER: So from that perspective, we're trying
8 to balance numbers here.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. And as Tomino said, you know,
10 the next step that we want to take is we want to go back
11 to the Central Valley. We want to nail down what is
12 going to be the second VRA district in the Central Valley
13 and then we can start pulling population over from the
14 coast up and over through as -- as Commissioner Andersen
15 said, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, somewhere up there to --
16 to bring it back down and balance our districts.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And Chair, that was the charge
18 that I think you all gave Commissioner Fornaciari and I,
19 but we just got started in that and got pulled from it.
20 So we've not been able to solidify those two districts at
21 a CVAP number -- LCAP number that we desire, but that is
22 exactly what we were attempting to do.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, thank you.

24 Commissioner Toledo?

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'd be supportive of just

1 having Commissioner Turner and Fornaciari just work
2 through the Central Valley and get -- solidify the VRA
3 districts there as we also try to create a central coast
4 district that is -- that meets the needs of that region.
5 Thank you.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Toledo, are you saying
7 that you would want them to continue the work that they
8 were doing off-line and report back to us or you are
9 wanting them to lead our exploration here during the Live
10 Line drawing? We've got about half an hour left in Live
11 Line drawing for today.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm comfortable with them
13 going back and doing it off-line and coming back and
14 reporting what they did. And but certainly up to you,
15 Chair. Thank you.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

17 Commissioner Sadhwani?

18 MS. SADHWANI: I certainly agree with Commissioner
19 Toledo that, you know, I would support Commissioner
20 Turner and Fornaciari working off-line to -- to figure
21 out some options here. I'm wondering if we can just look
22 up the map slightly at the SSAC-STANIS district? We're
23 underpopulation here by quite a bit. I would also be
24 curious to find out if there is a way of building a
25 district. Currently, we, again, we actually have Merced

1 in that ECA District. And I know that we have, you know,
2 done -- had valiant efforts to protect this Sierra
3 coastal district on all three maps. And I just want to
4 note that for me that I'm okay breaking up that community
5 of interest, if it means building out and providing
6 coverage for these different areas. And I think -- I
7 went back and took a look at how lines are currently
8 drawn in that area. And it just covers such a broad
9 array of counties and areas. And my guess is that
10 there's been a lot of population expansion over the last
11 ten years throughout this area, which makes it very
12 difficult to keep all of the same communities protected.
13 And so I would be curious also if we were to keep the --
14 the VRA district as we have it drawn, which is, you know,
15 San Benito being connected with the Central Valley, are
16 there options to cover Merced County, perhaps in a
17 different way that we haven't explored by going further
18 North as opposed to having it be a part of ECA? So I
19 just wanted to offer that, but happy to have Commissioner
20 Turner and Fornaciari look at it. Thank you.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

22 Ms. Mac Donald, if we are going to ask Kennedy to
23 work with Commissioner Fornaciari and Commissioner Turner
24 on this, and so we don't want to be working on in
25 Tomino's Mid-Coast district at this point, what would you

1 recommend for our next half hour before we have a break
2 and then shift to public comment?

3 MS. MAC DONALD: So I think -- thank you for that
4 question. I think everybody's busy at this point, so I
5 don't know if we might consider going to a public input
6 earlier, perhaps, but it's either I would say at this
7 point, it's either Live Line drawing or we just don't
8 have anything to present right now --

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, thank you.

10 MS. MAC DONALD: -- because everybody's working.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that. That's very
12 helpful.

13 Commissioner Sadhwani?

14 MS. SADHWANI: Yeah, Chair, just -- I'm not sure
15 that you want to go in this direction, but we do have
16 pieces that we were saving for tomorrow on the
17 Congressional maps in the Central Valley, if we wanted to
18 take a look at that now. But however you want to
19 proceed.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

21 Ms. Mac Donald, does that make sense?

22 MS. MAC DONALD: That -- we could absolutely do
23 that.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect. Let's do that then.

25 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Give me one moment while I
2 transfer and go to the Congressional map.

3 So Commissioner Toledo and Commissioner Sadhwani, is
4 there a version -- we have three -- so one you want me to
5 pull up first that you -- whatever you prefer.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So maybe we can give a high-
7 level overview of what we did and the options, and where
8 we're at right now.

9 So we've been -- as charged by the Commission, we
10 met with Kennedy and worked very closely with legal
11 counsel, with Mr. Becker on reviewing options for this
12 area. We came up with three scenarios. The first just
13 balances the population within the region. The other two
14 require some shifting. But allow us to raise the CVAP in
15 some of the districts where we wanted to, and we felt
16 that where we're getting community input to do so, and
17 potentially may even help us with some of the decisions
18 up in the in the Sierras and so we have the three
19 options.

20 The first option really doesn't increase the CVAPS
21 too much. At least, it increases one and decreases the
22 other. So our recommendation, based on working with our
23 line drawers and with legal counsel was to -- to look at
24 and explore the possibility of doing two or three. And
25 so maybe we can start with the first one, which is the

1 more -- the most of the regionalized map, and then go to
2 the two maps that address the issues a little bit better
3 in our opinion. So just the regional --

4 MS. WILSON: So it's --

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- approach first.

6 (Indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

7 MS. MACDONALD: The 5K swap?

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That's right, but just the
9 swap.

10 MS. WILSON: So that -- that's up right now and does
11 that -- do you want me (indiscernible)?

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, can you just go over it
13 and what we did for the swap?

14 MS. WILSON: So for the swap, as we'd shown you
15 earlier before, we were left with 5,000 -- around 5,000
16 people over in FRESNO-KERN, and around 5,000 people under
17 in STANISFRESNO. And that had a lot to do with taking
18 out Old Fig Garden and slightly moving the line here
19 between Stanis, Fresno, and Kern. And so what we did to
20 balance was move over 5,000 people on this line. Let me
21 see where our previous lines were -- one moment. So
22 previously we had a slight divot out this way, and we
23 just pulled it into the straight line here. And that is
24 all that changed. It really didn't make too many impacts
25 on the structure of the districts. And let me zoom out

1 to show you. They stay very similar. And that was,
2 yeah, that was about it.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So some of the negatives with
4 this one is that some of the COIs had to be pulled out,
5 including Old Fig and some other neighborhoods, as well
6 as the CVAP for FRESNOTULARE did not increase. And our
7 goal was to not just increase the -- the King-Tulare, but
8 also the FRESNOTULARE, her -- our advice from counsel.
9 So that was our -- we were moving in that direction. So
10 maybe we can go to Proposal Number 2, which address --

11 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- some of these other issues.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Andrew, before -- before we
14 do that, can I just give a little bit more of that --

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh, sure.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- background on this?

17 Recall you've seen this before. We actually
18 presented this on Monday. But at that point in time, we
19 had left that approximately 5,000 people there. And the
20 problem, as we discussed on Monday with this, is that
21 while these changes allowed us to increase the -- the --
22 that Bakersfield district, the KINGTULAKERN, it actually
23 decreased the FRESNOTULARE, right? And so that was --
24 that was kind of this issue with this iteration when we
25 looked at it even on Monday.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

2 Do you have something further? Thank you.

3 Commissioner Turner?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I just wanted to align
5 the description and the conversation with the number and
6 name on the maps that's been posted.

7 So, Commissioner Toledo, what you just talked about,
8 was it the iteration STCV-2 or because you're saying the
9 first one, the second, and the third, but --

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh, so the --

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- what's been posted has
12 different numberings on them. So I just want, as you're
13 talking, tell us which iteration you're talking about.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So we're talking about the 5K.
15 I think it's -- Kennedy, remind me which one it is --
16 it's Number 2.

17 MS. WILSON: So it would be STCV-2 was that one.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That's my --

19 MS. WILSON: (Indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- understanding.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And yeah, Kennedy says, yes.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. And now you're moving
24 to STV -- STCV-3?

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Let me pull, yeah. That's --

1 and yes, that's the 3.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: These copies aren't very
3 good. We can't tell.

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

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: (Audio interference).

7 Commissioner Andersen?

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. And could
9 you read what the CVAPS are? They're -- they're a little
10 small on my screen. I cannot read what those are. So if
11 you could read those, as you do like each different
12 number, each iteration, please, for these three
13 districts.

14 MS. WILSON: And you would like me to read them off?

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please go ahead.

16 MS. WILSON: Okay.

17 So for KINGTULAKERN, we have -- and this is going to
18 go on the order of Latino CVAP, Black CVAP, Asian CVAP,
19 Indigenous CVAP, and then White CVAP. So I am going to
20 start with the KINGTULAKERN district. And the first one
21 is 58.07 percent, and then we have 6.09 percent, and then
22 we 4.01 percent, then we have 1.09 percent, and lastly,
23 29.86 percent.

24 And now I'll move onto FRESNOTULARE. Is that
25 good -- is everyone good? Okay.

1 So we're going to start with again, Latino, Black,
2 Asian, Indigenous, White. First, we have 51.16 percent,
3 then we 4.71 percent, then 8.15 percent, and 1.07
4 percent, and then 34.11 percent.

5 Moving on to our last one, STANISFRESNO. We're
6 going to start with 51.49 percent, then we're moving 5.25
7 percent, then we have 6.87 percent, then we have 1.03
8 percent. Lastly, we have 34.32 percent.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Kennedy.

10 Commissioner Toledo, do you have -- or Commissioner
11 Sadhwani, do you have anything further was far as
12 description or rationale that you want to share with us?

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Well, for this one, we're just
14 trying to balance the population that was left. We had
15 already presented this, and we had been charged with
16 looking at other options that might raise the CVAP,
17 especially in FRESNOTULARE where community and
18 KINGTULAKERN, where -- if you remember, we're hearing a
19 lot from community groups, from advocates of the
20 protected groups from the Central Valley and -- and
21 members of the public that -- that CVAPS in these two
22 areas were not enough to make them effective. And so
23 that was the concern. The concern is mostly around these
24 two districts. And so that was our charge was to look
25 and see if there was a way to increase the CVAPs in

1 these. And the next two iterations allow -- will allow
2 us to see some options --

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, very good.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- for doing so.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good.

6 So Kennedy, if you can go ahead and shift to the
7 next one.

8 Commissioner Fernandez?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Wait, wait, wait, before
10 you go. I apologize, Kennedy. What happened to the
11 5,000? I was writing down numbers and you went through
12 it really quick. Sorry.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: It is --

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Where did they get shifted
15 to -- thank you.

16 MS. WILSON: They swapped between each other. So
17 what happened --

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: (Indiscernible, simultaneous
19 speech) --

20 MS. WILSON: -- in -- oh yeah, you can go. Sorry.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thanks. It was a little divot
22 coming down from Highway 99 and they just eliminated the
23 divot.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Kennedy.

1 At this point, can we have Katy read the
2 instructions for our call-in? We will begin taking
3 public comment at 6:30 after our break, but let's go
4 ahead and get the instructions out.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair. In
6 order to maximize transparency and public participation
7 in our process, the Commissioners will be taking public
8 comment by phone.

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1 for when it is your turn to speak. And again, please
2 turn down the livestream volume.

3 And Chair, I'll have to refer to you for when the
4 lines are closing. I am not privy.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: The lines will close at 6:30 and
6 that is when we will begin taking calls.

7 Okay. So Kennedy and Commissioner Toledo, and
8 Commissioner Sadhwani, back to you.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. So let's go to the
10 second iteration.

11 And Kennedy, remind us what's-- for the public,
12 what's the name of the file that was posted.

13 MS. WILSON: This is iteration STCV-3. This is in
14 the third one.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

16 MS. WILSON: And it's up right now.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And can you go through some of
18 the changes and what doing this would allow us to do --
19 some of the opportunities, some of the -- the challenges
20 that we faced?

21 MS. WILSON: Yes. So in KINGTULAKERN, if you
22 remember from our previous version, Kings County was
23 whole and what the purpose of this iteration was, was to
24 create this piece where we carve out parts of Visalia,
25 parts of Tulare, and parts of Hanford, and take Lemoore



1 station out of VRA districts completely. So we went in
2 here and tried to find a way to get them out. And so
3 FRESNO-KERN actually reaches into this -- parts of
4 Visalia-Tulare and into Kings County to take those parts
5 out. And that brought our CVAP in KINGTULAKERN to a
6 59.42.

7 And then moving North in FRESNOTULARE, of course we
8 had to balance population differently. And so that led
9 to taking a lot more of Fresno, which actually put
10 together a lot of opportunities to put more COIs together
11 that we hadn't before. So Old Fig Garden, Old Fig
12 Loop -- Little Loop -- that area is also in with Old Fig
13 Garden. The areas between Shaw, Ashland out to North
14 Hayes are together as well as West Park, Belmont out to
15 Chateau, and down to American as well. Those areas were
16 all able to be brought together in this iteration as they
17 were never before as long -- as well as the Northern
18 parts of Visalia, Farmersville, out to Wood Lake and
19 Lemon Cove. And again, another difference was that Three
20 Rivers was in here, but now it was taken out. However,
21 there is parts of Visalia that it is connected to. It's
22 just kind of that Northern part it's taken from.

23 And so then we had to bring in more population into
24 STANISFRESNO as well, since we took out most of the City
25 of Fresno. So we went North. We changed a little bit of

1 the lines in Stanislaus. We took out to Empire. Ceres
2 is now kept whole. The Turlock is now split. However,
3 it was split before as well, too. And then we went up
4 and grabbed Lathrop and an unincorporated area underneath
5 Tracy and got to the CVAP to a 50.24.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So I think one of the --

7 MS. WILSON: Oh, sorry. I left --

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh, go ahead.

9 MS. WILSON: -- out a really important piece.

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh, yes, you did.

11 MS. WILSON: FRESNO-KERN was over 17,000 people.

12 ECA was left under because we had to take from it when I
13 took parts of Modesto and so forth. And when I took out
14 Lathrop, I had to extend the line in San Joaquin, so I
15 started to take from ECA. And so what decision was made
16 was to take the Northern parts of Clovis and the Northern
17 parts of Fresno --

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah.

19 MS. WILSON: -- moving North into ECA.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Which they requested to be in
21 with ECA. I don't know if ECA really wants them there,
22 but Clovis has requested in some of the conversation. So
23 what this does do, and we did look at the numbers
24 holistically. We weren't just looking at Latino CVAP, we
25 were looking at Latino CVAP and African American CVAP

1 especially as you -- as we move up through the districts.
2 There's much more cohesion in the Northern parts than the
3 Southern parts. And so we were able to increase CVAPS
4 for both the Latino and the African American community,
5 and the STANISFRESNO, you know. There was a slight dip,
6 but still within the -- the legal ranges that we were
7 looking for. And -- and so far, the input that we're
8 receiving from the community around the VRA districts has
9 been very positive what's coming in through public input
10 so far.

11 And so we wanted to bring that to the Commission for
12 your review. And certainly some of the splits outside of
13 the VRA districts can be modified, can be changed. But
14 we wanted to bring -- we wanted to bring something that
15 was worked out and certainly we can undo some of the
16 things outside of the VRA district should we -- should we
17 all choose to do so.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

19 Commissioner Akutagawa?

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, thank you for this
21 work that you all did. I just want to just ask you, we
22 know that in the -- in the Central Valley, particularly
23 in the Fresno area, there's also a sizable Hmong
24 community as well as -- we heard quite a bit of testimony
25 from the Punjabi Sikh community, which is also quite --

1 quite long standing in that area as well. And then we
2 had received COI testimony about trying not to break up
3 that Punjabi Sikh. And also, there's, I believe a Muslim
4 COI specifically centered around one of their houses of
5 worship in the area. And I just am curious if you're
6 able to -- I know they've been split in the other
7 districts. Have you been -- were you able to really look
8 at that and address trying to keep as much or most of it
9 together?

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: We were able to keep some of
11 it. I do know that there's some, like, maybe Kennedy can
12 go over that. And one of the things is that there's much
13 more cohesion with the African American community in this
14 area than there is with the Asian community. The
15 crossover isn't as great. And because we're looking at
16 all of -- the totality of everything, you know, there
17 were some splits that had to happen with some of the
18 COIs.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: My understanding is that
20 there's actually quite a bit of cohesion even within the
21 Asian communities, too. So that's why I was curious
22 about that, too.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And there is. There
24 absolutely is. Because of course, the Asian community is
25 not monolithic, you know, and so --

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, Kennedy, tell us what we're
2 seeing.

3 MS. WILSON: So there are lots of COIs. I think
4 this is about twelve different ones. They're overlapping
5 so you can't, you know, some of them are kept together.
6 There are some splits. I think a notable one that was
7 before Split 2 was this one above the 99 and kind of
8 going to the West of the 99. However, it is -- there is
9 some that are kept together as well. So some -- there
10 are some splits, but there are some that were left
11 together I guess is what I could say about that.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And, you know, I'll just add,
13 you know, we were doing our best to accommodate as many
14 communities of interest as possible, but at the end of
15 the day, these are -- these are VRA districts, and we
16 wanted to really center our focus on that.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good, thank you.

18 Commissioner Sinay?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to thank the team
20 for really looking at this, and you know, three -- three
21 iterations is -- explorations, it takes a lot of time and
22 a lot of brain cells. So thank you. And it's quite
23 impressive, the work. In the three iterations, do you
24 all have a recommendation? Oh, we haven't done the last
25 one, sorry.



1 MS. WILSON: We haven't done the last one yet.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. Well, we were jumpy.

3 Sorry, okay.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And we're looking two
5 different -- but the 2 and 3 I think -- between 2 -- or
6 in this one and the next one we're going to see, I think
7 they're quite similar, except there's how it plays out in
8 the rest of the district kind of is different. And so --

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And then --

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- we wanted to give the
11 Commission options.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And then for the public,
13 can we clarify which one has the arm since so many people
14 called in yesterday asking about the arm?

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, this one has the arm.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This one has the arm. And
17 the next one that we're going to see also has the arm.
18 And we can -- oh, it looks like Kennedy's maybe saying
19 something here, but we can certainly show you that in a
20 moment. The difference in that one is actually how we
21 cut into Clovis-Fresno.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah.

23 MS. WILSON: And those iterations are Iteration STCV
24 Iteration 3 and Iteration 4 are the ones with the arm.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And Kennedy, can you just

1 highlight the arm just so the Commission and also the
2 public are able to see the arm that we --

3 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment. This isn't my
4 district working layer, so it's just on there as a CDF,
5 so I'm just going to zoom in to --

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That works.

7 MS. WILSON: -- show you a little closer.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Perfect, that works.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And just a reminder, and I
11 think Mr. Toledo said this earlier, but we've received
12 significant public testimony about these areas in
13 particular as a concern and as an area that communities
14 on the ground really felt like might be lowering --
15 lowering the protected communities' opportunity (audio
16 interference).

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

18 Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I'm going to say I
20 apologize if you already spoke about this. I think I'm
21 just -- had a brain fart here. But did you all consider
22 or talk about -- I've seen some comments about, you know,
23 is it better to have two strong VRA districts instead of
24 three semi-okay districts, you know. And I know that
25 that's been a conversation that we've been hearing here

1 and there. And I know that the direction that -- or the
2 counsel that we've gotten is that we need to have three.
3 But I was just curious about, you know, for those of you
4 who are working on this and thank you for your work. I'm
5 just curious about what you found. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, I think we went in with
7 the notion of creating three districts because that's
8 what we're hearing from the community. And in fact, the
9 community groups and also our internal analysis shows
10 that we can create three. I mean, we believe we have two
11 very strong districts here, the Tulare and the
12 FRESNOTULARE and the King Lake Lucerne -- King -- THE
13 Tulare-King-Kern (sic). We wish we could've gotten
14 FRESNOTULARE a little bit higher, but I think we did --
15 with totality between the different groups, it's a pretty
16 strong district, both of these. San-Fresno, the totality
17 there it went down slightly in San Benito CVAP, but the
18 totality is still quite strong. It's when, you know, all
19 the community maps draw these districts in about these
20 configurations. And we're very close to CVAP in all
21 three.

22 And so when you look at the community maps, look at
23 ours, I mean, obviously they're different because we make
24 different cuts, but the percentages are very close.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'd just add --

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Go ahead, Commissioner Sadhwani.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. I'd just add, I
4 mean, I think what you're referencing was perhaps some of
5 the testimony from the Dolores Huerta Foundation early
6 on. But certainly, they've also come back and said that
7 they were predominantly looking in the Southern Central
8 Valley as opposed to thinking about the entirety of the
9 Central Valley or the entirety of the State of California
10 as is our job. And so, you know, I -- I think all of the
11 analysis both from the community as well as that of our
12 counsel has suggest three districts.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, and just for the
14 record, it wasn't just the Dolores Huerta, it was just I
15 think just other individuals. But I think this
16 explanation is helpful for anybody who's listening in.
17 So thank you very much for your work.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner
19 Akutagawa.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
21 Commissioner Ahmad?

22 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah, it's STVC4 so that we can
23 have all the options in front of us and hopefully narrow
24 down our options in the next four minutes.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, we've got four or five minutes



1 before we go a break. Will have the opportunity to
2 contemplate all of this overnight and we will return to
3 this discussion tomorrow morning. But if we can see the
4 third option now?

5 MS. WILSON: So now we have STCV4 up. And all of
6 the things that I said before about the districts remain
7 true. And the difference was how we decided to let go of
8 the 17,000 that were in FRESNO-KERN. So before as you
9 saw, we made a sliced through Clovis and Northern Fresno,
10 the city, and here we just took the City of Fresno and
11 left Clovis, and just kept grabbing population until we
12 got to 17,000. And so now as well as before, Fresno and
13 before Clovis are with the Inyo, Modesto, Amador to
14 Mariposa up to El Dorado iteration. And the CVAPs in all
15 the districts remain the same as well.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So if I may just mention
17 really quickly, I mean, I think one of the things we were
18 doing in general in all three of these versions was
19 working within the general structure of our map. So you
20 know, I think the big picture, we could've gone in a
21 totally different direction and split up ECA or done
22 something totally different, right? We didn't want to,
23 you know, put a lot of big changes throughout the
24 entirety of the map. So we see these as options to meet
25 our goal of developing strong VRA districts that are in

1 compliance with the law and also respecting our
2 timelines.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
4 Commissioner Yee?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, I love this work. I was
6 just wondering if you explored a taking off Clovis
7 option. I imagine you did. I just want to hear why it
8 didn't work if it didn't work.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, we did, actually. I
10 don't know if Kennedy wants to take a closer look at
11 that. One of the challenges with Clovis is that
12 currently, that population in Fresno is to the left of it
13 so it has to go somewhere. So I don't know if, Kennedy,
14 you want to talk through some of the different options we
15 looked at?

16 MS. WILSON: It starts to become a contiguity issue
17 if you just take Clovis and then you leave Fresno on the
18 side away from it. So you kind of come down and take
19 this unincorporated area and take Clovis out, however
20 then Fresno is no longer with the rest of the population
21 there. So that is why we decided to try and just take as
22 much North. And Clovis alone was I believe -- was it 120
23 or 20,000. I think it was 120 and we needed 117. So
24 taking more and more, and more, you get very thin line
25 underneath to keep it connected.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And our preference was to go
2 through Clovis. We just couldn't because of the
3 contiguity problem.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you all for your
5 amazing work on this. As I said, we will start off with
6 this tomorrow after roll call. It is now 6:15, time for
7 break.

8 Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner Turner, please
9 commit your questions to paper or memory so that we can
10 hear them first thing in the morning.

11 Thank you, everyone, for your patience during our
12 break. We have finished our mapping for the day, so we
13 are ready to hear from the public.

14 Katy, would you please take it away?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, thank you,
16 Chair.

17 For all those that have called in, if you have not
18 done so already, please press star nine. This will raise
19 your hand and get you in the comment queue line as we
20 work our way down.

21 The public comment period will be one minute and
22 thirty seconds. You will receive a verbal warning at
23 thirty seconds and fifteen seconds remaining. I will be
24 identifying you by the last four digits of your telephone
25 number. Please be alert and be paying attention as we



1 are beginning public comment now.

2 We will begin with caller 5704, and up next after
3 that will be caller 7840.

4 Caller 5704, please follow the prompts to unmute.
5 The floor is yours.

6 MS. NORMAN: Good evening. My name is Jacqueline
7 Norman, campus architect at UC Riverside. First, I want
8 to thank you for the great care you have taken so far in
9 ensuring that other universities are being cared with
10 their greater surrounding communities. Additionally, I
11 was pleased to hear the attention that several
12 Commissioners were paying to our requested changes in the
13 Assembly map during today's California Citizens
14 Redistricting Commission Meeting. Thank you for the
15 comments to ensure that that UCR community of interest is
16 kept wholly within a Senate district. But my comments to
17 you today are with the respect to the Assembly plan and
18 how the December 8 iteration can be altered to better
19 acknowledge the UCR community of interest.

20 They UCR community of interest can be defined as our
21 main campus as well as surrounding infrastructure,
22 landmarks, and communities that support UCR specifically
23 and includes UCR's main campus at 900 University Avenue,
24 the UCR Innovation and Economic Development Corridor, the
25 UCR Arts Block, including the Culver Center of the Arts,



1 the UCR School of Medicine --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MS. NORMAN: -- the AmeriCorps University Eastside
4 Community Collaborative, the California Air Resources
5 Board at 4001 Iowa (indiscernible), and the significant
6 off-campus student housing population found off of
7 University Avenue --

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

9 MS. NORMAN: -- University of Riverside.

10 Institutes of higher learning aren't just confined
11 to the campuses, but really are a part of the larger
12 ecosystem of student housing, related research,
13 recreation center, and other supportive facilities.
14 Thank you for acknowledging that in your work today. I
15 believe you --

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right we'll begin with caller 7840, and up next
18 after that will be caller 5060.

19 Caller 7840, please follow the prompts. The floor
20 is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.
22 My name is Gevork (ph.), and I am calling from North
23 Hollywood in the San Fernando Valley in Southern
24 California.

25 First and foremost, I want to thank you all for the



1 incredible work you've done in serving our state and
2 helping to draft these new maps. I do want to give my
3 opinion and my voice. The last Assembly district maps
4 that you will created in the San Fernando Valley,
5 specifically with the Assembly maps, offered on December
6 6th -- sorry, I'm getting corrected, December 8th, have
7 greatly frustrated and upset constituents, residents,
8 Californians, such as myself, as well as local leaders
9 and activists. After a great deal of conversation, a
10 coalition of neighborhood leaders and activists through
11 from throughout the San Fernando Valley are calling on
12 you to adopt the San Fernando Valley Firefighters
13 Assembly maps.

14 The LA firefighter map is supported by neighborhood
15 leaders, such as myself --

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- and community members
18 because the map creates Latino majority seat and a Latino
19 (indiscernible) district expanding representation that
20 unifies Armenian communities in the neighborhoods of the
21 East San Fernando Valley and it combines the
22 unincorporated foothill communities of Burbank, Glendale,
23 Sunland-Tujunga, and Santa Clarita into one district who
24 consistently face fire danger. Thank you very much.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.



1 And right now, we have caller 5060, and then up next
2 after that will be caller 7331.

3 Caller 5060, please follow the prompts. The floor
4 is yours.

5 MR. LARA: Thank you so much. Good evening,
6 Commissioners, Cesar Lara (ph.) with the Monterey Bay
7 Central Labor Work Council. We represent members in
8 Monterey and Santa Cruz County and in San Benito as well
9 with the union members. And we're really concerned at
10 the Congressional maps. And I want to ask the Commission
11 why are we being punished for the Supreme Court getting
12 rid of the Civil Rights Act affected by pre-clearance.
13 What you're doing is you're splitting up our communities.
14 Not all Latinos are created equal. We have very little
15 communities of interest with Silicon Valley and San Jose
16 and this needs to be fixed. We have submitted a central
17 coast fix (ph.) map that would have Monterey, Santa Cruz,
18 San Benito, part of Santa Clara, into one Congressional
19 district, and would also map out some districts in the
20 San Jose area that would give you what it needs and would
21 fix what you're doing with our community. You're really
22 splitting --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MR. LARA: -- the communities of interest that are
25 tied by media markets, by agriculture and others. And



1 we're really diluting our voice in Congress if you do
2 this.

3 And the second thing with my last seconds is the
4 State Senate map.

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

6 MR. LARA: I have a particular concern with the
7 proposed maps that includes Fresno, and I'm really
8 encouraged by what you're looking at fixing. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 And right now we have caller 7331, and up next after
11 that will be caller 3726.

12 Caller 7331, please follow the prompts. The floor
13 is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello and thank you
15 Commissioners and line drawers for your hard work. Thank
16 you once more for including Sylmar in the San Fernando
17 Valley VRA district on the Congressional maps. Please
18 try to find the time to go back to the Valley and to do
19 this in a way that keeps Granada Hills and Porter Ranch
20 in the San Fernando Valley. Sunland-Tujunga make more
21 much more sense in the Antelope Valley district sense
22 since they are also semi-rural horseback riding folks and
23 don't belong together with West Hollywood like it
24 currently is. Stuart Waldman and VICA have submitted a
25 plan that fixes all of this and also keeps North



1 Hollywood and Toluca Lake together. Thank you -- thank
2 you so much for all your good work and please try to keep
3 Granada Hills and Porter Ranch the San Fernando Valley.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
5 right now we have caller 3726, and up next after that, is
6 caller 8951.

7 Caller 3726, please follow the prompts. The floor
8 is yours.

9 MR. NGUYEN: Hello, my name is Daniel Nguyen from
10 Orange County. There are many organized groups
11 participating in this redistricting process. But I feel
12 like the Vietnamese community is the group being
13 dismissed for having a lot of callers. We are excited
14 that we have the opportunity to call in and keep doing so
15 to make sure our community is protected just like
16 (indiscernible) organizations. We are so close to
17 getting our full community in one Congressional district
18 and the proposal for Huntington Beach is a compromise
19 that accomplishes that. Please actually enact this
20 compromise. Thank you so much.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now, we have caller 8951, and up next
23 after that, it would be caller 6659.

24 Caller 8951, please follow the prompts. The floor
25 is yours.



1 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening,
2 Commissioners. My name is Watts (ph.) and I'm calling
3 from Westminster. I was concerned because on Monday when
4 one Commissioner dismissed the Vietnamese callers because
5 there was too many of us and personally, I think that was
6 disrespectful and somewhat racist. I hope we're not
7 being dismissed simply because we are organized and
8 engaged. It's also not dissimilar to the other groups
9 whose map you literally put up on your screens. We don't
10 have fancy maps drawing systems, right, but we do know
11 where the heart of the Vietnamese community lives. So
12 I'm asking please add back in at least a portion of
13 Huntington Beach to our Congressional district so we can
14 get a true Vietnamese and Asian influenced district in
15 Orange County. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right now we have caller 6659, and up next after
18 that will be 7618.

19 Caller 6659, please follow the prompts. The floor
20 is yours.

21 MR. TRAN: Hi, can you guys hear me?

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

23 MR. TRAN: Hi, my name is David Tran. Please
24 approve Commissioner Kennedy's idea to include part of
25 the Huntington Beach in which -- in with Little Saigon.



1 It might seem small, but it is a line that better
2 reflects our growing community and would increase the
3 Asian population in this Congressional district. I know
4 why you don't want to add all of Huntington Beach and
5 that is fine at this point, but an even swap seems easily
6 done. Thank you and have a good night.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 And right now we have caller 7618, and up next after
9 that will be caller 7576.

10 Caller 7618, please follow the prompts. The floor
11 is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, can you guys hear
13 me?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

15 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Great. Hi, my name is
16 Paige and I'm calling in support of now splitting
17 Huntington Beach.

18 At first, I did not want it split, but this late in
19 this process, it seems that this is the only way to get
20 the Vietnamese population fully together in the Santa Ana
21 district. Please make the split you proposed to truly
22 create an Asian influenced district in Orange County.
23 Thanks for your time.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 And right now we have caller 7576, and up next after



1 that will be caller 4006.

2 Caller 7576, please follow the prompts. The floor
3 is yours. Caller 7576, if you will please double-check
4 your telephone and make sure you are not on mute. And if
5 you will please press star six one more time -- you did
6 re-mute yourself. You are now unmuted. You may want to
7 doublecheck your telephone, make sure you are not on mute
8 on your telephone, as we cannot hear you, but we are --
9 you are unmuted in the meeting.

10 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes, I just want to
11 say thank you so much for, you know, taking the time to
12 review the maps and ensure that they are equitable -- our
13 communities. My name is Sokoro (ph.). I am Regional
14 Director for Public Affairs (indiscernible). And we have
15 several health centers in the Central Valley providing an
16 array of health services.

17 Historically, the Central Valley has not received
18 its share of resources regardless of the endless
19 contributions to the State. We are in support of map 4.
20 The purpose of redistricting to ensure there's true
21 representation of our residents, which will lead to more
22 prosperous, thriving communities. So we thank you for
23 taking the tie to create a map that's more equitable.
24 Thank you so much for the opportunity to speak.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.



1 And right now I have caller 4006, and up next after
2 that will be caller 4735.

3 Caller 4006, please follow the prompts. The floor
4 is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello and thank you,
6 Commissioners. Oh my gosh, you guys have been doing
7 amazing work for a state so large as California --
8 amazing. I'm calling to ask you guys to return Grenada
9 Hills and Porter Ranch to the San Fernando Valley when
10 you mark up the maps for Congress. You know someone in
11 Tujunga are far closer to the Antelope Valley and they're
12 also semi-rural. And they shouldn't be together with the
13 West Hollywood anyways, which is where they are now.

14 You know, culturally, West Hollywood, and Sunland-
15 Tujunga, and Topanga are so far apart, almost as far
16 apart as the distance. So hopefully we can keep those
17 together. Please take a moment to look at the proposal
18 from Stuart Waldman and VICA which fixes all this and
19 keeps Sylmar Valley -- Sylmar in the Valley, too. It's
20 really a smart map. It works, keeps everything together
21 as neighbors. It also keeps Toluca Lake and North
22 Hollywood together. It's really a great solution and you
23 guys are doing great work.

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you again for all of

1 your hard work, and we really appreciate you guys.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 right now, we have caller 4735, and up next after that
4 will be caller 7051.

5 Caller 4735, please follow the prompts. The floor
6 is yours.

7 MR. VONGORA: Hello, thank you. My name is Chris
8 Vongora. I am a longtime Fontana resident, and I really
9 want to thank the Commission for all of your hard work.
10 I know you've been meeting daily and dealing with a lot
11 of comments. I'm actually calling in because I am
12 speaking in regards to the Pomona Chino Valley area
13 because as a resident of Inland Empire, I'm very
14 concerned that the latest version of the SD10WE map
15 places us in the same district as the Senate district as
16 San Gabriel Valley. The communities of the Inland Empire
17 have a very distinct identity -- our challenges are
18 different. But for a long time we've identified common
19 interests and worked together to solve them. Our state
20 representatives are from the Inland Empire, understand
21 the Inland Empire, and provide representation that best
22 serves the residents of the Inland Empire.

23 This is much more deeper than crossing county lines.
24 This is about two different communities of interest that
25 regionally have little in common. The current iteration



1 could leave us without representation familiar with the
2 needs of the Inland Empire in the State Senate for many
3 years to come. And we hope -- and I hope that you
4 consider --

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 MR. VONGORA: -- (indiscernible). The Commission
7 has recognized its different communities of interest as
8 it drew the Assembly Congressional maps. And so we're
9 asking that you please approve a map that keeps state
10 Senate representation in the Inland Empire. Thank you
11 for your work, and I hope you have a great evening.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 And right now we have Caller 7051, and up next after
14 that will be caller 0349.

15 Caller 7051, please follow the prompts. The floor
16 is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, thank you so much.
18 My name is Julie. I'm from the San Fernando Valley. I
19 first want to thank the Commission so much for all their
20 hard work, but we're not done yet. There's still some
21 work left to be done at the San Fernando Valley. I do
22 want to note that the last Assembly district
23 visualization for the San Fernando Valley Assembly map
24 offered on December 8th had great frustration and upset
25 local residents. A lot of my neighbors, a lot of leaders



1 in the community were really upset by the maps that were
2 put forward.

3 After a great deal of conversation, a coalition of
4 neighborhood leaders and activists from the San Fernando
5 Valley are asking that you adopt the San Fernando Valley
6 Firefighters Assembly map. This map is supported by
7 neighborhood leaders and community members because the
8 map combines and incorporates foothill communities of
9 Burbank, Glendale, and Santa Clarita into one district
10 who consistently face fire danger.

11 They also consolidate neighborhoods impacted by the
12 Hollywood Burbank Airport and keeps the Los Angeles
13 neighborhoods along Mulholland together while unifying
14 working class (indiscernible) community in a separate
15 district.

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: We ask that you
18 consider these thoughts and go back to the LA Firefighter
19 map. Thank you so much.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
21 right now we have caller 0349, and up next after that is
22 caller 0762.

23 Caller 0349, please follow the prompts. The floor
24 is yours.

25 MS. SHAW: Yes, ma'am. My name Kay Shaw (ph.).



1 I've been a resident of the San Fernando Valley for the
2 past twenty years. And I would like to say how difficult
3 I find the map to be on December 8th. It has greatly
4 frustrated those of us in the local community and the
5 leaders and activists alike. And I would, like the
6 previous caller, like you to please look at the LA
7 Firefighter map -- the San Fernando Valley Firefighters
8 Assembly map. And please consider the fact that this
9 map, you know, it unites the Filipino community in Van
10 Nuys, (audio interference), East Panorama City in North
11 Hollywood into one district instead of current district
12 which divides the growing population into three
13 districts. And finally, the map also aligns traditional
14 Jewish neighborhoods and keeps LGBTQ+ populations in the
15 Valley unified. Please consider the LA Firefighter map
16 in support of our neighborhood leaders and community
17 members. Please consider the San Fernando Valley
18 Firefighters Assembly map.

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MS. SHAW: Thank you so much.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now we have caller 0762, and up next after
23 that is caller 7175.

24 Caller 0762, please follow the prompts. Caller with
25 the last four digits 0762, if you please follow the



1 prompts by pressing -- there you go. The floor is yours.

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you, hi. This is
3 Patrick (ph.) in North Hollywood in the beautiful San
4 Fernando Valley. I'm also calling about the Assembly
5 district maps. I'm sorry, I understand how difficult a
6 job this is, but that last map that was posted for the
7 Assembly district in the Valley just made no sense at all
8 to anybody that lives here. I mean, Glendale with East
9 LA and Burbank with Santa Monica. It did not work at
10 all. I heard people calling in about the firefighters'
11 map. I've looked at that one. That one does make sense.
12 I also heard people calling in about the Valley Industry
13 Commerce Association map. That one also makes sense. If
14 you look at those two maps, you'll see they have a lot in
15 common.

16 People have talked about uniting the fire risk
17 neighborhoods in the foothills. But also, the districts
18 in the middle of the Valley make more sense on both of
19 these maps. You've got North Hollywood in the San
20 Fernando Valley District, and you've got the districts
21 ending at the Hollywood Hills, La Jolla Drive, keeping
22 the Valley separate from the rest of Los Angeles, and you
23 really need to do that.

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: These districts are not



1 going to make sense or work for the people who live in
2 them if you try to mix the Valley districts with the
3 districts down in the Los Angeles basin.

4 So please look at the firefighter's map, look at the
5 VICA map. I think you can come up with something very
6 good. You've done a great job elsewhere in the state. I
7 think you could do well on these. Thank you. Bye-bye.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 And right now we have caller 7175, and up next after
10 that is caller 0011.

11 Caller 7175, if you'll please follow the prompts.

12 The floor is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you, Katy.

14 Good evening, Commissioners. This is Jeremy (ph.).

15 I'm calling on behalf of Equality California. I'm
16 calling today to respectfully express our disappointment
17 with today's Senate iterations in the Coachella Valley,
18 which split our local LGBTQ+ community into three
19 districts, MCV, SWRC (ph.), and the SECA district. We
20 understand that every COI cannot be kept together, but
21 this three-way division is deeply concerning to us
22 because the LGBTQ+ community of Coachella Valley is
23 already particularly vulnerable with LGBTQ+ seniors,
24 retiring communities, lower income, and working-class
25 LGBTQ+ folks in communities around Palm Springs and the

1 first generation of people living with HIV into older age
2 living in this region.

3 And so far, this community has been divided into
4 Congressional and Assembly level and this Senate division
5 only worsens if by dividing our community into three
6 Senate districts.

7 Please help us unify our Coachella LGBTQ+ community
8 by uniting Palm Springs Cathedral City, Desert Hot
9 Spring, Palm Desert, and Laquinta into a (indiscernible,
10 simultaneous speech) --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- district separate
13 from San Bernadino's high desert (indiscernible)
14 communities and separate from the counties of San Diego
15 and Imperial. Doing so will allow us to protect our
16 community, our civil rights, and our ability to elect
17 candidates of choice. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now, we have caller 0011, and up next
20 after that it will be caller 8802.

21 Caller 0011, please follow the prompts.

22 Caller with the last four digits 0011, if you'll
23 please follow the prompts by pressing star six. The
24 floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, good evening. Thank you



1 for the work that you're all doing and for the
2 opportunity to speak tonight. A member of the
3 Neighborhood Rights Coalition, a county-wide coalition
4 that's calling on the Commission to please reconsider the
5 separation of Glendale and Burbank, two sister cities
6 that have historically been together, worked together,
7 and have advocated together for their constituencies.
8 They share much in common from school districts to
9 business, economic factors, and we hope that you can
10 reconsider and bring these two sister cities back
11 together in one single district so we have representation
12 in Sacramento that can be a part of it. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 And right now we have caller 8802, and up next after
15 that will be caller 4373.

16 Caller 8802, please follow the prompts. The floor
17 is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Kevin and
19 wanted to call in and thank Commissioner Kennedy for
20 working on a proposal that better represents the
21 Vietnamese community and Little Saigon. I think the
22 proposal was dismissed a bit too quickly and is one
23 (indiscernible) easy change you can make to an Orange
24 County map before we finalize. Thank you. Thanks for
25 always hearing our community and letting us engage in



1 this process.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now we have caller 4373, and up next after
4 that it will be caller 2648.

5 Caller 4373, please follow the prompts. The floor
6 is yours.

7 MS. COMBS: Hello, this is Janice Combs in Madera
8 County. And as you are doing the Central Valley and
9 Eastern part of California Map, can you keep please keep
10 Madera, Merced, and Mariposa Counties together as we
11 are -- all doing the same thing from wildfires to flash
12 floods, health care, recreation and going back and forth
13 to work. And all of our backgrounds are pretty equal in
14 those counties (indiscernible). I would really
15 appreciate it. Thank you for your time.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right now, we have caller 2648, and up next
18 after that is caller 3993.

19 Caller 2648, please follow the prompts. The floor
20 is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening. My name
22 is Crystal, and I live in the community of Walnut Park.

23 Commissioner Kennedy, thank you for all of your
24 support of our communities of Florence-Graham, Walnut
25 Park, and Huntington Park. Today I would like to request



1 a simple small cleanup for keeping Florence-Graham and
2 Walnut Park together in the 110 LA map. I ask you to
3 please, at the very minimum, keep Walnut Park and
4 Florence-Graham together in our next Assembly map as this
5 will be the only way that (indiscernible) residents and
6 unincorporated areas in LA County will have an
7 opportunity of having a voice in the Assembly. Please
8 move on the (indiscernible) 110 LA map and make the 10
9 Freeway the Northern border of the map. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 And right now, we have caller 3993, and up next
12 after that it will be caller 1327.

13 Caller 3993, please follow the prompts. And one
14 more time, caller with the last four digits, 3993, please
15 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

16 Caller 3993, if you will please double-check your
17 telephone and make sure it is not on mute. You are
18 unmuted in the meeting.

19 MR. BWARIE. Hello, my name is John Bwarie. I am
20 the CEO of the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce in the San
21 Gabriel Valley, and I'm calling to share my concern about
22 splitting the West San Gabriel Valley from the East San
23 Gabriel Valley and reducing the voting power of our API
24 and Latino communities here in the San Gabriel Valley.
25 Our Western Gabriel Valley communities, Alhambra,



1 Monterey Park, San Gabriel, and Rosemead are currently
2 being connected with much more unaligned communities in
3 the North, including Bradberry, La Quinta, which are some
4 of the more affluent communities in the county, for that
5 matter. And so I really, as we look at protecting and
6 really giving voice to these important communities, not
7 just in this region, but in this state, it's really
8 important that they remain together for us, that the idea
9 that Alhambra and Monterey Park remain together with the
10 other communities that reflect similar values, similar
11 demographics, and are really communities that are
12 contiguous.

13 We have unique issues in the San Gabriel Valley and
14 we're constantly fighting for resources as many smaller
15 cities working together in the community. So it's really
16 not acceptable that we're lumped with the Northern
17 communities as currently proposed and that we need to
18 make sure that the West San Gabriel Valley deserves the
19 representation by remaining in a Latino majority API
20 influence Senate district, particularly that adequately
21 represents the diversity of our (audio interference).
22 Thank you so much and I appreciate your consideration at
23 this point.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 And right now, we have caller 1327, and up next



1 after that caller 6059.

2 Caller 1327, please follow the prompts. The floor
3 is yours,

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioners, after you make
5 the highly requested change in the Congressional maps to
6 keep Sylmar with the Eastern San Fernando Valley to make
7 a Latino VRA district, we need you to focus now on the
8 Assembly and Senate map. Please create two super
9 majority Latino VRA districts and one super majority
10 Latino Senate VRA district to truly represent the
11 diversity of the San Fernando Valley.

12 Specifically for the Assembly map, please, add
13 Acton, Agua Dulce, Lake Elizabeth, and Northwest LA
14 County to the City of Santa Clarita. Acton and Agua
15 Dulce are a hundred percent part of the Santa Clarita
16 Valley, while the other mentioned areas are recreational
17 areas and geographic communities of interest for the
18 Santa Clarita Valley. With all these changes, Los
19 Angeles will be golden for the next decade. Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 And right now, we have caller 6059, and up next
22 after that, it will be caller 6758.

23 Caller 6059, please follow the prompts. The floor
24 is yours.

25 MR. SMITH: Commissioners Sadhwani and Sinay, you



1 have been an instrumental part of advocating for
2 communities like mine of Walnut Park. My name is James
3 Smith (ph.). I live in the community of Walnut Park. I
4 have lived here for over twenty-five years. I'm calling
5 in regards of the Assembly, 110 LA Map. Walnut Park has
6 always been connected with Florence-Graham community and
7 we are both unincorporated communities next to each other
8 represented by the County of Los Angeles.

9 Our Walnut Park residents have worked with Florence-
10 Graham community on multiple social issues as we are side
11 by side on both, share similar (indiscernible).

12 Separating Walnut Park and Florence-Graham would be a
13 complete injustice -- does not benefit our residents.
14 Please move Walnut Park into the 110 LA Map and make the
15 10 Freeway the Northern border of the map. Thank you,
16 Commissioner Sadhwani, Commissioner Sinay, and the rest
17 of the Commissioners for your time, consideration of the
18 matter to clean up, change the Assembly 110 map. Thank
19 you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 And right now, we have caller 6758, and up next
22 after that it will be caller 3686.

23 Caller 6758, please follow the prompts. The floor
24 is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening. I am



1 Lisa (ph.), and I'm a resident of Westminster. The
2 Vietnamese community has fully engaged in this
3 redistricting process, and we are asking for one final
4 swap in the Congressional districts when you revisit the
5 maps later in the week. Please make the Huntington Beach
6 swap for Los Alamitos and Rossmoor that you proposed.
7 It's contained, simple, and a compromise that our
8 community can live with. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 right now, we color 3686, and up after that will be
11 caller 3979.

12 Caller 3686, please follow the prompts. The floor
13 is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good evening, this is
15 Lou (ph.). I'm a resident of the San Fernando Valley.
16 I'd like to remind the Commission that the San Fernando
17 Valley strength lies in its diversity. In particular,
18 our Latino community is integral to the makeup, culture,
19 and lifestyle in the San Fernando Valley. Your maps do
20 draw one Latino Voting Rights Act district in the San
21 Fernando Valley, and I appreciate that. However, you
22 released a version of maps that include not just one but
23 two Assembly Latino VRA districts.

24 Furthermore, you've heard a lot of talk today about
25 the Senate VRA seats, and the Commission doesn't draw --

1 if the Commission draws two VRA Assembly districts, those
2 can be drawn together to create one Senate VRA district
3 as well. The Latino community deserves to have its
4 representation protected. As a representative or as a
5 resident --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- as a fifty-year
8 resident of the North San Fernando Valley, I know what
9 I'm talking about. The San Fernando Valley is a huge
10 area and would in fact be the sixth largest city in the
11 nation by itself. I'm asking that you honor --

12 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER -- the intent of the
14 Voting Rights Act and draw two Assembly VRA districts in
15 the San Fernando Valley. Let's keep the San Fernando
16 Valley group together by itself. Thank you so much for
17 your work.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now we have caller 3979, and up next after
20 that is caller 6090.

21 Caller 3979, please follow the prompts. The floor
22 is yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. My name is
24 Mellin (ph.). I'm a (indiscernible) member of Pacifica
25 Islander Health Partnership located in Garden Grove. We



1 serve the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander
2 communities by providing health access to those that are
3 disproportionately low income and share the need for
4 social services and affordable housing. I'd like to
5 thank the Commission for today's revisions to the state
6 Senate draft map in Orange County. Thank you for your
7 dedication and continued efforts to ensure that there is
8 a VRA district both in and around Santa Ana, West
9 Anaheim, South Fullerton, and La Habra. Building upon
10 this move, we would like to ask the Commission to unite
11 the Irvine and Costa Mesa community of interest by moving
12 Costa Mesa and surrounding unincorporated areas from NOC
13 Coast into IOC. They will be able to ensure that Pacific
14 Islander communities in Costa Mesa and Irvine stay
15 together as there are shared (indiscernible) and on
16 affordable housing, health access, and other critical
17 services that our communities need.

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Please look at the
20 revised map from the People's Redistricting Alliance for
21 guidance on how to make this pivot and ensure that our
22 most underrepresented communities can remain together in
23 their respective districts. Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 And right now we have caller 6090, and up next after



1 that will be caller 0203.

2 Caller 6090, please follow the prompts. Caller
3 6090, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
4 pressing star six. The floor is yours.

5 MR. QUATCH: Good evening, my name is Nicholas
6 Quatch (ph.), and I live in City of Alhambra, serving as
7 the President of the Alhambra Youth Commission and
8 Sophomore Class President at Alhambra High School. I'm
9 calling in tonight to share my concern about the state
10 Commissions reducing the political power of Latino API
11 voters in the West San Gabriel Valley. West SGV cities
12 such as Alhambra, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, and
13 Rosemead are currently being connected to white, affluent
14 foothill cities such as Pasadena, La Canada and Bradbury.
15 Bradbury is one of the wealthiest ZIP codes in
16 California, with an average household income of 146,000.
17 In La Canada, the annual household income is 175,000.
18 These cities are predominantly white. But in Alhambra,
19 Monterey Park, our annual household income is 61,000. In
20 both these cities, Whites make up less than ten percent
21 of our residents.

22 Affluent White communities in the foothills put an
23 enormous amount of political power over small working-
24 class cities in the West SGV. West SGV cities are
25 constantly fighting over resources to improve our



1 neighborhoods, such as in the Assembly 710-10 freeway
2 debate.

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 MR. QUATCH: All residents continue to carry the
5 burden of poor air quality and traffic congestion. The
6 Cities of the West SGV deserve to maintain the political
7 power by remaining in the Latino majority API influenced
8 Senate district that adequately represents the diversity
9 of our region. Thank you for your consideration.
10 Nicholas Quatch.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 And right now, we have caller 0203, and up next
13 after that is caller 4857.

14 Caller 0203, please follow the prompts. The floor
15 is yours.

16 MS. DE LA VALENCIA: Good evening, Commissioners.
17 My name is Maria De La Valencia (ph.). I am a Santa Ana
18 resident and a community organizer with Orange County
19 Congregations Community Organization. OCCCO works with
20 congregations across the county on the issues of housing
21 and immigration justice and education equity. We also
22 work to ensure that our leaders feel empowered as they're
23 advocating for their communities. I would like to first
24 thank the Commission for today's revision to the state
25 Senate draft map in Orange County and ensuring that there



1 is a VRA district both in and around Santa Ana, West
2 Anaheim, South Fullerton, and La Habra. Building upon
3 this move, we would like to recommend strengthening the
4 VRA District SAA even further and increasing its Latinx
5 CVAP a full percentage point by following the
6 recommendations sent a few minutes ago by The People's
7 Redistricting Alliance. Thank you for your time and
8 consideration.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 And right now, we have caller 4857, and up next
11 after that is caller 5115.

12 Caller 4857, please follow the prompts. And one
13 more time. Caller with the last four digits, 4857 please
14 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. One
15 more time. The floor is yours.

16 MR. LICCARDO: Good evening, Commissioners. This is
17 Sam Liccardo, the Mayor of the City of San Jose. And on
18 behalf of our one million residents, I thank you all for
19 taking seriously our concerns about splitting San Jose
20 into several Congressional districts and for your
21 thoughtful deliberation. We appreciate your juggling
22 many complex and conflicting considerations. And we
23 support your creation of proposed Latino and Asian
24 American opportunity districts in San Jose in whatever
25 fashion is required by the Voting Rights Act. I'm not



1 asking you to alter either of those two districts.

2 However, the remaining two districts encompassing
3 San Jose's West, South, central, and Southeast can and
4 should form the basis for a San Jose majority district.
5 Nearly 600,000 San Joseans in those neighborhoods would
6 know that they would have a representative in Washington
7 who will not subordinate our urban concerns to those of
8 more affluent, less diverse suburban communities around
9 us. We share the view of many in Monterey and Santa Cruz
10 counties that their coastal communities deserve attention
11 to their unique environmental and economic issues.

12 (Indiscernible) Silicon Valley's urban center has
13 uniquely technology-focused economy, demographically
14 diverse community, severe affordability crisis --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MR. LICCARDO: -- and multi-billion-dollar transit
17 projects needing federal funding. Congress works best
18 when its members can speak clearly for all of our
19 communities. Thank you again for considering my
20 thoughts.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now, we have caller 5155, and up next
23 after that would be caller 7832.

24 Caller 5115, please follow the prompts. The floor
25 is yours.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. I'm
2 calling to ask that you not split up San Jose into four
3 Congressional districts. San Jose is the 10th largest
4 city in the entire United States, and we need at least
5 one representative whose district has a majority of San
6 Jose residents, something that almost every big city has.
7 We agree with our neighboring counties that our different
8 communities of interest would be best served by
9 representatives focused on each of our respective needs.
10 You could accomplish this while still maintaining the
11 very important Latino and Asian American opportunity
12 districts in our city. I implore you to reconsider
13 splitting up San Jose into four Congressional districts
14 and ask that we have at least one member of Congress who
15 will stand up for our current community of interests,
16 which is our City of San Jose. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And right now, we have caller 7832, and up next
19 after that is caller 0805.

20 Caller 7832, please follow the prompts. The floor
21 is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening. I want
23 to thank all of you, but especially Commissioner Turner
24 and Kennedy, for hearing our community and helping us
25 advocate to keep our communities together in Walnut Park



1 area.

2 My name is Jeanette and I live in Florence-Graham.
3 I'm calling regarding the Assembly 110 LA draft map. As
4 you have heard our community before we are part of a
5 coalition in Walnut Park and Florence-Graham communities
6 with its several hundred members. We are here to ask for
7 a minor small change. We are asking for a one-for-one
8 swap. Move the small communities of unincorporated
9 Walnut Park area into the 110 LA map, then give the small
10 parts of downtown LA that you currently have in the 110
11 LA map move back to the AB54 NELA map. And lastly, you
12 can move the small City of Maywood from AB54 NELA map to
13 the Gateway map. This is an even swap that will put
14 these small community areas with other similar
15 communities where they have more in common.

16 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Commissioners, asking
18 for a small clean up to ultimately have Walnut Park in
19 the same 110 LA Map as the Florence-Graham community --

20 MR. MANOFF: Ten.

21 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- in order to
22 (indiscernible) have the opportunity for our hardworking
23 families to elect a candidate of our choice. Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now we have caller 0805, and up next after that is



1 caller 7483.

2 Caller 0805, please follow the prompts. The floor
3 is yours.

4 MS. ROSE: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is
5 Yvette Rose, a voter and renter from Van Nuys in the San
6 Fernando Valley. I want to thank you guys tonight for
7 all of your hard work, but we're not done yet. The last
8 Assembly district visualizations in the San Fernando
9 Valley from December 8th have extremely upset local
10 renters and activists like myself. I support the LA
11 firefighters map because it creates a Latino majority and
12 Latino opportunity district in the Assembly and in the
13 Valley, expanding representation for Latinos in the
14 Valley. It also keeps Los Angeles neighborhoods along
15 Mulholland together while unifying working class renter
16 communities like Van Nuys in a separate district. It
17 also unifies the Latino community in Van Nuys North of
18 East Panorama City and North Hollywood in one district,
19 instead of the current district, which divides a growing
20 population in these three districts. It also
21 consolidates the neighborhoods impacted by the --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MS. ROSE: Hollywood Burbank Airport, which is such
24 a huge issue here, and incorporates North Hollywood and
25 Toluca Lake in a single district, and the map outlines



1 traditionally Jewish neighborhoods and keeps the LGBTQIA
2 populations of the valley unified.

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

4 MS. ROSE: Thank you so much.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now we have caller 8121, and up next after
7 that is caller 5181.

8 Caller 8121, please follow the prompts.

9 MS. OLMOS: Hi, can you hear me?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

11 MS. OLMOS: Hi my name is Gloria Olmos. I'm the
12 Mayor of the City of South El Monte. And I'd like to
13 thank first off, the Commission for all its hard work in
14 crafting the maps. I know it's been a lot of work and
15 for the representation I'd like to see as a resident of
16 South El Monte in the San Gabriel Valley, it concerns me
17 that the latest iteration Map SD10DWE does not secure the
18 proper representation for our San Gabriel Valley. We
19 need to keep us together. I don't want to see us be put
20 apart -- put together with San Bernadino. We need to
21 stay -- it would be such an injustice. We need to stay
22 together to make our communities and our cities, our
23 regional areas that have common interests in which we
24 share distinctly a lot of identities. We work together
25 as a team and I'd like to keep those similarities



1 together, as well as needing to keep the map that states
2 the state representative, we voted for Senator Susan
3 Rubio. We'd like to keep her as a representative. And
4 it's kind of telling us our vote doesn't matter and we
5 need to know and let the people know their vote matters.
6 So I speak for many on behalf of the City of South El
7 Monte --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MS. OLMOS: -- in the San Gabriel Valley. Please
10 keep us together. Thank you so much for all your hard
11 work. I know it's been a lot to hear us all through the
12 night. Thank you. Happy --

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 for all those that have (sic) calling in, your public
15 comment is being translated. If you can do your best to
16 take your time with cities, counties, numbers, and just
17 everything in general, that'd be great. Thank you so
18 much.

19 Right now we have caller 5181, and up next after
20 that is caller 9843.

21 Caller 5181, if you'll please follow the prompts.
22 Caller with the last four digits 5181, please follow the
23 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 5181, I
24 do apologize. You appear to have some type of
25 connectivity issue at the moment. I do have you marked



1 down for a retry and I will come back around.

2 Right now, we have caller 9843, and up next after
3 that will be caller 8853.

4 Caller 9843, please follow the prompts. The floor
5 is yours.

6 MS. PASANTI: Good evening. My name is Laurie
7 Pasanti (ph.). I am Director of Civic Engagement the
8 Dolores Huerta Foundation and have been facilitating the
9 Equitable Maps Coalition. We reviewed the Central Valley
10 Congressional District iterations and recommend adoption
11 of Iteration Number 4. Iteration Number 4 prioritizes
12 the creation of three effective VRA districts -- CVAP
13 levels look great. They totally reflect performance
14 analysis and are validated by our own extensive
15 experience doing redistricting at all levels of
16 government throughout the Central Valley.

17 You have captured key COIs, especially in
18 underserved areas. You've protected our farm workers
19 throughout the Valley, Terra Bella, Delano, West Tulare,
20 and beyond. You've kept VRA communities in VRA districts
21 in Fresno and Bakersfield. The splits I see are very
22 rare and clearly necessary, and well executed.

23 Iteration Number 4 also recognizes COIs that I am
24 familiar with having personally lived in North Hanford
25 and West Bakersfield and gone to school in Lake Isabella



1 along Highway 198, Lemoore, North Hanford, and Visalia --

2 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

3 MS. PASANTI: -- (indiscernible, simultaneous
4 speech) Northeast Tulare, and the Census recognize
5 Visalia-Tulare urban corridor. And thank you so much for
6 putting California City in the Antelope Valley District.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 And right now we have caller 8853, and up next after
9 that will be caller 1915.

10 Caller 8853, please follow the prompts. The floor
11 is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm calling as a
13 concerned resident of the Central Coast, specifically as
14 it relates to the Congressional map visualization. I'm
15 very worried that the visualization splits apart our Tri-
16 County region of Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey
17 County. I would hope that the Redistricting Commission
18 follows suit of what a previous public commenter had made
19 and takes a look at the Central Coast community map fix.
20 We have a very large farmer (indiscernible) population,
21 which within all three of these counties and if any one
22 of those counties are separated from one another, that
23 would largely dilute those immigrants, monolingual
24 Spanish speakers, and I also think it would be only be
25 fair to San Jose, as Mayor Sam Liccardo said earlier in

1 his comments, to keep them as one and not split them to
2 an area which would include them within King City which
3 is hundred miles away from San Jose. So I am really just
4 asking you all to really consider this and consider the
5 voices of the countless community members that have
6 spoken against this, whether it be from San Jose,
7 Monterey, Santa Cruz, or San Benito. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 And right now, we have caller 1915, and up next
10 after that is caller 2638.

11 Caller 1915, please follow the prompts. The floor
12 is yours. Caller 1915, please double-check your phone,
13 make sure you are not on mute. You are unmuted in the
14 meeting.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, hello, Commissioners. I
16 ask that you're (sic) not split up San Jose. As the
17 tenth largest city in America, we need one representative
18 whose district is mostly comprised of San Joseans,
19 something that virtually every other city in the country
20 has. We agree with Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties that
21 our different communities of interest would be best
22 served by representatives focused on each of our
23 representative needs.

24 You can accomplish this while still maintaining the
25 important Latino and Asian American opportunity districts



1 in the city. We ask for one member of Congress we know
2 that will speak up for the tenth largest city in the
3 country. Please keep San Jose whole. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 Right now, we have caller 2638. And up next, after
6 that, it would be caller 7446.

7 Caller 2638 please follow the prompts. The floor is
8 yours. Caller 2638, if you will please double-check your
9 phone, make sure you are not on mute, you are unmuted in
10 the meeting. One more time. Caller 2638 you are --
11 there you are.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sorry about that.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I didn't realize I had it on
15 mute. I'm looking at these maps, and the way you've
16 divided up Fresno is -- because there's not a lot of
17 experience in Fresno, you've divided it up into multiple,
18 multiple Congressional districts. Also, I looked at the
19 way you've -- trying to push the VRA numbers up so high.
20 What you don't understand is when you push these VRA
21 numbers up, how is someone in central California going to
22 be able to be represented with somebody in the
23 Congressional ECA districts all the way to Lake Tahoe to
24 Plumas County, North. I don't think you understand
25 what's happening with the various districts and how

1 people live in California -- how people go from East in
2 the mountains to West down in the Valley. The reality
3 is, you're trying to push the Hispanic numbers up because
4 of the Dolores Huerta Foundation, and their ideas which
5 are all self-centered, and you're not trying to think of
6 how do people have representation. You need to
7 understand that it's okay if a VRA district is at fifty-
8 two percent or fifty-three percent -- it does not need to
9 be fifty-eight percent. Building arms to take out white
10 people to put in brown people or vice versa is racist.
11 And what you're causing is a racist district. Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 And right now we have caller 7446, and up next after
14 that is caller 9370.

15 Caller 7446, please follow the prompts. The floor
16 is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi there. I'm calling to ask
18 that you not split San Jose into four Congressional
19 districts. As the tenth largest city in the United
20 States and the third largest city in California, I feel
21 that we need one representative whose district is mostly
22 made up of San Jose residents, like every other large
23 city in the country has, and agree with previous callers
24 about how our different communities of interest would be
25 best served by representatives focused on each of our



1 respective needs. And this can be done through -- while
2 also maintaining the Latino and Asian American
3 opportunity districts in the city. And again, all I'm
4 asking is for one member of Congress who will speak for
5 the tenth largest city in the United States, third
6 largest city in California. Thank you very much for all
7 your hard work.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 And right now, we have caller 9370, and up next
10 after that is caller 7644.

11 Caller 9370, please follow the prompts. The floor
12 is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello. My name is Jose.
14 First, I would like to thank you for the work you guys
15 have done for the Los Angeles County. I am a member of
16 the Rights Coalition. We're a country-wide coalition
17 fighting for representation. And tonight, I'm here to
18 ask that you please keep Irvine and Glendale together.
19 If you split these cities up, it will diminish the
20 unified voice for fair representation in Sacramento.
21 These cities have worked together throughout history as
22 gateway cities to the San Fernando Valley. We urge you
23 guys to please keep these cities in the same Senate
24 district. Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.



1 And right now, we have caller 7644, and up next
2 after that is caller 3989.

3 Caller 7644, please follow the prompts. The floor
4 is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
6 In the Senate draft, you're still splitting Fresno metro
7 communities of interest near Fresno State and Old Fig
8 Garden between Bullord (ph.) and Shaw, impairing some of
9 those areas with Clovis. You've also not included Selma
10 in the Fresno VRA district, which is a historically
11 significant city for the Black community and should be
12 paired with other Black COIs.

13 You also split communities of interest on all
14 levels, often splitting West Park and the COI West of 99,
15 which -- and Old Fig Garden area and the college COIs and
16 communities near the Fig Garden Loop that we've continued
17 to lift up.

18 It's important that you're considerate of and try to
19 pair these communities, at least one of these on -- at
20 one of the levels of these maps. We support VRA
21 districts, but we want to list that you don't have to
22 break up Black and API communities --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- in order to maintain that
25 seat. And you shouldn't do so just to raise the LCVAP.



1 Black and Latino communities often share similar issues,
2 and there is evidence of crossover voting that supports
3 pairing these communities. A slightly lower Latino CVAP
4 in a district that keeps Black COIs together and can
5 still be an effective VRA district.

6 I'd like to thank the Commission for receiving
7 testimony so late in the evening. Thank you for all your
8 work that you continue to do.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 And right now we have caller 3989. And up next
11 after that is caller 3995.

12 Caller 3989, please follow the prompts.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm calling from Manteca
14 in San Joaquin County. I'm very upset to see our county
15 split up in the Congressional district maps. There has
16 to be a way to make sure that we aren't looped in with
17 Sacramento or Elk Grove, as is seen in a few drafts. I
18 want my community to have a voice, and the minute we're
19 with Sacramento, we lose that. Please keep us as whole
20 as possible.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now, we have caller 3995. And up next
23 after that, it will be caller 2567.

24 Caller 3995, please follow the prompts.

25 The floor is yours.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioners, today was a
2 gut punch to San Bernardino's High Desert. Thank you to
3 Commissioner Vazquez and Andersen for advocating for us.
4 But to Commissioner Vazquez' point, we've met this
5 neighbor. Look at maps going back decades. We've had
6 plenty of representatives who have come from Los Angeles
7 County. We always get left behind.

8 To Commissioner Kennedy's point about balance, this
9 map is very unbalanced. Somehow, every community in Los
10 Angeles County is kept whole, but our High Desert has
11 been cracked again. I would urge the Commission to look
12 at the draft maps. At least we were -- at least we were
13 kept whole.

14 And parts of Rancho Cucamonga, like Alta Loma, that
15 were with us, would have given rural areas in our county
16 a chance. It really feels like the Commission is wholly
17 committed to Los Angeles County and not the Inland
18 Empire, and it's just deeply unfair. Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

20 And right now, we have caller 2567, and up next
21 after that is caller 4125.

22 Caller 2567, please follow the prompts.

23 The floor is yours.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Commissioners, I
25 would like to share my strong opposition to last night's



1 Iteration S.T.CV2 of Kings-Tulare-Kern Congressional
2 visualization.

3 As a resident of Kings County, this visualization
4 dramatically changes the way in which our community and
5 overall region is represented at the federal level. I
6 think the way we go about it is that things need to be
7 balanced. The Voting Rights Act is very important, but
8 not to such a degree that communities that are not shared
9 are joined together.

10 This effort is extreme. The Kings-Tulare-Kern
11 visualization from last night's handout is not in the
12 best interest of the community. We have asked repeatedly
13 for you to keep Kings County whole. We are a VRA
14 district, a small county, and it doesn't make sense to
15 split us up.

16 The iteration that was presented on the map viewer
17 for today, December 15th, will better serve the community
18 as a whole. We strongly urge the Commission to keep
19 Kings County as a whole, as they have no interest in
20 being separated into two Congressional districts.

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It is a disservice to its
23 people and will harm their ability to be represented in
24 an equitable way. Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.



1 And right now, we have caller 4125, and up next
2 after that is caller 2402.

3 Caller 4125, please follow the prompts.

4 The floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, Commissioners. I've
6 called before, and I want to thank you again for your
7 hard work throughout this process. It's been pretty
8 impressive to watch.

9 I'm calling regarding the Congressional maps. A few
10 days ago, you put Sylmar with the San Fernando Valley
11 seat, and this is good work. Thank you, Commissioner
12 Sadhwani, for pushing this. Unfortunately, the
13 Commission was tight on time and the way that it happened
14 resulted in Granada Hills and Porter Ranch being cut out
15 of the San Fernando Valley, without the Commission even
16 discussing it.

17 VICA has submitted a revised map that keeps North
18 Hollywood and Toluca Lake together and puts Sunland-
19 Tujunga in the Santa Clarita-Antelope Valley seat.
20 Sunland-Tujunga is the semirural part of the Valley,
21 cultural -- culturally similar to the semirural AVSCVC
22 (ph.). It is imperative that the areas affected by the
23 Porter Ranch gas leak are represented by a member of
24 Congress who will bring in the EPA.

25 So I'm asking you to please keep Porter Ranch



1 together with Chatsworth and West Hills. You've done
2 right by the Valley thus far, and now we're asking that
3 you make this small change --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- in Porter Ranch and
6 Granada Hills back in the San Fernando Valley. Please
7 make this change, and thank you again for your hard work.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 And right now, we have caller 2402. And up next
10 after that is caller 8174.

11 Caller 2402, please follow the prompts.

12 The floor is yours.

13 MS. HALL: Thank you. My name is Hillary Hall, and
14 I live in the Santa Clarita Valley. I've been a thirty-
15 year resident here. Before that, I was in the San
16 Fernando Valley for twenty years. So I understand the
17 area very well. I would like to thank you for your
18 latest iteration, which unites the Antelope Valley and
19 Santa Clarita Valleys. It's a significant improvement
20 over your draft map.

21 We strongly support Commissioner Vazquez's
22 exploration to further improve these lines, specifically
23 by shifting more of the Victor Valley to San Bernardino
24 and shifting portions of Upland and Rancho Cucamonga to
25 SC201, balancing the districts through the San Fernando



1 Valley.

2 As Commissioners have noted, Upland through Santa
3 Clarita is a real disconnect. To be honest, I don't know
4 how to get to Upland without using Google Maps. And
5 you've heard consistently about trying to keep the Victor
6 Valley whole when possible. Extending Santa Clarita into
7 San Fernando Valley, recognizes the --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MS. HALL: -- city's growing diversity. This final
10 exploration will impact a handful of districts but should
11 yield further improved districts.

12 Two additional requests, which I know I won't get to
13 all of it. First, if you're going to split the Victor
14 Valley, I strongly --

15 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

16 MS. HALL: -- urge you to use the same split you
17 used in the Assembly plan. The Senate plan, as presented
18 this evening, breaks up the African-American and Latino
19 communities in the Victor Valley. Using the Assembly
20 line in Victorville -- in Victor Valley would be
21 consistent with both a Black hub and a --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 And right now, we have caller 8174. And up next
24 after that is caller 6198.

25 Caller 8174, please follow the prompts.



1 The floor is yours.

2 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Hi. My name is Sola Rodriguez. I'm
3 from the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, CHIRLA.
4 I've also lived in San Fernando Valley for over twenty
5 years. The San Fernando Valley is home to 1.8 million
6 residents, of which forty percent are Latinos and of
7 which many are immigrants.

8 The communities in Van Nuys, Pacoima, San Fernando,
9 Canoga Park, and Sylmar are home to low-income working
10 families. There are communities with apartments and
11 trailer homes, and we face the same issues, such as
12 access to affordable housing and the dire need for rent
13 control.

14 Since my time living in the Valley, I have moved
15 several times because my family could not afford the high
16 rents. The City of Van Nuys, Pacoima, and Panorama City
17 are also among the highest numbers of COVID cases. The
18 lack of COVID testing and vaccine clinics affected my
19 community. And because they could not miss a day of
20 work, we were unable to secure vaccines early.

21 Last year in December, we lost our organizing
22 director, Antonio Bernabe, due to COVID. He lived and
23 died as an undocumented person, (indiscernible)
24 dedicating his life to organizing immigrant communities
25 across the Valley for over twenty years. He helped --

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And as a reminder to those that are calling in, if
3 you please take your time with your public comment, and
4 just all of your public comments, so that we can capture
5 it properly with the translators and with our captioners
6 and for our Commissioners. Thank you so much.

7 Right now, we have caller 6198. And up next after
8 that will be caller 2770.

9 Caller 6198, please follow the prompts.

10 The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening,
12 Commissioners. Our committees and our communities in
13 Walnut Park, Florence-Graham, and Huntington Park want to
14 thank you and the vested Commissioners for helping
15 communities like ours. My name is Sandra, and I am
16 calling regarding Assembly 110 LA draft map. We are here
17 to ask for a minor small change. We are asking for a
18 one-for-one swap.

19 Move the small community of Walnut Park area into
20 the 110 LA map, then give the small parts of downtown LA
21 that have nothing in common with us that you currently
22 have in the 110 LA map, and move that small downtown area
23 to the AD54 NELA map. And lastly, you can move the small
24 City of Maywood from AD54 NELA map to the Gateway map.

25 This is a close to an even swap (indiscernible)



1 community areas, as with other similar communities that
2 they have more in common.

3 Commissioners, we are asking for a small cleanup to
4 ultimately have Walnut Park in the same 110 LA map as the
5 Florence-Graham community in order to truly have an --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- opportunity for our
8 hardworking families to elect a candidate for our choice.
9 Thank you very much.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 And right now, we have caller 2770. And up next
12 after that is caller 7317.

13 Caller 2770, please follow the prompts.

14 The floor is yours.

15 MS. LEE: Good evening. My name is Am Lee. I am a
16 lifelong resident of Orange County, with the last thirty
17 years in Irvine and more recently in Tustin. First of
18 all, thank you for the most recent iteration of a
19 district map in which the cities of Tustin and Irvine
20 have been preserved into one district and now keep our
21 voices whole.

22 I respectfully urge Commissioners to stay on this
23 course for the following reasons. As you may already
24 recognize, Tustin and Irvine share common interests, and
25 we should be considered a single community.



1 Geographically, the City of Tustin shares the entirety of
2 a long stretch of an Eastern border, as well as all of
3 our Southern border, with the City of Irvine.

4 Tustin and Irvine are closely tied with one another
5 as big sister, small sister cities with similar identity
6 and shared resources. In times of emergency, such as the
7 recent storm and past wildfires, our communities are
8 often lumped together. One of the prized schools in the
9 Tustin Unified School District, Beckman High School, is
10 located in the City of Irvine, and one of Orange County's
11 retail/dining destinations with over 120 vendors is the
12 Market Place, which straddles both the cities of Tustin
13 and Irvine.

14 As an Asian-American, I identify with the community
15 in Irvine versus North Orange County communities of
16 Fullerton and Yorba Linda. My Korean-American community
17 has thrived in Irvine, which is where I worked for more
18 than a decade and where my neighbors attend school and
19 church and where we shop and eat out.

20 Thank you so much for your time and consideration
21 and keeping Tustin and Irvine --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 And right now, we have caller 7317, and up next
24 after that will be caller 3499.

25 Caller 7317, please follow the prompts.



1 The floor is yours.

2 Caller 7317, if you will please double-check your
3 phone and make sure you are not on mute. You are unmuted
4 in the meeting.

5 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening,
6 Commissioners. My name is Jenny, a fourth-generation
7 Oakhurst resident. The recent statements, thoughts, and
8 maps regarding Congressional districts in central and
9 Eastern California do not represent my region well. One
10 idea even had Clovis with the mountain region named ECA.

11 Clovis is a city heavily populated and is the
12 definition of urban suburbia, the exact opposite of areas
13 like Madera Ranchos, Chowchilla, Mariposa, Oakhurst and
14 Coarsegold. Clovis, and even North Fresno, has many
15 different needs and a completely different way of life.
16 Should not be with the mountain communities. Thank you.
17 Have a good evening.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now, we have caller 3499. And up next
20 after that, we have caller 5249.

21 Caller 3499, please follow the prompts.

22 The floor is yours.

23 MS. LOPEZ: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is
24 Michelle Lopez, and I am calling you from the City of
25 Grand Terrace. I'm calling you this evening because I'd



1 like to ask that we keep -- that we stay grouped with
2 similar communities for the Senate maps.

3 I know that we've been split at certain points in
4 this process, but I would really like to ask that you
5 keep us neighbored with communities such as Loma Linda,
6 Redlands and Yucaipa. I've lived in the Inland Empire
7 for decades. My family has been here for over four
8 generations, as well.

9 And I want to reference a gentleman earlier who said
10 the Inland Empire has very different needs, as well as
11 needing to stay within our own county district mapping.
12 And so with regard to Redlands, with regard to Loma
13 Linda, with regard to Yucaipa, we have very similar
14 demographics in that our median household incomes, those
15 are very similar, as well as the housing prices in our
16 areas. And so we have --

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 MS. LOPEZ: -- very different needs. If you look
19 further at it, at our areas, our demographics also have a
20 very strong presence in the hospital setting, as we are
21 located central to Loma Linda University Hospital, as
22 well as Redlands Community Hospital.

23 And so I'm just asking that, with many of our
24 residents in those areas, we have -- resemble similar
25 demographics, and we're just asking that you please



1 consider keeping us within that area. Thank you for
2 taking our calls so late in the evening.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 And right now, we will have caller 5249. And up
5 next after that is caller 8575.

6 Caller 5249, please follow the prompts.

7 Caller 5249, if you will please follow the prompts
8 to unmute by pressing star six.

9 The floor is yours.

10 MR. KUN: Hi, there. Well, thank you,
11 Commissioners, for all your hard work. It's not an easy
12 job. And my name is Ho Yun Kun (ph.). I am a long-time
13 resident of San Francisco, and I actually worked on three
14 census focused on San Francisco Bay Area, and I'm very
15 familiar with the area.

16 I support the current Congressional district,
17 GREATERED iteration district map, which includes City of
18 San Jose with Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Fremont, Santa Clara,
19 and Milpitas. A lot of common interests in this
20 community, with the tech industry, with the emerging
21 green tech industry, with the large immigrant population
22 from Asia, from Latino community.

23 And --- and I also -- you know, we deal with similar
24 climate change issues. And the map is supported by many
25 community organization, as well as climate groups. I



1 also support the mayor of San Jose's comment that we
2 should really keep the rest of San Jose in one district
3 because our city has many challenges --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MR. KUN: -- and we really need one representative
6 in Congress to help us allocate our appropriate resource
7 to address homeless, transportation, housing, and many
8 other challenges. Thank you so much for all your hard
9 work.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 And right now, we will have caller 8575, and up next
12 after that will be caller 8198.

13 Caller 8575, please follow the prompts.

14 The floor is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
16 Your last San Fernando Valley Assembly maps did not work
17 for any of us community leaders. I'm a former vice
18 president of a neighborhood council, and I appreciate you
19 recognizing that these maps did not work.

20 Sam Stewart (ph.) and VICA have submitted three maps
21 today. Map B that Stewart submitted stands for bad. It
22 splits Pacoima from San Fernando and Sylmar and does not
23 work for the San Fernando Valley, but map A by VICA works
24 for the San Fernando Valley. None of these maps are
25 perfect, but map A by VICA works.



1 Similar to that is the coalition map provided by the
2 firefighters for the San Fernando Valley. This map is
3 best. It keeps the East Angeles Forest communities of
4 Burbank, Sunland-Tujunga, Glendale, and the Santa Clarita
5 Valley all whole, allowing for them to have appropriate
6 representation.

7 As we face climate change, and wildfires are going
8 to be a bigger factor, we need an Assembly member who
9 understands these issues --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and will work on them for
12 all of their communities and work closely together. So
13 please look at the San Fernando Valley Coalition's map
14 provided by the firefighters or VICA's map A. VICA's map
15 B stands for bad.

16 Thank you very much, and thank you for your
17 commitment to our state. We owe you a great gratitude.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now, we have caller 8108, and up next
20 after that, we have caller 9575.

21 Caller 8108, please follow the prompts.

22 Caller with the last four digits, 8108, please
23 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

24 I do apologize. Caller 8108, there appears to be
25 some type of connectivity issue for you at the moment. I



1 do have you marked for a retry. I will be coming back
2 around after the break for those.

3 Right now, we have caller 9575. And up next after
4 that, we will have caller 9938.

5 9575, please follow the prompts.

6 MS. DIAZ: Good evening -- good evening,
7 Commissioners. My name is Karen Diaz, and I'm part of
8 the Coalition for Human Immigrant Rights, CHIRLA. CHIRLA
9 wants to commend you on your sense of duty to serve and
10 always taking up and listening to our public comment and
11 make it inclusive for all residents of California.

12 And a immigrant myself, I am really grateful that
13 this is a process that I can participate. Today, I will
14 be providing feedback on LA County and Orange County.

15 We appreciate (indiscernible) by keep the whole
16 Antelope Valley together in SDIANTVICCVAl (ph.) map for
17 the Senate level. A concern that we have is that it's
18 breaking up the communities of the High Desert by
19 separating the City of Hesperia from Victorville and
20 Adelanto.

21 While low-income immigrant communities understand
22 that at the Assembly level they have to draw Hesperia,
23 Adelanto, and Victorville for VRA obligations. We would
24 like -- they would like to be separated from an LA
25 County-based district at the Senate level. This

1 modification will respect COIs and the community of
2 Antelope Valley and the High Desert --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 MS. DIAZ: -- and suggest that once you draw the
5 Senate district in Antelope Valley with Santa Clarita and
6 Antelope Valley, you had no to Kern County, including the
7 City of Rosamond and Mojave in the Central Valley.

8 Also, we want to thank you for your work on the
9 Senate district on the Orange County district. We
10 appreciate --

11 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

12 MS. DIAZ: -- that you draw Fullerton with Anaheim
13 and other parts of Orange County.

14 Lastly, we want to uplift the -- the -- the Senate
15 mapping of the San Fernando Valley district, and we want
16 to make sure that (indiscernible) represent the level
17 that are (indiscernible) --

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And as one more reminder, please speak slowly when
20 talking about names, cities, and numbers, and for all of
21 your public comment, so that we may capture it with our
22 capturers and our translators and so that our
23 Commissioners can follow along. Thank you so much.

24 Right now, we have caller 9938. And up next after
25 that will be caller 0669.



1 Caller 9938, please follow the prompts.

2 The floor is yours.

3 MS. SELL: Hi. Can you hear me?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

5 MS. SELL: My name is Linda Sell. I live in Greater
6 ED Congressional district near San Jose. San Jose mayor
7 made clear that the people of San Jose do not want
8 exploration in the region that puts Greater ED Asian
9 district with a small map connecting it to San Jose.

10 So I think Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner
11 Toledo for suggesting and supporting that San Jose
12 population be exchanged between Santa Clara district and
13 Midcoast districts. Thank you to Chair Kennedy for
14 asking Commissioner Yee and Commissioner Ahmad to explore
15 this exchange.

16 This matches San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo's -- what
17 he spoke tonight in his letter. It would point to, you
18 know, making a majority district -- San Jose district of
19 San Clare (ph.), which all would --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MS. SELL: -- match up Greater ED, many COIs since
22 the summer, which included COIs from MALDEF map, Asian
23 Law Alliance map -- which is based in San Jose --
24 unanimous vote by San Jose --

25 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.



1 MS. SELL: -- Sunnyvale city council, a unanimous
2 vote by Santa Clara city council, and it also maintains
3 the Cupertino Hispanic VRA district. Your line drawing
4 playbook says it priorities that prioritizes council
5 votes --

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 And right now, we will have caller 0669, and up next
8 after that will be caller 3783.

9 Caller 0669, please follow the prompts.

10 Now, one more time, caller with the last four
11 digits -- oop, there you are. The floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER Hi, everyone. My name is
13 Amir, and I am a sophomore in high school. I am fifteen
14 years old. I spent all of my fifteen years in Temple
15 City, a city in the San Gabriel Valley. I am very
16 dedicated to my community. I'm currently an appointed
17 youth committee member for the City of Temple City.

18 And I just wanted to talk about our Senate district
19 real quick because as previous speakers have mentioned,
20 the West San Gabriel Valley and the East San Gabriel
21 Valley are completely split. My city (indiscernible) in
22 the middle, but we're being grouped with the West San
23 Gabriel Valley. And by grouping us with cities like
24 Glendale and Burbank, we're taking away the voting power
25 of minorities, API voters, and Latin (indiscernible)

1 voters in the district.

2 Previous speakers also mentioned that for -- that
3 they wanted Glendale and Burbank included in the San
4 Fernando Valley. So I think a perfect solution would be
5 to give them what they want and give us what we want by
6 splitting our --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- side of the district
9 in two. And then also for the East San Gabriel Valley,
10 combining the West in San Gabriel Valley, and as previous
11 speakers also mentioned, giving back Chino and Pomona
12 back to the Inland Empire, so that, that way the San
13 Gabriel Valley could really be grouped together and we
14 could really have --

15 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- our voting power
17 truly recognized while giving neighboring districts
18 exactly what they've been asking for. Thank you so much
19 for your time. Hope you have a great evening.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 And right now, we have caller 3783. And up next
22 after that is caller 0682.

23 Caller 3783, please follow the prompts.

24 And one more time, caller 3783, if you'll please
25 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.



1 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, there. My name is
2 Irene, and I'm calling regarding Commissioner Kennedy's
3 proposal regarding the Vietnamese community in Huntington
4 Beach and Little Saigon. Tomorrow, when the Commission
5 revisits the Congressional maps, I would like to consider
6 the request that you all consider this proposal.

7 I know you want -- I know you won't be making
8 substantial changes to the OC maps, but this idea seems
9 to be reasonable, fair, and something the Commission can
10 do without blowing up all of its hard work to this point.
11 Thank you for all your hard work, and I appreciate your
12 thoughts in this Congression (sic).

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 And right now, we have caller 0682, and up next
15 after that is caller 9672.

16 Caller 0682, please follow the prompts.

17 The floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. I am a
19 resident of the Antelope Valley, and I'm calling to
20 support tonight's iteration, the -- the 12/15 iteration
21 of AVSCV, which again includes Sylmar, which we support.

22 Callers continue to reference a change in which
23 Porter Ranch and Granada Hills were drawn in with us a
24 few days ago. However, this was not the iteration that
25 was posted tonight on 12/15, so I'm not exactly sure if



1 they need to update their scripts or if I'm not looking
2 at the correct iteration.

3 Regarding the callers who continuously -- who
4 continuously try to lump Santa Clarita or the Antelope
5 Valley with Sunland and Tujunga, please stop. Our
6 communities have nothing in common with that area. And
7 to get there, you have to drive through the Valley.

8 VICA also referring to us as semirural is offensive.
9 Santa Clarita is the third largest city in Los Angeles
10 County. Lancaster and Palmdale are the fifth and sixth.
11 We're suburban and extremely diverse. I've lived here
12 nearly my whole life, and I've never even seen a horse on
13 any of our streets, so referring to us as horse-riding
14 folks is ridiculous.

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Stewart Waldman and VICA need
17 to keep their concerns over our community to themselves.
18 They don't even live here, and as a gay Latino, I am
19 appalled at their attempts to disenfranchise us in favor
20 of white communities in North Hollywood. It's racist,
21 plain and simple.

22 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I appreciate you not taking
24 directives from special interest groups who wish to
25 benefit certain Congressional representatives. Please,



1 if you could clarify whether the 12/15 CD iteration is
2 correct or not. Happy holidays, and best of luck to you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 And Chair, at this time, we are up against a break.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much, Katie. It is
6 going on 8 o'clock. We will be on break until 8:15.

7 There are some forty-five callers in the queue.
8 Some of those have already spoken. We have twenty-five
9 hands up. So those of you who are still in the queue,
10 please remain in the queue. We will get to you as soon
11 as we can, after we come back at 8:30. Thank you so --
12 sorry, at 8:15. Thank you so much.

13 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 7:59 p.m.
14 until 8:15 p.m.)

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone, for your
16 patience during our fifteen-minute break. We are back
17 with you and looking forward to hearing from our
18 remaining callers tonight.

19 Katie, please take it away.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.

21 And we will begin with caller 9672. And up next
22 after that will be caller 9611.

23 And just a brief reminder for all of those who have
24 called in, if you will please speak at a steady pace with
25 all numbers, counties, names, and just everything you



1 have to say. It allows us to capture it properly, and it
2 allows the Commissioners to hear it. Thank you so much.

3 Caller 9672, please follow the prompts.

4 The floor is yours.

5 MR. GONZALES: Thank you, Commissioners. I
6 appreciate all the hard work that you've -- you've been
7 doing. I am Mayor Robert Gonzales from the City of
8 Azusa, and my concern this evening is the redistricting
9 map that you're looking to do for Senate District 22.

10 You know, expanding that district into San
11 Bernardino County will really affect the San Gabriel
12 Valley.

13 We are one of the most dense -- densely populated
14 regions in LA County, and extend resources that go into
15 San Bernardino County wouldn't be prudent to the San
16 Gabriel Valley. I mean, we are fighting for resources
17 within our own small area, and expanding that into San
18 Bernardino County would be a disservice --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MR. GONZALES: -- not only to the districts, but
21 just to the voters at well -- not -- as well. So I am
22 just calling tonight, just to express my concerns with
23 expanding the District 22 into San Bernardino County.
24 We'd like to keep everything in -- in the San Gabriel
25 Valley. So thank you again, and have a very merry



1 Christmas. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now, we have caller 9611, and up next
4 after that is caller 3788.

5 Caller 9611, please follow the prompts.

6 The floor is yours.

7 MR. EVERSOLE: Hi. My name is Bob Eversole (ph.),
8 and I've lived in San Joaquin County for fifty years.
9 And I've been following your Commission for months now,
10 and you can't split us up. I'm -- I'm calling to make
11 sure that you understand that we should be our own area
12 with a solid voice that people can hear, not grouped in
13 with Elk Grove or Sacramento, who are totally different
14 than us. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And right now we have caller 3788, and after that,
17 it will be caller 1082.

18 Caller 3788, please follow the prompts.

19 The floor is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening. Thank
21 you for taking my comments. My name is Cathy, and I live
22 in the City of Turlock, Stanislaus County. I have some
23 real concerns about the redistricting. I'm talking about
24 map -- the Congressional District map CD ECA, iteration
25 12/13/21. I'm calling about the Congressional maps, and

1 I'm encouraged to hear the Commission is taking the time
2 to get the Central Valley VRA districts right.

3 I believe, and I'm sure you'll agree, that securing
4 representation for Latinos is central to your mandate as
5 Commissioners. However, honestly, I'm a bit frustrated
6 that it's taken so long, but better late than never. We
7 often get overlooked here in the Central Valley, and I'd
8 love to see you all back this trend.

9 The iteration number 4 was a great way to redraw the
10 VRAs. And thank you for committing to that. And thank
11 you for all your hard work, Commissioners. Merry
12 Christmas. Happy New Year. Bye-bye.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now, we have caller 1082. And up next after that
15 will be caller 3636.

16 Caller 1082, please follow the prompts.

17 The floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello. My name is Sayed
19 (ph.). I'm a homeowner in Porter Ranch. Recently,
20 Porter Ranch and Granada Hills was taken out of the San
21 Fernando Valley. I'm calling to express my concerns
22 regarding this, as we have both commercial and cultural
23 interests and ties to the San Fernando Valley.

24 And then, I want to reiterate the point that someone
25 Sunland-Tujunga should go with the Antelope Valley.



1 These communities have a lot more in common. And yeah,
2 that's practically what I wanted to convey. Thank you so
3 much, and have a great day.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 And right now, we will have 3636. And up next after
6 that will be caller 0209.

7 Caller 3636, please follow the prompts.

8 The floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can you hear me?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: As a lifelong Angelino and
12 resident of Glendale, I do not understand why you -- why
13 did you consider to be Glendale and Burbank as separate
14 in the Senate maps. We are two different cities. Our
15 demographics, economic growth, social district changes
16 are (indiscernible) work together to supply our local
17 economy. Our kids play in the same sports teams
18 (indiscernible). We shop in each other's cities and
19 worked together to provide strong public services,
20 including police and fire services, to the residents of
21 both cities. Remember once -- sorry. Remember once when
22 we are broken apart, there is only loss. Loss of
23 service, suppression of our voices, and overall
24 disservice to the residents of both Glendale and Burbank.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We know you have to make hard
2 choices, but splitting Burbank and Glendale apart from
3 each other is the wrong choice. Thank you so much for
4 your time.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now, we have caller 0209, and up next
7 after that is caller 4425.

8 Caller 0209, please follow the prompts.

9 The floor is yours.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, this is Bing (ph.)
11 speaking. I'm in Santa Clara County. I a community
12 organizer and immigration leader. I'm calling to comment
13 on the Congressional district of Santa Clara map, which
14 is currently District 18. And first, thank you all to
15 the Commissioners for your hard work you've done so far.

16 However, on the Congressional level of Santa Clara
17 County, the growing Asian population is not reflected in
18 this district in this time. The facts are, Asians are
19 the largest ethnic group in Santa Clara County, around
20 forty percent, up substantially from 2010. But the
21 current map only reflects twenty-three percent of Asian
22 population. This means the current proposed
23 Congressional Redistricting map in Santa Clara County
24 (indiscernible) is creating districts that preserve the
25 outdated racial and ethnic mix of a decade ago.



1 Asian-heavy cities like Cupertino are carved out of
2 the proposed district, instead, including Asian-light
3 cities (indiscernible). Such are city Palo Alto,
4 Mountain Views are separated from similar tech-centric
5 cities, like Sunnyvale, Cupertino, City of San Jose, City
6 of Santa Clara --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- who share this common
9 value, education, cultural business, technical
10 infrastructure background. As with mayor San Jose just
11 stated, these Asian-Americans are splitting up, reducing
12 the community voting power. Silicon Valley should be
13 viewed as an integrated community, as mentioned by
14 previous callers, and it's imperative to keep all Silicon
15 Valley cities together, such as Palo Alto, Cupertino,
16 Santa Clara, Mountain View, et cetera. I'm merely
17 echoing Mayor Sam -- Sam Liccardo and --

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now, we have caller 4425, and up next
20 after that will be caller 3358.

21 Caller 4425, please follow the prompts.

22 The floor is yours.

23 MS. SARRAILLE: Good evening, Commissioners. My
24 name is Lynn Sarraille, S-A-R-R-A-I-L-L-E. I have been a
25 resident of Turlock, California for thirty-four years.



1 I'm concerned with the Congressional Districting maps.
2 As a member of the League of Women Voters, I've
3 registered voters all over this area. My concern is that
4 Modesto and Turlock be included with their neighbors.

5 Thank you for strengthening the VRA districts in the
6 Central Valley, especially with Fresno iteration. Thank
7 you for helping Modesto and Turlock to be included in a
8 Congressional district that recognizes and supports our
9 common needs for infrastructure, health care, and
10 transportation along the Highway 99 corridor. Thank you,
11 and good night.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 And right now, we have caller 3358. And up next
14 after that will be caller 3592.

15 Caller 3358, please follow the prompts.

16 Floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. I want to
18 thank all of you, but especially Commissioners Turner and
19 Kennedy, for hearing our community and helping us to
20 advocate our communities together, Walnut Park and the
21 Florence-Graham area.

22 I'm calling regarding the Assembly 110 LA draft map.
23 As you have heard our community before, we are part of a
24 coalition in Walnut Park, Florence-Gram with several
25 hundred members. We're here to ask for a small but minor



1 change. We're asking for a one-on-one swap.

2 Move the small community of unincorporated Walnut
3 Park into the LA 110 map with the LA -- with the small
4 parts of downtown LA that you currently have in the 110
5 LA map, move those to the AD54 NELA map. And lastly, can
6 you move the small City of Maywood from AD54 NELA map to
7 the Gateway map.

8 This is an even swap that will put these small
9 community areas with other similar communities, where
10 they have more in common. Commissioners, we are asking
11 for a small cleanup to ultimately have Walnut Park in the
12 same LA 110 map as the Florence-Graham community, in
13 order to truly have an opportunity -- opportunity for our
14 hardworking families to elect the candidate --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- of our choice. Thank you
17 all very much.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
19 right now, we have caller 3592, and up next after that is
20 caller 7712.

21 Caller 3592, please follow the prompts.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good evening. My name
23 is Dan, and I'm calling from Modesto and the Great San
24 Joaquin Valley. Thank you, Commissioners, for your time
25 tonight.



1 Time and again, we've come -- keep coming back to
2 these Congressional maps, only to have to come back to
3 them again later. The time has come to really double
4 down on getting the VRA districts right and get real,
5 substantive Latino representation from the Central
6 Valley.

7 Let's create at least two districts with well-
8 upwards of fifty percent CVAP, as is represented in the
9 most recent Fresno iteration number 4. History teaches
10 us that the more spread out these communities get, the
11 less voice they have. Once these VRA districts are done
12 right once and for all, which is shown in the most recent
13 Fresno iteration number 4, then this is progress and then
14 you can finally move on. Thank you for your time.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And right now, we have caller 7712. And up next
17 after that will be caller 7507.

18 Caller 7712, please follow the prompts.

19 And one more time --

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- oop -- there you are.
22 The floor is yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
24 I'd like to speak to the two new iterations proposed by
25 Commissioner Sadhwani and Toledo to raise LCVAPs in King-



1 Tula-Kern and the Fresno-Tulare district. In the event
2 that you choose to adopt these maps, I'd like to speak to
3 the Stanis-Fresno district. For some reason, this
4 district includes the City of Lathrop in San Joaquin
5 County, a rapidly growing suburb with an industrial
6 economy closely tied to Tracy and Stockton in the largely
7 rural Stanis-Fresno seat.

8 The rapid growth of Lathrop, driven by Bay Area
9 commuters, is quickly going to drive down the LCVAP and
10 efficacy of Stanis-Fresno as a VRA seat. To uplift the
11 voice of the farmworker communities that form the basis
12 of Stanis-Fresno, I highly recommend you move out the
13 City of Lathrop and instead include the communities of
14 North Hanford and Lemoore in Stanis-Fresno.

15 This swap would raise CVAP in Stanis-Fresno and
16 would greatly improve the compactness of your maps by
17 eliminating the so-called arm that connects the sliver of
18 Kings County to the Sierras and distant population
19 centers in Bakersfield and Fresno. And Stanis-Fresno,
20 North Hanford, and Lemoore would be reunited with similar
21 West Valley communities like Coalinga and Mendota.

22 Again, swapping Lathrop out of Stanis-Fresno and
23 bringing in Lemoore and North Hanford from Fresno-Kern
24 will create a stronger VRA district, better unite
25 communities of interest in the Western San Joaquin

1 Valley, and result in much more compact districts. In
2 other words, it's a no brainer. Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 And right now, we have caller 7507, and up next
5 after that is caller 2956.

6 Caller 7507, please follow the prompts.

7 The floor is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. I'm calling to
9 request that the Commission would revisit the
10 Congressional map for Orange County. And if they have a
11 chance to revisit the map tomorrow, please take into
12 consideration West Santa Ana and -- and incorporate West
13 Santa Ana into the new Congressional district.

14 The population is about 30,000, and it can be done
15 without disrupting any other district. So please take
16 that into consideration. Thank you, and have a good
17 evening.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now, we have caller 2956. And up next
20 after that, we will retry caller 5181.

21 Caller 2956, if you will please follow the prompts.

22 Caller with the last four digits 2956, if you will
23 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

24 The floor is yours.

25 MS. PEREZ: Hello. Can you hear me?



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

2 MS. PEREZ: Okay. Good evening, Commissioners. My
3 name is Sasha Rene Perez. I'm a council member from the
4 City of Alhambra, a board member with Asian Youth Center,
5 and a lifelong resident of the San Gabriel Valley. Thank
6 you for the time you've dedicated to this Commission.

7 I'm calling in to express my deep opposition to the
8 current West SGV and East SGV Senate maps. These maps
9 dilute API and Latino communities in the West SGV and
10 combine our region with cities we share no interest with.
11 The East and West San Gabriel Valley need to be kept
12 whole. We need to continue to have representatives who
13 understand the unique needs of a predominantly low-income
14 immigrant communities of color and the challenges facing
15 our region, such as air quality, lack of green space and
16 transportation.

17 Our communities are consistently competing for
18 resources with many of the outside communities we've been
19 combined with. I've heard a number of Commissioners
20 share that these Senate maps were created as a result of
21 feedback that was provided around the West SGV
22 Congressional maps. I've spoken to several
23 organizations, such --

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MS. PEREZ: -- such as Active SGV, Nature for All,



1 and API Forward Movement, who have submitted letters to
2 make clear that their comments were only directed towards
3 the state Congressional map and that they do not want to
4 see the San Gabriel Valley split apart.

5 Please --

6 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

7 MS. PEREZ: -- make the SGV whole again and move
8 forward with the SGV Senate map iteration from November
9 10th, 2021. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 And right now, we will retry caller 5181, and then
12 up next after that, we will retry caller 8108.

13 Caller 5181, if you will please follow the prompts.

14 The floor is yours.

15 MR. O'CONNOR: Hello. My name is Kevin O'Connor,
16 and I'm a long-time resident of Simi Valley, California,
17 and I want to urge the council to -- that we need to keep
18 Santa Clarita separate from San Fernando. San Fernando
19 Valley and -- and Santa Clarita have nothing in common.
20 And -- what is it? Oops. I lost my place.

21 So the San Fernando Valley is -- is such a massive
22 valley, it can't be split off into the Santa Clarita. It
23 has -- it has to join the rest of San Fernando Valley.
24 Please do not separate -- or please do not include Santa
25 Clarita in the San Fernando Valley. Thank you for your



1 time and your public outreach.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now, we will retry caller 8108, and then
4 up next after that will be caller 7414.

5 Caller 8108, if you'll please follow the prompts.

6 The floor is yours.

7 MR. MENORE: Good evening, Commissioners. My name
8 is Ben Menore (ph.). I lived in Santa Clara Valley for
9 sixty-six years. Twenty years of that has been in San
10 Jose and twenty years currently in Sunnyvale.

11 I support the current CD Greater iteration district
12 map, which includes cities of San Jose, Cupertino,
13 Sunnyvale, Fremont, Alviso, Santa Clara, Milpitas. And
14 although there's an effort to have one major district
15 that would represent San Jose, I'm afraid of the dilution
16 of the populations of Asian-Americans and Hispanics being
17 endorsed into those -- in this one district.

18 I believe that the district that I'm in, District
19 17, has provided a base to provide great services to the
20 immigrants and minority population with regards to
21 language and cultural competence services. And so I
22 would like you to look very seriously, as these --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MR. MANORE: -- cities have -- these cities have
25 developed a tremendous bond within their own communities,



1 with their religion, language services, as well as their
2 culinary attributes to the rest of the community of this
3 district. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 And right now, I'll be going to caller 7414. And up
6 next after that will be caller 2988.

7 Caller 7414, please follow the prompts.

8 The floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Willa.
10 I'm calling about San Jose. I'm very concerned with the
11 way that San Jose has been cut into four districts. I
12 was very surprised to hear from other callers that this
13 is unprecedented among the other cities state, and San
14 Jose is literally the only city this is being done to.
15 San Jose is a very diverse and extremely cohesive
16 community, and I believe that we deserve to remain a
17 united community and not be split up this way.

18 I've heard that Mayor Sam Liccardo has advocated for
19 combining certain areas to keep our community more
20 cohesive, and I fully support this idea. I would ask
21 that you please listen to the many people who have
22 commented and who want to keep our community together,
23 and I ask that you please don't divide San Jose. Thank
24 you very much.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.



1 And right now, we have caller 2988. And up next
2 after that will be caller 5955.

3 Caller 2988, please follow the prompts.

4 And one more time, caller with the last four digits
5 29- -- oop, there you are. The floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.
7 My name is Sarah. I'm also from San Jose. I ask that
8 the City of San Jose, the tenth largest city in America,
9 gets at least one representative whose district is mostly
10 comprised of San Joseans such as myself, something that
11 virtually every other large city in the country has.
12 When you (indiscernible) Monterey and Santa Cruz
13 counties, then our different communities of interest
14 would be best served by representatives focused on each
15 of our respective needs.

16 You can accomplish this while still maintaining the
17 important Latino and Asian-American opportunity districts
18 in the city. We asked for one member of Congress we know
19 who will speak out for the tenth largest city in the
20 country. Thank you for your time.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now we have caller 5955, and up next after
23 that will be caller 2297.

24 Caller 5595, please follow the prompts.

25 Caller with the last four digits 5955, if you will



1 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

2 The floor is yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. I'd like to
4 comment on the map ADJ RC iteration. I'd like to begin
5 by thanking the Commission for keeping the communities of
6 interest in Corona, Jurupa Valley, and Riverside
7 together. But Grand Terrance is not part of that
8 community of interest.

9 Grand Terrance is in a different county with a
10 different school district and different local priorities.
11 Grand Terrance is a very much connected to Colton and San
12 Bernadino and should be grouped with San Bernadino-based
13 districts.

14 We ask that you remove Grand Terrance from the
15 district -- from that district and include
16 (indiscernible) instead. Happy holidays, and thank you
17 so much.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now, we have caller 2297, and up next
20 after that is caller 7592.

21 Caller 2297, please follow the prompts.

22 The floor is yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm calling about the
24 Northern Los Angeles County state Senate map called
25 ANTZICVAL (ph.) to express my general approval for the



1 map you've drawn for this Senate district, which
2 correctly depicts the Northern Los Angeles communities of
3 interest. And thank you for keeping Santa Clarita Valley
4 together after ten years of voting for two different
5 state senators here where I live.

6 I understand that the Senate districts are a lot
7 bigger than our Assembly districts and that we may be
8 grouped with other cities, but wherever it is necessary
9 to do so, please keep in mind our neighbors in San
10 Fernando Valley, with whom we share common geography,
11 community culture, county services, and of course, our
12 commuter pathways on the 14, 5, and 405 freeways. That
13 would mean including the cities of Northridge, Granada
14 Hills, and Porter Ranch, rather than going further into
15 another county such as San Bernardino, into Victor Valley
16 and Apple Valley.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Residents in San --
19 residents in San Bernardino agree with me, as an earlier
20 caller stated, and they also prefer to vote in their
21 current county. Karen Diaz from CHIRLA, the Coalition
22 for Humane Immigration Rights, agrees with this plan and
23 also requests that San Bernardino --

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- be removed from this map.



1 Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now, we have caller 7592. And up next
4 after that is caller 2229.

5 Caller 7592, please follow the prompts.

6 The floor is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, and good evening.

8 In regards to Congressional Redistricting, while the
9 specific plan may be regarded as extreme, the Hispanic
10 CVAP percentage for CD Cupertino could be increased.
11 Please see public input number 38855. 38855, San Jose.
12 Having San Jose divided among four Congressional
13 districts would not be a good idea. For a visualization
14 of the San Jose in three districts plan, please see
15 public input number 40536, which was posted earlier
16 today. 40536.

17 This plan has a San Jose-majority Congressional
18 district, which includes Los Altos Hills, Los Altos,
19 Loyola, Saratoga, Monte Sereno, Los Gatos, Campbell, and
20 more than half of San Jose's population. Mountain View
21 would be split. District Greater ED would have more of
22 West San Jose, CD Cupertino would be modified also, and
23 there would be a coastal district from Pacifica to San
24 Luis Obispo County.

25 (Indiscernible) --



1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Commissioners Ahmad and
3 Yee would see public inputs 40536 and 40585 before their
4 line drawing session with Tamina. Thank you, and have a
5 good evening.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 Right now, we have caller 2229. And up next after
8 that will be caller 1595.

9 Caller 2229, please follow the prompts.

10 The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: My name is Anita, and
12 I'm calling from Modesto. I'm here to comment on
13 Congressional districts. I've been watching the process
14 from the very beginning, and I thank you all so much for
15 the work that you've put in. Before yesterday, I was
16 very concerned about the VRA seats in the Central Valley,
17 but now that I've seen you're on your way to making them
18 actually effective, which is so important for Latino --
19 our Latino community.

20 So I hope you finish that work, and I hope you do it
21 by choosing the Fresno iteration that you posted this
22 week. And that will give our valley the voice we
23 deserve. Thank you so much for your work. Bye-bye.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 And right now, we have caller 1595. And up next



1 after that is caller 6131.

2 Caller 1595, please follow the prompts.

3 The floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you very much,
5 Commissioner Toledo (indiscernible). Our communities of
6 Walnut Park, Florence-Graham, and Huntington Park want to
7 thank you and the rest of the Commissioners for helping
8 our communities. My name is Ramsey. I am calling
9 regarding Assembly 110 LA draft map. We are here to ask
10 for a minor small change. We are asking for one-for-one
11 swap.

12 Move the small community of Walnut Park area into
13 the 110 LA map, then give the small parts of downtown LA,
14 that have nothing in common with us, as many other
15 callers have previously mentioned, that you have
16 currently in the 110 LA map, and move that small downtown
17 area to the AD54 NELA map. And lastly, you can move the
18 small City of Maywood from the 54 NELA map to the Gateway
19 map. This is close to an even swap that will put these
20 small community areas in sync with other --

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- communities, where
23 they have more fiscal commonality and educational
24 commonality.

25 Commissioners, we are asking for a small cleanup to



1 ultimately have Walnut Park in the same 110 LA map as a
2 Florence-Graham community in order to truly have an
3 opportunity for our hardworking families to elect
4 candidates --

5 MR. MANOFF: Ten.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- who will suit our
7 choice. Thank you very much.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 And right now, we have caller 6131. And up next
10 after that is caller 4967.

11 Caller 6131, please follow the prompts.

12 The floor is yours.

13 CALLER 6131: Good evening, Commissioners. I'd like
14 to reference the Kings-Tulare current Congressional map.
15 Kings County is a collection of small rural -- rural
16 towns economically driven by their agricultural industry.

17 During the September recall election, some towns in
18 Kings County did not have vote centers or ballot drop
19 boxes. Residents of these towns rely on neighboring
20 Kings communities to vote in person. It would be
21 irresponsible to split up Kings County because of its
22 former Section 5 designation. Please keep county -- keep
23 Kings County whole. Thank you, and good evening.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much.

25 And right now, we have caller 4967, and up next



1 after that is caller 7483.

2 Caller 4967, please follow the prompts.

3 The floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.

5 I'd like to reference the Kings-Tulare current

6 Congressional map. Last night iteration -- last night's

7 iteration handout was not okay. The Kings-Tulare-Kern

8 visualization is not in best interest of the community.

9 We have asked repeatedly to -- to you to keep Kings
10 County whole. We are VRA district, a small community,
11 and it doesn't make sense to split us up. Please keep
12 Kings County whole. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 And right now, we have caller 7483. And up next
15 after that is caller 5038.

16 Caller 7483, please follow the prompts.

17 The floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. While I
19 appreciate you joining Modesto and part of Turlock, you
20 still have Turlock split, and they now are again in the
21 CR district. Stanislaus County is a Central Valley
22 county. It's not the Sierras. We are an agricultural
23 area, not forest hills or forest land or high desert.

24 I've been hearing from many callers that current
25 lines put them in areas where there's no commonality.



1 Well, this current iteration puts Stanislaus and its
2 agricultural interests with the Sierras and the High
3 Desert border of San Bernadino County, which is
4 absolutely -- has no agricultural interests whatsoever.

5 We have a number of issues revolving around
6 agriculture, transportation, education, health care, and
7 housing. We have water issues, like all of California.
8 However, we are a large supplier of food, for not only
9 California but our whole country. We have a large --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Hispanic, Syrian, Punjabi,
12 and Portuguese communities in this small area, and these
13 voices will be diluted with the latest iterations.
14 Diversity is our strength, and it needs to be protected
15 and listened to.

16 As the current California 10 District, we have been
17 making progress in solving these issues. Please do not
18 create a district where all of our advancements will be
19 for naught. Thank you so much, and have a nice holiday.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 And right now, we have caller 5038. And up next
22 after that will be caller 2206.

23 Caller 5038, please follow the prompts.

24 The floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Spanish language spoken).



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now, we have caller 2206, and up next
3 after that will be caller 6043.

4 Caller 2206, please follow the prompts.

5 The floor is yours.

6 MR. SUZA: Hi. Joseph Suza (ph.). I was just
7 calling in to talk about how I believe it's not right
8 that the City of San Jose is broken up into multiple
9 districts, where -- while every other major city in
10 California has a representative that encompasses the
11 majority, at least of the cities themselves.

12 I agree with Monterey and Santa Cruz that their
13 communities are far too different for San Jose to be
14 wrapped up in part of their district and that they San
15 Jose have its own district representative. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right now, we have caller 6043. And up next
18 after that will be caller 2252.

19 Caller 6043, please follow the prompts.

20 The floor is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good evening. My name
22 is Matthew, and I'm a resident of Alhambra. Calling in
23 to share my concern that the state Commission is
24 splitting the West San Gabriel Valley from the East San
25 Gabriel Valley and reducing the voting power of API and



1 Latino communities in the SGV.

2 West -- West San Gabriel Valley cities, like
3 Alhambra, (indiscernible), San Gabriel, and Rosemead are
4 currently being connected with white, affluent foothill
5 cities, such as Pasadena, La Canada, and Bradbury. The
6 SGV has its own unique issues and challenges with green
7 space, transportation, and air quality.

8 Small SGV cities are constantly fighting for
9 resources to improve our neighborhoods, and competing
10 with foothill cities in policy decisions, preference is
11 often given to affluent communities in the foothills,
12 such as in the 710-10 freeway debate, while the residents
13 continue to carry the burden of poor air quality and
14 traffic congestion.

15 This is unacceptable. The cities of the West San
16 Gabriel Valley deserve representation by a -- by
17 remaining in a --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- Latino-majority, API-
20 influenced Senate district that adequately represents the
21 diversity of our region. Thank you very much.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 And right now, we have caller 2252, and up next
24 after that will be caller 8025.

25 Caller 2252, please follow the prompts.



1 The floor is yours.

2 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening. Good
3 evening, Commissioners. My name is Rebecca. I am a
4 member of the Neighborhood Right Coalition (ph.). We are
5 a county-wide coalition fighting for fair representation.
6 Thank you for the work you have done so far in Los
7 Angeles County.

8 Tonight, we are simple -- simply asking if we can
9 keep Burbank and Glendale to get -- together. These
10 sister cities have historically worked inside together as
11 gateway cities to San Fran -- San Fernando Valley, and
12 splitting them up will diminish their unified voice for
13 fair representation in Sacramento. We urge you to ensure
14 these cities are kept in the same Senate district. Thank
15 you for your time.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right now, we have caller 8025, and up next
18 after that will be caller 5428.

19 Caller 8025, please follow the prompts.

20 The floor is yours.

21 Caller 0825, if you will please double-check your
22 phone. Make sure that you are not on mute. You are
23 unmuted in the meeting.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can you hear me?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sorry about that. Hi,
2 Commissioners. I ask, as a resident of San Jose --
3 sorry, I just got a little cough. Sorry about that. My
4 throat was a little dry, but as the tenth largest city in
5 America, I just don't think it makes sense that we would
6 be split up into such small districts. I feel like that
7 would really diminish the diverse voice that San Jose
8 offers.

9 I do agree that Monterey and Santa Cruz counties
10 should be in a different representation, just because
11 they have different communities of interest. But I hope
12 that you guys will rethink splitting up San Jose into
13 separate districts so that we can continue to make
14 progress with one voice that San Jose has, since we have
15 similar interests. Thank you, Commissioners, and I
16 appreciate you taking public input.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And right now, we have caller 5428. And up next
19 after that will be caller 1535.

20 Caller 5428, please follow the prompts.

21 The floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioners, thank you very
23 much for your incredible work in LA. I don't know how
24 you did it. I'm not even sure you did it. I want to
25 also thank Katie for setting the civil tone of these



1 hearings, which could have been contentious.

2 So many visualizations ago, you surprised us with
3 the North Contra district. On first look, it seemed to
4 be the perfect five refinery district, including the
5 working class residents impacted by those refineries.
6 You've gone through many versions to end up with an
7 amazing majority-minority district reflecting the
8 diversity of this state in which we live. Thank you,
9 Commissioner Yee, for adjusting the Southern Solano shape
10 to include the Suisun Bay, the best duck hunting and
11 sturgeon fishing in California.

12 North Contra still needs a little more --

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- adjustment. The hundred-
15 year-old Shell Martinez Refinery has been split into two
16 Congressional districts. It really does matter, if you
17 know the area. Moving East to the Antioch split, did you
18 intend to include single --

19 MR. MANOFF: Ten.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- family, Southeast Antioch
21 commuters, the area that Commissioner Toledo called the
22 swimming pool area --

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And right now, we have caller 1535. And up next
25 after that will be caller 6483.



1 Caller 1535, please follow the prompts.

2 The floor is yours.

3 MR. MALDONADO: Commissioners, it's Tony Maldonado
4 from Santa Clarita. Thank you and the mappers for the
5 recent changes to Santa Clarita Senate and Congressional
6 maps, as you correctly paired us with the Antelope Valley
7 and correctly placed Sylmar in its rightful place in San
8 Fernando Valley East, which itself is now a VRA district.

9 However, we request that our Santa -- that for Santa
10 Clarita, please remove Porter Ranch and Granada Hills,
11 include the rural Sunland-Tujunga and Foothill Trails,
12 which we and our horses would prefer.

13 By the same token, please revisit Santa Clarita's
14 Assembly map, which still has us connected to San
15 Fernando Valley. As Santa Clarita is home to over
16 300,000, please remove the San Fernando Valley and
17 instead add Agua Dulce, Acton, Lake Elizabeth, and the
18 Northern unincorporated areas of LA County up to Frazier
19 Park. This would match our Senate and Congressional
20 maps.

21 Regarding our Senate and Congressional maps, please
22 move the boundary on the Eastern side of Santa Clarita
23 further into the Angeles National Forest. Currently, the
24 boundary sitting off the 14 freeway, this area is home to
25 Placerita Canyon State Park and Magic Mountain Wilderness



1 that are wholly within the Santa Clarita Valley, which
2 local Santa Clarita residents use for recreation --

3 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

4 MR. MALDONADO: -- and strengthens our wildfire risk
5 management. These areas should not be in the San
6 Fernando Valley maps but instead within all of the Santa
7 Clarita maps.

8 On another note, a big thank you --

9 MR. MANOFF: Ten.

10 MR. MALDANO: -- to Katie and all the comoderators
11 (sic) and ASL interpreters. Have a good night.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 Right now, we have caller 6483. And up next after
14 that, we have caller 0135.

15 Caller 6483, if you will please follow the prompts.

16 The floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. I'm calling
18 about the Congressional district called ECA. The ECA
19 district includes the mountain areas of Yosemite, Bass
20 Lake, Mariposa, Madera, and they are all very similar
21 communities that have similar interests, especially on
22 items such as water, trash, transportation, even
23 economics.

24 Adding Clovis and North Fresno, as I heard you
25 mentioned earlier this week, is like adding large cities



1 or metropolitan areas that are basically the opposite of
2 these ECA areas -- mountain areas. So please take this
3 into consideration when you're finalizing the ECA
4 district, and keep counties whole and with their
5 counterparts, such as Madera, Mariposa, Merced, and
6 please leave Clovis and North Fresno out of the ECA
7 district. Thank you very much.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 And right now, we have caller 0135, and up next
10 after that will be caller 4599.

11 Caller 0135, please follow the prompts.

12 And one more time, caller 0135, if you wish to give
13 comment this evening, please press star six.

14 Caller 0135, as you had not chose to raise your hand
15 this evening, I will be going to the other few callers in
16 the queue. If you choose to press star nine indicating
17 you did wish to give -- do wish to give comment, I will
18 retry again one more time. If you do wish to give
19 comment, please press star nine, and I will come back
20 around.

21 Right now, we have caller 4599, and up next after
22 that will be caller 4615.

23 Caller 4599, if you will please follow the prompts
24 to unmute.

25 The floor is yours.



1 MS. SYLVIA: Good evening, everyone. Commissioner
2 Toledo, you have done an amazing job sharing the Assembly
3 maps. My name is Mary Sylvia. I live in Walnut Park and
4 have lived here for twenty-five years.

5 Today, we are calling to ask you and the Commission
6 to do a small cleanup to our community. We know we
7 cannot have everything, but we would settle on getting
8 our small community of Walnut Park into the same 110 LA
9 map as us and make the 10 freeway the Northern border of
10 the map. It is imperative to have Walnut Park and
11 Florence-Graham together in the same map, as splitting
12 this unincorporated island will only diminish our voices
13 and efforts that we have fought so hard together for over
14 thirty years.

15 Commissioner Toledo, please look at the current
16 Assembly map and strongly consider moving Walnut Park to
17 the 110 LA map, where it has been together with Florence-
18 Graham for over twenty years. Consider drawing the same
19 boundary line and that we have now for Walnut Park.
20 Thank you so much for your time.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now, I will be going to caller 4615. And
23 then up next after that, we will have caller 6089.

24 Caller 4615, please follow the prompts. Wait.

25 Caller 4615, please follow the prompts.



1 And one more time, caller with the last four digits
2 4615, as you have not chosen to raise your hand this
3 evening, if you wish to give comment, please press star
4 six.

5 Caller 4615, if you wish to give comment, please
6 press star nine indicating you do.

7 Right now, we will go to caller 6089. And up next
8 after that would be caller 9747.

9 Caller 6089, if you will please follow the prompts.

10 All right. Right now, we will go to caller 9747.
11 If you wish to give comment, please follow the prompts.

12 The floor is yours.

13 MR. QUINONEZ: Commissioner Toledo and Sinay,
14 communities of Walnut Park, Florence-Graham, and
15 Huntington Park want to thank you and the rest of the
16 Commissioners for helping communities like ours.

17 My name is Steve Quinonez. I am the CEO of the
18 Florence-Firestone community organization. I am calling
19 regarding the Assembly 110 LA draft map. We are here to
20 ask for a minor small change. We are asking for a one-
21 for-one swap.

22 Move the small community of Walnut Park area into
23 the 110 LA map, then give the small parts of downtown LA
24 that have nothing in common with us that you are
25 currently have in the 110 LA map, and more that small



1 downtown area to the AD54 NELA map. And lastly, you can
2 move the small City of Maywood from the AD54 NELA map to
3 the Gateway map. This is an close and even swap that we
4 will put these small communities areas with other similar
5 communities where they are more in common.

6 Commissioners, we are asking for a small cleanup to
7 ultimately have Walnut Park in the same 110 LA map as the
8 Florence-Graham community in order to truly have an
9 opportunity for our hardworking families to elect a
10 candidate of our choice. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 And Chair, that is all our callers for this evening.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much, Katie. Job
14 well done.

15 Okay. So on the run of show, I put a very short
16 discussion in the form of a recap and preview. So I just
17 wanted us to have an opportunity to reflect on the day.
18 I think we did some very good work today. I think we
19 worked well together. I think we made the best possible
20 use of our incredible team of mappers. We certainly
21 demand a lot of them, but they have come through for us.
22 I am hopeful that we can be as productive tomorrow as we
23 were today.

24 As I mentioned earlier, I intend to use the first
25 ninety-minute block tomorrow entirely devoted to

1 Congressional iterations. And if you could let me know
2 now or send me a note and say, I have an iteration ready
3 in the morning, I'm ready to go, that would help me
4 organize myself and our time tomorrow to make the best
5 use of it.

6 After that, we will go back to the Senate maps.
7 Again, I think we did some good work today. We made
8 better progress than I had hoped on the Senate today. So
9 I am a bit more optimistic than I was yesterday as to
10 where things stand and the literally hours remaining in
11 this effort. We got so used to thinking in terms of how
12 many months were left and then, maybe in San Diego, we
13 had to start thinking in terms of weeks left. And then
14 after that, we had to start thinking in terms of number
15 of days left.

16 We literally are now at the point where we need to
17 be thinking of this in terms of the number of hours left.
18 The number of hours that we have left is limited. The
19 number of hours that the mappers have left is limited.
20 So there are inevitably changes that I would like to see.
21 And I read them and say, I'd really like to make that.

22 But looking at the bigger picture, we all have to
23 prioritize what is going to get us to that finish line,
24 hours from now, in the best possible shape. So please,
25 please, think in terms of very scarce hours left, both

1 for us and for the mappers. Let's see how we can make
2 the best possible use of those hours.

3 One of the things that I would like to put on the
4 table and get your thoughts on. Sometimes, all of this
5 is moving very quickly, and I want to make sure that we
6 are not leaving good proposals behind because we're
7 moving so quickly. And at the same time, are we
8 accepting bad ones that endanger passage of these maps?
9 That's why I've emphasized during the course of the day
10 today, are these maps that we can support? Because in
11 the end, at the end of the day, at the end of this
12 process, we have to support a set of maps.

13 So just, if anyone has any thoughts on whether we
14 are leaving behind good proposals or accepting bad
15 proposals, what can we do to change that, to make sure
16 that we get to next week with maps that we can support?
17 So. Happy to hear your thoughts.

18 I know we're all tired. Commissioner Akutagawa.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think I just am looking
20 for a little clarification. Are you talking about, based
21 on what we're hearing, are there changes that we would
22 like to see or proposed to the current drafts that we
23 have? Should we be coming back tomorrow ready to share
24 either our requests to change or come with an iteration
25 of some type that perhaps we've done on our own through

1 QGIS or with the mappers?

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: I mean, there have been concepts
3 that have been put on the table that have been discussed
4 and that have been dismissed. Were we correct in
5 dismissing them?

6 Likewise, there have been proposals put on the table
7 and accepted. Did we accept some that, deep down, we are
8 not committed to supporting? Because as I say, at the
9 end of the day, we have to support these maps.

10 So I want to make sure that we have done everything
11 that we can to end this process with maps that each of us
12 can support.

13 Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think one of the pieces I
15 would like to see tomorrow is just have a conversation
16 with legal counsel about the different options in the
17 Central Valley for iterations we saw and just get legal
18 counsels' take on each of them. I know that they've been
19 approved, but it's always helpful just to hear from them.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

21 Commissioner Yee.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, thank you, Chair. I
23 appreciate your diplomatic language about being able to
24 support final maps. More bluntly, we're going to take a
25 vote, right. And so if any of us has a reservation that

1 would keep us from voting yes on a map, know it needs to
2 be special vote, of course. It does not have to be
3 unanimous. The 2010 vote was not unanimous.

4 But of course, every vote does count. So I guess
5 the plea is, and I agree with it, show your cards. If
6 there is something that would keep you from approving,
7 let us all know early so we can see what we can do. And
8 that'll all make it go better. I think (indiscernible).

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Exactly. Let's not have any
10 surprises.

11 Commissioner Andersen.

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, one proposal we did kind
13 of ditch, I think, clearly, and said, hey, we really like
14 it, is the one that you made, Chair -- parts of
15 Huntington Beach. And I don't know if that's what we
16 have right now or not. That's something I think that was
17 a good idea, and we just kind of went, oh well, way too
18 fast on that, I thought.

19 I still, still firmly believe that we could on one
20 map have the Sierras. (Indiscernible) split the Sierras
21 and not with Central Valley. I know a lot of people, oh,
22 phah, phah, phah, that's dumb that -- they all -- look
23 they're same, same, same. They're not, and we're it
24 hearing over and over again.

25 People go, that's a good map because they want

1 someone else to be with the Sierras and not them. And I
2 think we could do it. But I'm only one vote, folks, so
3 don't worry about too much, but I really, really would
4 like to see us try that. Thanks.

5 And oh, also, the little corner in Humboldt. We
6 need to have that fixed. Have that be the same in all
7 the maps.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And that really is, as I see
9 it, the purpose of the work that we're going to be doing
10 Saturday and Sunday, doing those sorts of very small
11 cleanups to make sure that we've got our ducks in a row.

12 On the Sierras, I think I said this yesterday or the
13 day before, to me, it's kind of a process of one plus one
14 makes two. The Placer to Tahoe connection makes sense
15 because of the roads and so forth and then a separate
16 Tahoe to Mono and Inyo connection because of those
17 issues. It's not that Inyo has the same issues as
18 suburban Placer County, but it's that Mono and Inyo have
19 the same issues as Tahoe, and Tahoe has the close
20 relationship to suburban Placer County.

21 So that's my thinking on that. And that's out there
22 for everyone to understand my thinking on it. So thank
23 you for that.

24 Okay. Unless anyone else has further comment, thank
25 you all very much for a very productive day. Let's have

1 another one like it tomorrow, and let's keep this train
2 on the tracks and rolling towards our destination.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Keep (indiscernible) Chair.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thanks, everyone. Meeting
5 adjourned, 9:18 p.m.

6 (Whereupon, the 2021 Citizens Redistricting
7 Commission (CRC) meeting adjourned at 9:18
8 p.m.)

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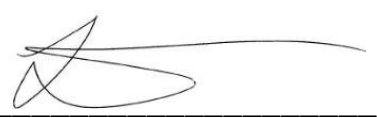
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