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2 Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:10 p.m.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Good afternoon. I'm
4 Commissioner Turner, your acting chair for today. And at
5 this time, I'd like to call this meeting to order. This
6 is our meeting for Wednesday, October 27th, 28th, and
7 29th. And at this time, I'd like to call for roll call,
8 please.

9 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Yes, Madam Chair.
10 Commissioner Vazquez.

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

12 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner Yee.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

14 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad.

15 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

16 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner
17 Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

19 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner
20 Andersen.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

22 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner
23 Fernandez.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Presente.

25 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner

1 Fornaciari.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner

4 Kennedy

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

6 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner Le

7 Mons.

8 (No response)

9 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner

10 Sadhwani.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

12 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner Sinay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

14 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner

15 Taylor.

16 (No response)

17 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner

18 Toledo.

19 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Here.

20 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: And Commissioner

21 Turner.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Here.

23 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: You have a quorum,

24 Chair.

25 CHAIR TURNER: And that is beautiful. I'd like to

1 welcome you all to our next three days of excitement for
2 our meeting that we're going to have. And just in a nod
3 to our Commissioner Yee that loves fun facts, I looked up
4 for him and learned that today is National Civics Day.
5 So I'd like to say happy National Civics Day to you all.
6 And to all of our Californians, thank you for being
7 civically engaged with us through this process. And so
8 today on -- over the next few days, we have our work cut
9 out for us, but we are here and prepared and excited to
10 get into it.

11 A couple of announcements before we begin. Just
12 wanting to remind our Californians everywhere that we,
13 indeed, will take public comment at the end of our
14 session. However, we do have an amazing tool available
15 on our website that will allow you to interact with us
16 and give us real time feedback and comment on what you're
17 experiencing with us on today. So we want to thank you
18 in advance for your direction, thank you for your input,
19 it is of utmost value. We cannot do our work without
20 you, so we say thank you. We are ever listening and ever
21 refining what we're working on.

22 And so we -- I just want to encourage you to
23 continue to tell us, not just what you dislike about the
24 lines and the maps, I'd really like to encourage you to
25 tell us what you love, what you'd like to see. You all



1 have seen and you understand the criteria that we are
2 required to follow, but please note beyond that it is our
3 utmost desire to, ultimately, present maps that will
4 benefit Californians everywhere. We want to work to
5 ensure that these are maps that you all will say yes, I
6 had a hand in that and that is exactly what I want to
7 see.

8 So to the commissioners, Commissioners, we have our
9 work cut out for sure. Time is not our friend,
10 Commissioners. Time is not our friend, it's not on our
11 side. So we are going to be concise as we can as we move
12 forward over these next couple of days. And so I just
13 ask that you listen intently at what is being shared and
14 make sure that you're additive and not repetitive. What
15 did she say? We're going to be additive and not
16 repetitive today so that we can get through our sessions.

17 This session we're going to review visualizations
18 and we're going to start out just a review of our agenda.
19 We're going start out -- we have Toni with us that's
20 going to do an overview, I believe, of our district
21 viewer. We do have, I want to notify you, a closed
22 session that we will be going into; we won't be long.
23 We're hoping to go into closed session about 1:30 or so.
24 So 2:30 we will take a break and be back with you, at
25 which time we're going to do visualizations. We'll start

1 in the Bay Area with our assembly districts. We'll do
2 Bay Area and Central Coast.

3 And, Commissioners, so that you'll know what to
4 expect today, we're going to start out with having staff
5 that will give us a ten-minute or less overview of the
6 area that we will be discussing. After their overview --
7 and thank you, Commissioner Kennedy, you had talked to us
8 about doing not just data but knowledge -- and so,
9 Commissioners, we're going to have an opportunity to
10 discuss what we've heard, so we can begin to create
11 shared knowledge about the area. And after that, we will
12 then give direction -- we'll hear from the line drawers
13 and our mappers, rather, and then we will give some
14 further instruction to them and we'll move to the next
15 area.

16 So that kind of is our plan and format over these
17 next couple of days. We'll go through our assembly
18 districts in all of the areas. We'll do Bay Area,
19 Central Coast, followed by the inland areas, Northern
20 California, Central California, then Los Angeles, then
21 Southern California. We will go through assembly
22 districts, we'll follow with congressional districts, and
23 then senate districts. So we have a plan in place. And
24 so at this time, let's get to it.

25 So we will start -- let's see, Toni? Oh, up, up,

1 up. Yeah, I think that's right. Toni, are you ready to
2 give us an overview?

3 MS. ANTONOVA: Hi, Commissioner Turner. I -- yeah,
4 I can get us started.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful.

6 MS. ANTONOVA: Thanks so much. Let me just share my
7 screen. Great. Well, I am excited to give an update
8 from the data management team. Our wonderful data
9 analyst, Paul, has put together a interactive map that
10 allows everyone to essentially interact with the
11 visualizations that have been created for this meeting.
12 You can find it on the usual data tab where we put all of
13 our information. There'll be a new button there that
14 will take you to the map page. It's a very exciting
15 little app. You can pretty much go to any place in
16 California, look at everything on a granular level if you
17 want, or a bit more high-level, and it shows all of the
18 district visualizations that we have for these meetings.

19 Before I get into the app, I just want to point out
20 that you can download the shapefiles by clicking on this
21 link here. And if you have any feedback on the
22 visualizations, members of the public are welcome to fill
23 out this form and let us know. So the app is pretty
24 intuitive, but I'll take us through some of the main
25 features.

1 There are visualizations for each of the different
2 district levels. There's assembly districts, senate
3 districts, and congressional here. You can see that you
4 can make each of the visualizations visible by clicking
5 on the little check mark next to the name. We've also
6 uploaded the county lines and -- as well as the county
7 name. So if you want to toggle this on and off, you're
8 welcome to do it clicking the check mark as well. And if
9 you zoom in by essentially using your mouse or clicking
10 this plus button here, you will see that we've also added
11 incorporated places and CDPs. And you can toggle those
12 lines on and off as well. It's a bit bright here, but if
13 I zoom into one of the cities, you might be able to see
14 what I'm talking about a little bit more. Yeah, you can
15 see the different boundaries toggling it on and off.

16 And, yeah, essentially this lets you kind of look at
17 the different visualizations at whatever angle you
18 prefer. You can zoom in to the street level and you'll
19 see more information popping up as you do. I'm using my
20 mouse right now, but again you can use these buttons. If
21 you zoom in very closely, you'll even see street names
22 and you know, some level of buildings and things like
23 that. It's not quite as detailed as Google Maps, but it
24 gets pretty close. If you want to easily get back to the
25 home default view, you can click this home button and

1 it'll bring you back to the wider California view.

2 Another thing I wanted to point out is that each of
3 the polygons that form a district visualization are
4 labeled with the name. These were -- these are the names
5 and titles that the line drawers have given this specific
6 district. You can, you know, refer to these
7 visualizations with this label. And if the labels are a
8 bit cluttered and you want to view the map without them,
9 you're welcome to hide the actual label by clicking on
10 these three buttons right here, and toggling that feature
11 on and off as well.

12 We've added another option that's maybe useful, if
13 you're viewing all of the districts at the same time.
14 But it basically changes the transparency of the actual
15 lines. This isn't that useful if you're just viewing
16 them one at a time, but if you toggle them all on, you
17 might want the lines to be a little less transparent --
18 or more transparent I should say. Let's see. Finally,
19 you're welcome to move around these different app
20 features on the page, set it up how you find it most
21 convenient. And if you prefer, you can go full screen.

22 I think that's pretty much it for everything I
23 wanted to show. There is an address search bar. You can
24 look for cities or towns, specific addresses here, if
25 you'd like. But everything else, I think, is pretty

1 intuitive and straightforward. Thank you.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Toni. It's interesting.
3 I mentioned to Toni one time, one-on-one, she presents so
4 matter of factly. But this is actually a brilliant tool
5 and I'm hopeful that people will use it. And so we get
6 to this by going to our website. It's under data and
7 then it's under visualizations -- California
8 visualizations. We have layers, we have zoom
9 opportunity, we have search functions.

10 This is beautiful, Toni. Thank you so much. We
11 appreciate it.

12 Any Commissioners, you have any questions about this
13 tool?

14 (No audible response)

15 CHAIR TURNER: You are absolutely correct. It is
16 very intuitive, so I'm hoping and would love to invite
17 Californians to play around with this tool as we go into
18 closed session that is for pending litigation exception.
19 And we -- so far, we'll maintain this schedule, we're a
20 little bit ahead. So we're going to go into closed
21 session and we are hoping to be back no later than right
22 after our break period at 2:45. Thank you, all.

23 Yep, question?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, question for Toni. So I
25 take it the currently displayed districts are the

1 visualizations that -- I shouldn't say districts -- the
2 visualizations are that we'll be discussing today.
3 What's the intention for when those get updated and as
4 the visualizations evolve? Thanks.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Toni, do you have a --
6 who has that answer?

7 MS. ANTONOVA: Yeah, we'll be working with the line
8 drawers to see how to best present the next batch of
9 visualizations. And it -- they'll likely be an entirely
10 separate map once the drafts come out. But for
11 visualizations, we may put more layers here on this panel
12 for people to click through. We'll be deciding that a
13 bit later, depending on what the shapefiles look like.

14 I realized I forgot to point out that each of the
15 districts does have some metadata available and you can
16 see that when you actually click on the district itself.
17 You'll see the name as before, but you'll also see
18 citizens, the population, and different statistics there
19 that were provided in the shapefile itself.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: So just to follow up. So as the
21 members of the public may comment on visualizations then,
22 will it always be clear which generation of
23 visualizations they're commenting on?

24 MS. ANTONOVA: Yes, yes. We'll be adding the dates
25 on each of the visualization titles. And so if and when

1 we add more, the public will be able to toggle between
2 them and see which meeting they're related to.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you.

4 CHAIR TURNER: And, Toni, as I'm seeing it on the
5 assembly district that you have displayed currently, VAD
6 Central North 10/27, and so for our public, this is 10 --
7 October 27th visualization. So that date will always be
8 updated based on the day that visualization came out,
9 okay?

10 Commissioner Akutagawa?

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Hey, Toni. Super ticky,
12 techie question here. Maybe this is user error, but the
13 box that -- I'm looking at it off the website. The box
14 that shows, you know, where you could type in a keyword
15 or you could check off assembly districts, counties, all
16 that kind of stuff, is there a way to minimize that box?
17 Because I see that on what you're showing, it looks like
18 you can move it around. I tried doing it, but I don't
19 know. Maybe it's the way I have the thing open. Is
20 there like a trick to it?

21 MS. ANTONOVA: Yeah. I -- are you referring to this
22 box --

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

24 MS. ANTONOVA: -- that I'm moving right now?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

1 MS. ANTONOVA: Yeah. You can either X out of it
2 directly and then find it again in this button right here
3 --

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Got it.

5 MS. ANTONOVA: -- that I'm hovering over, or you can
6 just click that button and that'll toggle it on and off.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: User error. Thank you.

8 MS. ANTONOVA: No, I'm glad you asked. That's
9 actually a feature we were looking to put in because this
10 does block the map quite a bit.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

12 CHAIR TURNER: And seeing no other hands, at this
13 time we're going to go into our closed session. Thank
14 you.

15 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

16 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you and welcome back. Just
17 want to report that we are coming back from closed
18 session where there was no action taken. And at this
19 time, to start our session, I'd actually like to invite
20 Mr. Becker, our VRA counsel, to talk to us about VRA.

21 MR. BECKER: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

22 What I'm going to do is I'm going to share some maps
23 with you. Dr. Gall, our racially polarized voting
24 expert, has analyzed over 700 elections in the state of
25 California over the last ten years at the assembly, state

1 senate, and the congressional level. Throughout the
2 state, especially where we've identified the first
3 Gingles pre-condition, in other words, that a minority
4 group was large enough and geographically compact enough
5 to form a majority in a particular district, to see
6 whether or not the second and third Gingles pre-
7 conditions -- just a reminder, that is the second Gingles
8 pre-condition is the minority group voting cohesively for
9 particular candidates of choice. And then the third
10 Gingles pre-condition, which is are the rest of the
11 voters in that area voting in a way that they would
12 defeat the minority voters' candidates of choice. So
13 we've done that and I'm going to share my screen, if I
14 can find this map. There we go. Hopefully, you all can
15 see this. I'm going to start with this map.

16 Can one of you nod or something if you're seeing
17 this map?

18 (No audible response)

19 MR. BECKER: Excellent, thank you.

20 So this is a map of assembly racially polarized
21 voting and the Gingles pre-conditions in assembly
22 district races over the course of the last decade, using
23 the existing districts. And the dark lines are county
24 boundaries and the -- what the darkest shaded areas
25 indicate are where all three Gingle pre-conditions have

1 been met. Anything that is less shaded, all three were
2 not met. So the -- those pre-conditions would not
3 necessarily require Voting Rights Act consideration in
4 those areas. The minority groups there might not require
5 a district to be drawn under the terms of the Voting
6 Rights Act.

7 So we'll just quickly point out this is -- these
8 follow existing assembly district lines. This is
9 Imperial County, most of Riverside, the populated areas,
10 heavily populated areas, of San Bernardino. There's this
11 portion of South San Diego that consistently shows up.
12 This portion of eastern Los Angeles County, which
13 includes where my cursor is, an area where we'd also see
14 -- most of this is a Latino -- are Latino minorities, but
15 where my cursor is right now, or the arrow is, is an area
16 where there is an Asian population that -- where all
17 three pre-conditions are met. And then this goes up from
18 Lancaster and Palmdale in northern L.A. County up through
19 Kern and the Central Valley. And I'll just leave that
20 there for a second.

21 Note -- and you'll see this as a theme -- all three
22 Gingles pre-conditions are not met in the Bay area.
23 These are largely Asian populations. And what this means
24 is that our analysis indicates, Dr. Gall's analysis
25 indicates, that the crossover voting -- the non-Asian

1 voting in these areas is very consistent with the Asian
2 voting patterns, that people are not voting along purely
3 racial lines in the Bay area, which again I would note
4 means that a Voting Rights Act district might not need to
5 be drawn, but is a reflection of the progress that's been
6 made, largely thanks to the Voting Rights Act. All
7 right. So that is -- that's the assembly district map.

8 This is the senate district map. Senate districts
9 are very large in California, which I've been a broken
10 record on. There are nearly a million people right now
11 in each senate district. And this is the map that I
12 think might be in some ways, most relevant and I will
13 harken back to this quite often. So this is a map where
14 -- this is largely how the districts are drawn. You'll
15 see all the way through Southern California, including
16 Imperial, San Diego, Riverside, Bernardino, much of L.A.
17 County, good portions of Orange County, up into Kern
18 County and through the Central Valley. And then there's
19 also this portion where we have seen, in the senate
20 districts, in particular, because of how they're drawn,
21 pretty significant racially polarized voting in a section
22 of Monterey and San Benito Counties. And I think it's
23 fair to say there is substantial racially polarized
24 voting there to satisfy the third Gingles pre-condition.
25 There are a few areas here where all three are not met.

1 I'll move to the congressional maps. Similarly,
2 this will remind you of how the districts are drawn, but
3 we see the same patterns throughout Southern California,
4 western Riverside County where a lot of the population
5 concentrations are, as well as western San Bernardino
6 County, into L.A. County and in the northern part of
7 Orange County, and then through the Central Valley, as
8 well, coming down into Kern County and this area right
9 here is right around Bakersfield.

10 Now, areas where there's -- these -- this next map
11 I'm showing you, it is not the only areas where racially
12 polarized voting and the three Gingles pre-conditions are
13 met, but it's where we're seeing it very consistently,
14 without any doubt. So here we've got all of Imperial
15 County, we've got southern part of San Diego, we've got
16 these large population concentrations in western
17 Riverside and San Bernardino, and in east Los Angeles and
18 northern Orange Counties, and then throughout the Central
19 Valley. And then I'll point out, again, looking back at
20 the senate map, I would also include this area here where
21 we're seeing pretty significant racially polarized voting
22 in San Benito and Monterey.

23 I don't know that I have anything else to add to
24 that, although I'm happy to answer any questions. And as
25 we start probably heading into the next set of

1 visualizations.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Mr. Becker. I don't see
3 any hands. It was very helpful. And so we'll move then
4 to the next part. And as a reminder, we're going to go
5 through each of the areas' assembly visualizations,
6 followed later by congressional and senate. And we will
7 go in the area -- Bay Area, Central Coast. So there's
8 three different parts commissioners are going to attempt
9 to do in this session. We're going to, first of all,
10 allow staff to start with the high-level review of our
11 communities of interest testimony. We'll follow then
12 with a brief high-level discussion, what did we learn
13 from that, what do we know about that area. And then we
14 will give instructions to the mappers before we move to
15 the next area of assembly visualizations.

16 So, Tamina, we'll start with you for our Bay Area
17 and Central Coast.

18 And the order that we're going in, if you all have
19 printed out your packets, may be in a little bit of a
20 different order, but we do have page numbers for you to
21 follow along.

22 MS. MACDONALD: We will read off -- oh, thank you so
23 much for that question. And we will read off the page
24 numbers, and we're going to be starting with page number
25 11, please, of your assembly district package, please.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Right before you do, we're going to
2 start with staff though.

3 MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Okay? Thank you. So yep. Sorry,
5 Tamina, I skipped ahead. I was anxious to hear from you.

6 But, Marcy, who's going to report out from your
7 team?

8 MS. KAPLAN: Ashleigh.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Ashleigh? Okay. Ashleigh, we're
10 ready.

11 MS. HOWICK: Okay. Good afternoon, Commissioners
12 and everyone else tuning in. I am Ashleigh, and for
13 those who do not know, I am the Northern California field
14 lead. So today I will be going -- or giving an overview
15 of some of the input we have received, starting from the
16 North Coast and then going down into the Bay Area and
17 then into the Central Coast. So I will start with giving
18 a report on the amount of input we have received coming
19 from those areas. These are also known as outreach zones
20 A, C, and E.

21 So from the visualization feedback form, we have
22 647; from the Draw My CA community website, we have 521;
23 from live meetings, we have 465; emails 270; letters 101;
24 the CRC website 13; and from reports we have 5. And so
25 with those numbers I will note that while we have done

1 our best to account for it, it is possible the records
2 that span into multiple outreach zones to be counted more
3 than once.

4 And then moving on -- so just before I continue, I
5 want to say the following is an overview of high-level
6 trends derived from submissions to the Commission. The
7 overview is meant to provide commissioners with some
8 examples of public input I received.

9 So starting in the North Coast, a major trend here
10 that we've seen is to keep the coastal counties from Del
11 Norte down to Marin together. The vast majority of input
12 coming from the Humboldt area is to not put it with the
13 inland areas and to keep it with the coast going south.
14 Also, a lot of comments saying that the 101 corridor is
15 essential to this area. We have seen a lot of concerns
16 coming from the Humboldt people of not being able to
17 protect their environmental concerns or some of their
18 more marginalized communities there, if they are a
19 district inland.

20 We have seen a handful of comments to not put Del
21 Norte, West Sonoma, Marin or Solano, because they feel
22 that they are too urban down there and it would make them
23 feel under-represented. We -- from this area, we've also
24 seen a lot of input to keep Marin and Sonoma together,
25 and more to not put Marin with San Francisco. We also

1 got a group email with sixty-five plus signers stating to
2 keep Del Norte to Marin together, mentioning there are no
3 transportation corridors linking the coast to the inland
4 areas. And just because there was some overlap with some
5 of the visualizations, Dave Alcoso (ph.) said to put
6 Solano with Yolo County, so I wanted to include that.

7 And then moving down into the Bay Area, so I'm going
8 to start just with San Francisco. We've had many COIs in
9 this area just discussing the importance of recognizing
10 the different neighborhoods there and not splitting those
11 neighborhoods up, including but certainly not limited to,
12 SoMa, which is south of Market district, Chinatown and
13 Castro.

14 And then down to the peninsula, we've seen some
15 comments stating to put Brisbane, South San Francisco,
16 Colma, and San Bruno together. And then I'm going to
17 move across, over to the East Bay Area around Oakland.
18 So we've gotten a lot of COIs or requests to keep
19 together the cities of Oakland, Berkeley, Piedmont, and
20 Emeryville. Many of those also expand to include Albany
21 Alameda, and El Cerrito. And then we've gotten some more
22 recent comments coming from the people of Albany to leave
23 things the way that they are.

24 And then going into the West Contra Costa/Richmond
25 area, we've gotten a lot of comments to leave Richmond

1 with San Pablo. Many are commenting on the importance of
2 the Richmond school district in the area. And then some
3 of these COIs are also suggesting to include Richmond
4 area with the -- with Martinez, Benicia, Rodeo, Hercules,
5 Crockett, parts or all of Vallejo and parts or all of
6 Pittsburg.

7 And then out of East Contra Costa, we've seen a lot
8 of COI from the Delta communities that they want to all
9 be together, including, but again not limited to,
10 Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley, and Knightsen, so that area
11 there.

12 And then moving to -- I'm going to move to the East
13 Bay but still the Hayward area. We've seen comments
14 coming from Hayward and surrounding areas to put Hayward,
15 with Castro Valley, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Ashland,
16 Fairview, Cherryland, Eden, and Glad Tidings. There are
17 a lot of unincorporated areas around there that say that
18 they would rather be with Hayward rather than Oakland.
19 And then just from some of the visualization feedbacks,
20 people from this area are saying that they are not
21 connected with Pleasanton in any way.

22 And then going into the East Bay tri-valley region,
23 most of the COI here is stating to keep Dublin,
24 Livermore, and Pleasanton together. Many of these COIs
25 also expand to include San Ramon and Danville, stating

1 that this makes up a tri-valley region. Also there are
2 some that are also requesting to include unincorporated
3 areas around Livermore that focus on wine. And then some
4 are also saying to add San Ramon in with this tri-valley
5 region.

6 And then moving down to the South Bay, we've seen
7 quite a few inputs stating to keep Cupertino, Santa
8 Clara, and Sunnyvale together. And then from this, many
9 expand to include Milpitas or Fremont, while others
10 expand to say they don't want to be with Fremont, Union
11 City, or Newark. We've also seen recommendations of
12 keeping Los Altos, Monte Sereno, Saratoga, and Campbell
13 together. And then just some examples of other COIs that
14 have been mentioned from the South Bay include -- there's
15 a little bit of overlap here -- but Saratoga, Los Altos,
16 Palo Alto, Mountain View, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale, and
17 then Berryessa, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Cupertino,
18 Evergreen, and Silver Creek. And then another one --
19 again, sorry, there's overlap by Palo Alto, Mountain
20 View, Los Altos Hills, and Los Altos.

21 Okay. And then I -- from there, I'm moving down
22 into the central coast. So most of our input coming from
23 this area, they want to stress that they are different
24 and they are distinct from the bay area, and they are
25 also distinct from the central valley. So they are

1 requesting that we be more cautious to not combine the
2 urban city areas of the Bay area with the more rural and
3 agricultural-based communities. We have seen a bit of
4 input stating that, if needed, rural San Mateo County can
5 be included with Santa Cruz County, but requests to not
6 include the urban areas east of the ridgeline in San
7 Mateo County.

8 And then from the agricultural communities there,
9 we've gotten quite a bit of COI input, and so I'm going
10 list some of the cities that are commonly mentioned to
11 keep together that share similar lifestyles, cultures,
12 and language. So those cities include Gilroy, Salinas,
13 Hollister, Watsonville, Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield,
14 and King City. And while not as commonly mentioned,
15 there is some mention of including Morgan Hill with this
16 group. We've also seen input from San Luis Obispo saying
17 that their county has more in common -- or yeah, it has
18 more in common with Santa Barbara County than they do
19 Monterey County.

20 And then out of Santa Barbara County, we've seen
21 quite a few requests to keep Santa Maria, Lompoc, and
22 Guadalupe together. Some of this input is expanding to
23 include this COI with the Oxnard area out of Ventura
24 County. And then back from Santa Barbara County, we've
25 had some input from this area to maintain a portion of

1 Santa Barbara County with San Luis Obispo County, but
2 others are also commenting just leave Santa Barbara
3 whole.

4 And then from Ventura County, we saw a very strong
5 response from the visualizations to not put Simi Valley
6 with Malibu. And some are saying Simi Valley and
7 Moorpark have more in common with Santa Clarita, and some
8 are saying Santa Clarita Valley belongs with the Antelope
9 Valley. We also saw a lot of COI input coming from -- or
10 stating that a COI would be Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa
11 Paula, Fillmore, and El Rio. And people from this are
12 stating about this COI, some of them also said that they
13 do not want to be included with Simi Valley, Moorpark, or
14 Thousand Oaks.

15 So that concludes my little summary of some of the
16 high level trends in that area. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Outstanding. Thank you, Ashleigh, I
18 found it very helpful. Appreciate just your summary of
19 the area. That gives us a great reminder about what's
20 going on.

21 And now, I'd like to open it up to the commissioners
22 to see if you all have any reactions or any thoughts
23 about what was shared. Is it in alignment with what
24 you've heard?

25 Commissioner Ahmad?

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. Can go ahead
2 and jump in. From Northern California, it's pretty
3 consistent with what I've read from emails, live in-
4 person testimony through the COI tool in regards to
5 keeping the coastal communities together and the
6 difference between the coastal communities and those
7 communities more inland, particularly I recall folks
8 calling in talking about how long it would take to drive
9 across a potential district, given the terrain of that
10 area. So that part was pretty consistent with what I
11 took.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. It would be interesting,
13 I think, at some point, to determine what is an
14 acceptable drive for each of these areas, based on
15 terrain, based on traffic, based on just geography, in
16 general. Everyone seems to think their area is a little
17 bit too long and I just wonder what that would look like.

18 Any other comments?

19 (No audible response)

20 CHAIR TURNER: Okay, surprise. Beautiful. Okay.
21 Okay.

22 Well, then with that, Tamina, I think perhaps they
23 are waiting with bated breath for your presentation.

24 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you so much, Chair Turner.
25 And thank you, Commissioners, for having us again. I

1 just thought I'll walk you through what we were thinking
2 of doing and we can see if that works and you know, pivot
3 if it doesn't. So as you obviously know, we now are on
4 one map and one plan for this assembly visualization.
5 And of course all of these visualized district-sized
6 pieces are going from one mapper region into the other.

7 So we thought we might start with Tamina giving you
8 a general overview of the area that she's mapped for you
9 today and so she'll go through it pretty quick. She's
10 not going to read off all of the demographics or
11 statistics for each district because you have those
12 available on your handout in various ways here on a
13 spreadsheet, and then also on each visualization. And
14 then once she's given you an overview kind of outlining
15 what's in each district, just to remind you, we can
16 perhaps go back and then you can start giving some
17 direction. If the direction goes into Kennedy's area --
18 so basically, goes to the east -- and then from the east
19 then going south along, you know, Nevada border and so
20 forth, then Tamina will point that out. And Kennedy, of
21 course, is sitting right next to me, and as soon as we
22 see that there's too much happening in Kennedy's area,
23 then perhaps we can switch over. Kennedy can give you
24 the overview and then we can have both of them there when
25 you're giving direction and then they can both tell you

1 what the implications might be because I think that's
2 where we're at. We're at a point now in the process
3 where there's more of a conversation possible because we
4 have this one plan. And so when you're given direction,
5 for example, where you say well, I would like to see this
6 particular area perhaps going east rather than south,
7 then, you know, the respective mapper can give you some
8 feedback about what that would mean and then you can give
9 direction accordingly. So shall we try that? Does that
10 sound okay?

11 CHAIR TURNER: Let's do it. It sounds beautiful.

12 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you so much. And with that, I
13 will read off the pages on which you will find the
14 visualization. And just wanted to say I'm sorry they're
15 not in order, but we weren't sure which way you wanted to
16 go. And when we put them together, we thought we might
17 do a little wave from, you know, north to east, northeast
18 to southwest and whatnot, and now we're basically just
19 going by mapper region and we'll see how that goes the
20 next time. We can --

21 CHAIR TURNER: This is going to keep us awake. This
22 is a perfect order.

23 MS. MACDONALD: Fantastic. So with that, we would
24 like to start with your assembly visualization package,
25 and please turn to page 11 for your first visualization

1 of a district.

2 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Good afternoon, Commission. We're
3 going to be starting in the northwest corner of the state
4 and our first visualization district is N. Coast for
5 assembly. This district contains Del Norte, Humboldt,
6 Trinity, Mendocino and Lake Counties. It also includes
7 Sonoma County. I'm going to zoom in so you can see where
8 the line is here. Not including Cloverdale, Geyserville,
9 Healdsburg, Windsor, this line down the freeway; all of
10 these cities are intact and splitting a small part of
11 Santa Rosa in the southeast. Rohnert Park is intact in
12 the south, as is Cotati.

13 Next, we'll be going to page 31. This is TEHANAPA.
14 This is -- and I apologize ahead of time. You'll see
15 that the names sometimes don't correspond with what is
16 currently, as you'll see when we ripple around and things
17 move, sometimes it changed what the districts look like.
18 So if the names don't describe them, I apologize.

19 This visualization district contains all of Napa
20 County, takes the northern areas of Yolo County, does not
21 include Winters, does not include -- keeps Davis and UC
22 Davis whole within this district. Takes the wine country
23 regions along the freeway of Sonoma County and includes
24 Vallejo from Solano County whole.

25 Next is page 16. This visualization is called

1 Solano and it incorporates most of Solano County, with
2 the exception of Vallejo City. It includes, of Yolo
3 County, the Winters area, as well as some of the areas
4 along the river system and water system here, Freeport
5 down through Isleton. So this includes the delta areas
6 of Sacramento County as well, coming up and taking this
7 area of Elk Grove. We'll hear more about Elk Grove when
8 we go over to Kennedy's area. This is going into the
9 area she will be discussing, but this was a move for
10 population, to gather -- this is about 150,000 more
11 people.

12 Going to page 17. Oh, sorry, going to page 32.
13 This visualization is called ECC because it incorporates
14 most of east Contra Costa County. This does include
15 Concord along the 4 corridor through Baypoint, through
16 Bethel Island. All of these cities are currently intact,
17 Clayton is with Concord.

18 Page 34, I apologize.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Chair?

20 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, sir.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. On the page numbers,
22 we're going to have to more time to find these. I just
23 printed mine out this morning and either the page numbers
24 are not consistent with what the mappers have or mappers
25 are not giving us the right page numbers. So we just

1 need a little more time to find the map that we're
2 supposed to be looking at. Thank you.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy. And
4 so we will have the page number called out, we'll verify
5 if we're all on the same page before we start hearing the
6 testimony about it.

7 So currently we are on page --

8 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Let's go to page 32, which is East
9 Bay.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So just --

11 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: I'm sorry, that was my mistake. I
12 jumped to a second one.

13 CHAIR TURNER: It's okay. I'm showing 32, VAD East
14 Bay 10/27?

15 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: That's what I have.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. We're ready.

17 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Okay. So this visualization, East
18 Bay 10/27 starts right below the Hercules city line in
19 Contra Costa County, comes south through Richmond and the
20 greater Richmond area, to the county line of Contra Costa
21 County. Then comes south into Alameda County taking
22 Albany, Berkeley, and Emeryville, Piedmont, and the
23 western areas of Oakland. This is the same split you saw
24 before along the freeway.

25 CHAIR TURNER: One moment, Tamina.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think one of the confusing
2 things, the colors that your showing on the screen is
3 different than what was printed on the PDFs. Is that --
4 does anyone else have that?

5 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Oh, you all are printed in --

6 CHAIR TURNER: I don't know. Mine are black and
7 white.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- in black and white, so it
9 doesn't matter. Okay, that's just a me issue. All
10 right, sorry about that.

11 CHAIR TURNER: You are right, Sara.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'll sort it out. I'll sort
13 it out.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Just want to make sure you're paying
15 attention. We caught you, we found it. We -- you won,
16 Sara wins the prize. Okay. We'll get our coloring
17 together, but for now we're going to follow those tags
18 and the shapes and make sure we're looking at the same
19 piece part.

20 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: We're moving to page 22.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Good catch.

22 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: We're looking for visualization
23 called RO Dublin.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. We're here.

25 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Thank you very much. RO is for

1 Rodeo where we start with the Rodeo/Crockett/Port Costa
2 area of Contra Costa County, including Hercules. Go east
3 along 4 to the Vine Hill/Martinez area, and then this 680
4 corridor is kept completely intact from Martinez all the
5 way south to the county line. This area also includes
6 Lafayette, Orinda, and Moraga, as well as the
7 unincorporated areas of both Contra Costa County to the
8 west and Alameda County, which was requested to include
9 with Contra Costa County instead of putting it in with
10 Oakland. For population, this district also includes the
11 City of Dublin, which is in Alameda County. There are no
12 splits in this visualization.

13 We're now going to page 34. The visualization is
14 called East CC. East CC starts in the west with Concord,
15 Clyde, and Clayton, follows the 4 corridor through Bay
16 Point, Pittsburg, Antioch, all the way to the county line
17 at Bethel Island. Incorporates all the way down to the
18 eastern county line and the southern county line of
19 Contra Costa County. This visualization also includes
20 areas of San Joaquin County, which are unincorporated,
21 that flow to the east toward Stockton but does not split
22 any cities.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Tamina?

24 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes.

25 CHAIR TURNER: On this map, I see Bethel Island,

1 Knightsen, Discovery Bay.

2 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Where are the San Joaquin areas?

4 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: San Joaquin is everything to the
5 right of this squiggly county line. So these areas over
6 here.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, they're just not named on your
8 map? I got you.

9 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Right. They are not part of
10 incorporated cities, so they don't have names that are
11 popping up, but they are part of San Joaquin County.

12 We'll move to page 21, to a visualization called
13 Oakland. This visualization contains the rest of
14 Oakland, the south and western -- eastern parts of
15 Oakland City, as well as Alameda City, and San Leandro
16 City. There are no splits in this visualization.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Before you move, let me check in with
18 commissioners.

19 Is this pace okay, or do we need to slow down? Are
20 you finding it? I'm just hearing pages turning.

21 Just a tad slower, Tamina, so they can find it, see
22 the cities, and be able to hear your presentation.

23 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: My apologies. I will go slower.
24 We are going to page 20.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Chair Turner?

2 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Can I just ask a clarifying
4 question? When you say there's no splits, does that mean
5 no cities were split?

6 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. Just wanted to
8 clarify. Thank you.

9 CHAIR TURNER: And we're on 21?

10 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: We are on page 20, visualization
11 named ALAMEDA.

12 CHAIR TURNER: We're good.

13 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: The ALAMEDA visualization starts
14 west in Castro Valley, Ashland, San Lorenzo, Cherryland,
15 and Fairview, the unincorporated areas. Includes Hayward
16 and part of Union City. It includes Pleasanton,
17 Livermore, and Sunol, and all of the area to the county
18 line. Both the eastern county line between Alameda and
19 Mountain House/Tracy is preserved, and the southern
20 county line is also preserved. The city split in this
21 visualization is Union City, right along this area.

22 And we will be moving to page 29. You're looking
23 for a visualization called FREMONT. This visualization
24 incorporates the City of Fremont and the City of Newark,
25 also part of Union City with the same split that we just

1 saw from the previous, comes south into Santa Clara
2 County to take the City of Milpitas, some incorporated --
3 unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County in the light
4 color over here, and then into San Jose City. This is
5 the Berryessa area neighborhood. There's a split in the
6 East Foothills area and this was following the COI of the
7 Berryessa COI.

8 And we'll move to page 24. The visualization is
9 called ALUMROCK. The north of this visualization has the
10 Alameda County line right where it divides between
11 Alameda County and Santa Clara County. Coming into Santa
12 Clara County, we have areas of San Jose City, including
13 the downtown Alum Rock, and the bottom part, the southern
14 part of East Foothills. The unincorporated areas of
15 Santa Clara County to the east are all included, all up
16 to the county line. And this visualization stops short
17 of coming in -- stops short of the areas of Morgan Hill,
18 San Martin, and Gilroy, which are all intact in another
19 visualization. This area down here in purple is also an
20 area of San Jose. This is the furthest most area of San
21 Jose and it is incorporated in this visualization.

22 We'll go to page 23. This visualization is called
23 GATOSBANK. This visualization includes the City of
24 Burbank, Fruitdale, Campbell, Cambrian Park, Monte
25 Sereno, and Los Gatos. These cities are all intact in

1 this visualization. This visualization also includes to
2 the county line of Santa Clara unincorporated areas and
3 comes south to just above Morgan Hill in Santa Clara
4 County.

5 Moving to page 30, to LEXSUNNY. LEXSUNNY starts in
6 the north with an area of San Jose City, and includes
7 Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Mountain View, Cupertino, and
8 Saratoga. All of these cities are intact in this
9 visualization.

10 Going to page 26. This is WESTSF. This
11 visualization includes the western neighborhoods of San
12 Francisco City and County. There is a split in the Outer
13 Mission neighborhood, which extends down this way, and a
14 little bit of Castro/Upper Market on the west, and a few
15 blocks of Potrero Hills. Actually, no, I apologize.
16 That's the one. It also incorporates the cities of Daly
17 City, Broadmoor, Colma, and Brisbane, all of which are
18 intact in this visualization.

19 East San Francisco is on page 25, which --

20 CHAIR TURNER: Tamina, one moment please.

21 Go ahead, Commissioner Sadhwani.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: For some of these lower
23 areas, Colma, Brisbane, et cetera, was there -- do you
24 happen to recall if there was COI testimony asking for
25 them to be kept together?

1 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes, there was COI testimony
2 requesting several regions of the university area that be
3 -- were kept together, using San Francisco, and that the
4 driving and commuting areas from Broadmoor or Daly City
5 would be kept with the western -- southwestern areas of
6 San Francisco.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Uh-huh.

8 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: There are also some COIs from the
9 Asian community, which asked to be kept together in those
10 areas.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Also, just quickly, is South San
13 Francisco cut?

14 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: It is not cut from West San
15 Francisco.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

17 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: So East San Francisco, page 25.
18 This visualization has the eastern neighborhoods of San
19 Francisco City and County, from Presidio to North Beach,
20 including Treasure Island, going south to Potrero Hill,
21 and including Bernal Heights and the Outer Mission. Some
22 of these lines -- this actually is all the Outer Mission
23 that can be taken in by this census block.

24 We'll go to page 28 to a visualization called
25 PALORED. This visualization starts in the north at South

1 San Francisco and it comes south along the freeway
2 through San Bruno, Millbrae -- this is all San Mateo
3 County -- Burlingame, Hillsborough, San Mateo, Baywood
4 Park, Highlands, Belmont, Foster City, Redwood City, San
5 Carlos, Emerald Hills -- sorry, Emerald Lake Hills, and
6 some unincorporated areas at the end. There are no city
7 splits in this visualization.

8 Moving to page 27 to SMATEO. This visualization
9 starts in SMATEO and then goes south into other counties.
10 But it does start in Pacifica at its northwest corner,
11 comes south through Montara, follows the coastline
12 through Moss Beach, El Granada, and Half Moon Bay. For
13 population, we then come in through Woodside, Atherton,
14 North Fair Oaks, West Menlo Park, Stanford/Menlo Park,
15 East Palo Alto, Palo Alto, Ladera, Portola Valley, Los
16 Altos Hills, and Los Altos, and Loyola. This area is
17 another extension of Palo Alto. This visualization also
18 includes La Honda, Loma Mar, and Pescadero. And in Santa
19 Cruz -- sorry, Santa Clara County includes Lexington
20 Hills. This visualization then incorporates all of Santa
21 Cruz County, with the exception of the coastal cities of
22 Twin Lakes, Pleasure Point, Capitola, Seacliff, Rio del
23 Mar, La Selva Beach, and the areas of Aptos Hills, Larkin
24 Valley, Amesti, Freedom, Interlaken, and Watsonville,
25 which were used in the second visualization.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Tamina, are we still on 27?

2 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes, we are still in SMATEO, the
3 green area, or green on my screen. So we are including
4 Santa Cruz -- I'm sorry, I may have confused folks by
5 saying what was not included. We are including Santa
6 Cruz, Paradise Park, Live Oak, Soquel, Aptos, Day Valley,
7 and Corralitos. All of these cities are whole and not
8 split in this visualization.

9 We're now going to page 55. Page 55 is BENSAL.
10 This visualization is marked in a brighter yellow to
11 indicate that it is one of the potential VRA districts to
12 look at. This area incorporates -- includes all of San
13 Benito County and eastern Monterey County along the
14 freeway, coming down from Pajaro, through Salinas,
15 Spreckels, Chualar, and Gonzales. It also goes north
16 into Gilroy, San Martin, and Morgan Hill, and into Santa
17 Cruz County for Interlaken, Watsonville, and Pajaro,
18 Freedom, and Amesti.

19 And I'd like to invite Mr. Becker, if he has any
20 comments on this area.

21 MR. BECKER: None.

22 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Okay. Then we will go to page 56,
23 to MONTCOAST. 56. MONTCOAST incorporates the southern
24 cities of the coastal areas of Santa Cruz County. So we
25 have Twin Lakes, Pleasure Point, Capitola, Seacliff, Rio

1 del Mar, La Selva Beach, and Pajaro Dunes. We then
2 continue the coast in Monterey County through Moss
3 Landing, Marina, Seaside, and the Monterey Pacific, Del
4 Monte peninsula, Carmel-by-the-Sea, we include Carmel
5 Valley Village. And then the rest of Monterey County is
6 also included coming east to the county line and over the
7 freeway, this is the county line here between Monterey
8 and San Benito, and taking all the cities whole along the
9 freeway, coming down south to the county line. This
10 visualization also includes most cities of San Luis
11 Obispo, Oak Shores, Lake Nacimiento, San Miguel, San
12 Simeon, Cambria, La Paso Robles through Atascadero,
13 Whitley Garden, Shandon, Creston, Garden Farms, and Santa
14 Margarita, continues down the coast with Cayucos, Morro
15 Bay, and Los Osos, and the Cal Polytech area with San
16 Luis Obispo, Los Ranchos, Avila, and Pismo Beach. After
17 Grover Beach, the visualization ends. Arroyo Grande is
18 not a part of this visualization. This visualization
19 does travel east all the way to the county line of San
20 Luis Obispo to the southern and eastern county lines,
21 including this section over here, which is also part of
22 the county.

23 Page 58. This is SBARBARA. We'll start in the
24 northern end, which has the areas of San Luis Obispo
25 County, which are included. These are Arroyo Grande,

1 Oceano, Los Berros, Callender, Black Lake, Woodlands, and
2 Nipomo. We then have a majority of Santa Barbara County
3 and I will call out cities over here until we get to this
4 area. We have the Guadalupe, Santa Maria, Orcutt area.
5 Garey and Sisquoc, Casmalia, Vandenberg Air Force Base
6 and Vandenberg Village, Mission Hills, and Lompoc, Los
7 Alamos, Los Olivos, Ballard, Santa Ynez, Solvang and
8 Buelton. This visualization does go to the north and
9 eastern boundaries of the county for Santa Barbara, and
10 along the coast includes Goleta; University of
11 California, Santa Barbara; Isla Vista; Eastern Goleta
12 Valley; and Santa Barbara City. These cities are also
13 intact in this visualization. Oh, and the -- and lest I
14 forget, I'm sorry, the incorporate -- the islands, as
15 well, south of Santa Barbara. And this island, which is
16 also part of Santa Barbara County.

17 And lastly we go to page 59. This visualization is
18 called VENTURA. This is the green one we're looking at.
19 Starting in Santa Barbara County, the cities of Mission
20 Canyon, Montecito, Toro Canyon, Summerland, and
21 Carpinteria. We then travel into Ventura with Ojai, Mira
22 Monte, Oak View, and Meiners Oaks. This visualization
23 includes Ventura and the Port Hueneme, all the way up
24 through Piru corridor, so Port Hueneme, Oxnard, El Rio,
25 Santa Paula, Filmore, Piru, and also includes Santicoy.

1 And all unincorporated areas of county east -- north to
2 the county line, and east to the county line. And this
3 visualization ends right before any of these cities
4 start, so there are no city splits over here. So the
5 Moorpark, Somis, Camarillo area is not included in this
6 visualization.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Tamina, is Toro Canyon split?

8 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: No, Toro Canyon is not split.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. I noticed you had it listed on
10 both 58 and 59, so I wasn't sure.

11 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: My apologies for that. No, Toro
12 Canyon is not split. It is completely in this
13 visualization.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

15 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Unless there's like a tiny -- no.
16 Unless there's a very tiny zero pop block piece of Toro
17 Canyon, but no, I don't believe so.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No. On 58 it says except for.

19 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, so I think you're okay.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, beautiful. Thank you. Except
22 for.

23 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: And that concludes this area. I'm
24 sorry, and lest I forget this -- the islands south of
25 Ventura, which goes with Ventura County, is incorporated

1 in this visualization as well.

2 MS. MACDONALD: Well, so Chair and commissioners,
3 where would you like to go? Would you like to go up
4 north and then start looking at the visualizations and
5 start to maybe talk about it a little bit, give a little
6 direction, ask some questions?

7 CHAIR TURNER: Definitely want to do that. Let me
8 give just a couple of minutes for commissioners to look
9 at the notes that they've made, things that stood out for
10 them. And then we can take it from the top and work down
11 together, since we did a little creative jumping. That
12 was good for an attention span for all.

13 MS. MACDONALD: We -- if we may, we have a little
14 addition to one of the visualizations, please, that we
15 forgot to --

16 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, yes.

17 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: I apologize, I was too excited.
18 In the first visualization for North Coast, I do want to
19 point out that this square corner -- northeastern corner
20 of Humboldt County has been excluded from this
21 visualization; and, therefore, Humboldt County is split
22 in this area. This was done in order to keep the Karuk
23 lands together, and this visualization has them together
24 with their lands in Siskiyou County.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Which page was that on?

1 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: This is page 11.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, the first one. Okay. Yep, take
3 us away. Let's take it from the top and we keep moving.
4 So, Karin and Tamina, we're ready for you to lead us.

5 MS. MACDONALD: Would you like to start with the
6 upper -- with that district we were just on, and maybe
7 start a discussion, if anybody has some comments on it,
8 then maybe we could just start there and then work our
9 way down.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Yep. And I'd like to recognize
11 Commissioner Sinay.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. So I started
13 going on deep dives at the very beginning of this and
14 looking at numbers and this and that and figuring out.
15 And then I said okay, let them walk you through it,
16 because I remember being told it's a lot easier once you
17 let us walk you through it first.

18 I think where I keep coming is what questions should
19 we be asking ourselves as we're looking at these? I
20 mean, obviously, if there's a deviation number -- yeah,
21 the deviation piece, but I mean, should we even -- what
22 questions should we be asking ourselves right now? You
23 know, which is the same question I asked last time when
24 we started the visualizations. But now we're in the
25 third iteration.

1 MS. MACDONALD: Uh-huh.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So are there new questions,
3 deeper questions? What should we be really looking for?

4 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah. Thank you for that question.
5 So I think when you're seeing this coastal districts --
6 so for example -- they're going north-south right now.
7 So if you're generally okay with that, you know, look at
8 the boundaries and see if there's any splits, for
9 example.

10 So you just heard Tamina say, for example, on
11 that NCOAST district on page 11 that we kept the tribal
12 lands together. Are you okay with that? Maybe you're
13 okay with the way that that district looks right now, and
14 then that's fine. Then we'll just move down to another
15 district and we can look at the edges a little bit more.
16 Are you okay with the way that that next one -- the
17 little blue one there, for example the Sonoma/Napa one?
18 I'm guessing that perhaps you might want to have a
19 conversation about that just to see what's in it.

20 And you may perhaps have a question about why the
21 certain areas that are in there are in there and perhaps
22 not another area that you may have been expecting to be
23 in there. Or you may want to say could we do something
24 else with this particular visualization or with this
25 particular, you know, potential district there? So I

1 think it's more they're like broad architecture
2 questions.

3 The flow -- is the architecture generally okay? And
4 then if it isn't, you know, if we were to change it, what
5 would the ripple effect be, for example? Is there
6 something that could be done? Is there an exchange that
7 could be done, for example, on the border? Like if you
8 put this particular city in or perhaps you notice that
9 there is a city that's split, why is it split? Could we
10 perhaps keep that city together? Or you remember a
11 particular COI that you thought just really stood out for
12 you, right? And, you know, you may just want to say
13 okay, well, I remember that there was a COI over here and
14 I think it went into this particular area, can we explore
15 that, what are your thoughts on whether that could be
16 kept together and -- you know, so I think that's a
17 conversation right now. And I would just encourage you
18 to have a conversation with Tamina right now about this,
19 you know, about whether certain things might be possible.
20 And sometimes she may say I have to go home and figure
21 this out, but sometimes she may be able to give you just
22 a gut reaction because she's been mapping this nonstop
23 for the last weeks -- few weeks. And then sometimes she
24 may say okay, this is something that she needs to discuss
25 with Kennedy or that you may need to discuss with

1 Kennedy, because it's going to infringe on some areas of
2 Kennedy's map.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay, thank you for
4 that question because, Karin, that was a very helpful
5 response and that will kind of direct the conversation as
6 we're getting ready now to know where our liberties are
7 and what we can talk about. That's beautiful.

8 Commissioner Toledo?

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. And I wanted to
10 thank line drawers for the visualization and putting this
11 together. It certainly fits my view of the North Coast,
12 in terms of the coastal region -- keeping the coastal
13 region together. We heard that loud and clear. I am
14 supportive of the Karuk Tribe being put with Siskiyou
15 County, unless we can find another alternative, but that
16 seemed to be what they were advocating for.

17 The -- if there is one change I would attempt to
18 look at making is Lake County. Lake County has provided
19 testimony that they would like the county -- the official
20 statement from the county, if I remember correctly, is
21 that they'd like to be with Napa County. That would mean
22 we'd have to look at some of the -- adding a portion of
23 Marin County or adding more of Sonoma County, in order to
24 make that happen. But if that's possible, that would be
25 something that I'd like to see. Thank you.

1 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Thank you for that. I'd like to
2 ask some clarifying questions about that. We did look at
3 taking Lake County and keeping it with Napa and the Yolo.
4 We have a previous direction by the Commission not to go
5 over the Golden Gate Bridge over here. And so taking
6 population south from Marin would be problematic in this
7 situation. We could definitely put Lake in with Napa and
8 I would just ask which of these other counties you would
9 like to join the North Coast?

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So with that, I don't want to
11 go over the Golden Gate Bridge. And so if the option is
12 to -- and Commissioner Andersen may have some other
13 thoughts -- but I also think that Shasta, Tehoma, Glenn,
14 and Colusa are different than this particular area. So I
15 think, at this point, if we can't do it without going
16 across the Golden Gate Bridge, I think this may be the --
17 we might be able to put Lake County in other maps.
18 Whether it's the state senate or the congressional that
19 are larger, and be able to meet their needs that way.

20 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

22 CHAIR TURNER: That was fun, Commissioners. This is
23 getting good. Okay.

24 Anything else, Commissioner Toledo?

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Not on this map.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Taylor?

2 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. If we could
3 momentarily, if it's possible, could we put on the
4 freeway layer and the geography there? And as we've
5 heard testimony of -- from some community members that
6 desire a map with more of a east-west orientation, I'm
7 still struck by those that speak to access their
8 community of interest. And the thought of having to go
9 out of state to find your seat of government, to me, is
10 pretty poignant. So I still lean towards a north-south
11 orientation as far as the upper portion of this map goes,
12 and I just wanted to bring that to the attention of the
13 Commission. I think it is important -- that access is
14 important that we shouldn't have to travel, as
15 Commissioner Turner alluded earlier, hours to be able to
16 access your government services. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TURNER: And what we're trying to do now is to
18 have -- are there other commissioners that want to
19 respond or add into what Commissioner Taylor has said
20 before we move on?

21 Commissioner Sinay?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Along that line, you know, we
23 did hear that there's three corridors, travel corridors.
24 And I think we're covering the 101 and then there's the 5
25 and then there's the 395. And I feel like we've lost the

1 5 and the 395 to a certain extent and I don't know if
2 that helps us in helping, you know, in organizing this
3 area. I still don't think that Lake would be able to
4 fall in with Napa because I would like to see that as
5 well, because they asked it. But I just wanted to
6 keep -- remind us that there was three full corridors
7 that were brought up.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy, are you
9 commenting on the same topic about this corridor and the
10 freeways?

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yep.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, sir.

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: On this map.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you. So just
16 to go a little bit farther, you know, I want us to think
17 carefully about, you know, the rationales. And, yes, we
18 are doing our best to listen to everyone, but there are
19 also facts to keep in mind. So, you know, fact number
20 one, Lake is not a coastal county. If the underlying
21 rationale for this district is to put together a coastal
22 county, I would say Lake is not a coastal county.

23 Fact number two, wine is -- from what I've seen,
24 wine is Lake County's number one commercial crop. So if
25 the idea of the TEHANAPA visualization is to bring

1 together wine country, then we need to look at at least
2 bringing in the wine country part of Lake County. Not
3 all of Lake County is wine country necessarily, but a
4 quite substantial part of it is wine country and wine
5 grapes are the county's number one commercial crop.

6 So if that's the idea of that neighboring
7 district -- the blue district to the south -- you know, I
8 would prefer to prioritize adding Lake or at least the
9 wine country portion of Lake County, which from my
10 experience driving through it, is most of southern Lake
11 County, into that district -- the blue district there to
12 the south. Thank you.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So we have that on the floor,
14 perhaps splitting Lake at the wine portion of that
15 county. I'm showing Lake using our handy dandy sheet
16 from Commissioner Yee at 68,000 people or thereabout.

17 Commiss -- yep?

18 MS. MACDONALD: Can we please ask a clarifying
19 question about this?

20 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

21 MS. MACDONALD: So if Napa -- if the TEHANAPA
22 visualization here, so this is the blue district, were to
23 pick up parts of Lake County -- so this is already at
24 4.55 percent, right? And so where would we shed
25 population? And then also the upper district here is

1 already under-populated, so we need to figure out where
2 to pick up and are there any suggestions?

3 CHAIR TURNER: Yep, we do. But let's run through.

4 So, Commissioner Akutagawa, do you have suggestions
5 for the question on the table?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I have a comment on this
7 map or a question on this map -- the North Coast, not
8 Lake. But we've moved down, so --

9 CHAIR TURNER: Not -- we haven't quite left Lake
10 just yet.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, I -- it's not about
12 Lake, it's about the North Coast specifically map.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Then if you would, hold one
14 minute, I'm going straight down.

15 Does anyone else want to talk about Lake
16 specifically? Commissioner Andersen.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. I think I was one of
18 the ones who said put Lake into this grouping and it was
19 before we'd actually heard a lot from Lake County. I
20 agree, Lake, Napa, and the wine portions of Sonoma, we
21 should put together, which means population out of that
22 Sonoma/Marin is where we grab the, you know, right now,
23 NORCOAST is low. I'd say pull Lake out of it and put
24 quite a bit of the Marin in because the other part of --
25 like I'd like to see Sonoma right now only cut into two

1 districts instead of three because the wine -- there's a
2 lot of like Glen Ellen, Eldridge, Hot Springs, Sonoma,
3 all of that's wine country. So and then Yolo, which is
4 separate --

5 CHAIR TURNER: Before we move to Yolo. Okay, let's
6 go back through and then see. So what we're keeping now
7 is kind of thought processes. So we're looking at wine
8 country or the wine area of Lake. We're looking at --

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, I'm looking at all of
10 Lake.

11 CHAIR TURNER: All of Lake?

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: All of Lake.

13 CHAIR TURNER: All of Lake.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Napa and the wine part of
15 Sonoma.

16 CHAIR TURNER: So we have two suggestions on the
17 floor now. One was a portion, one is full.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And the question was like
19 where we do we lose population?

20 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I say pull Yolo out of the
22 blue. Yolo/Solano together.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So we hear that. Let's go
24 back up to the top.

25 Commissioner Akutagawa?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I'd like to just see
2 also the visuali -- or the overlay with the Karuk Tribe
3 lands. I think I'm just trying to understand how that
4 little corner makes a difference because when I saw the
5 last -- previous time -- last week when we saw it, it was
6 further into Siskiyou County, so.

7 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: This was actually the exact square
8 that came from the tribal group that came to testify.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Okay, thank you.
10 Because the map -- what you showed before was a little
11 bit different, so it looked like we needed to grab more
12 in from Siskiyou, but okay. Thank you. This is helpful
13 and I'm glad that we have that testimony.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Andersen, did you have
15 something else on the north?

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: On this particular one?

17 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, yes. Your hand was still up, so
18 I'm just --

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, no. I'm sorry. I'll
20 take it down.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee? Commissioner
22 Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you, Chair. I'm
24 just -- I'm trying to understand this process.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: And I realize that if we
2 take something out, then we've got to put something in.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: But also, I mean, when we
5 get to the Yolo, I'm going to want to tear that
6 completely up. So it's hard -- like if we get to the
7 section and they say move this and move that, because
8 what I say, you know, three steps down the road, it's
9 going to impact that as well. So I just feel that
10 it's not helpful right now to take things out or ask us
11 to take things -- I mean, I have recommendations on what
12 to take out and what to bring in. But I think if we --
13 this process is going to take very long if we continue
14 down this path.

15 I think maybe we should all give our comments and
16 then maybe the line drawers can go back and maybe come
17 back with questions in terms of okay, where should we
18 even things out? But I mean, we've talked about just the
19 one assembly -- proposed assembly visualization and it's
20 been half an hour maybe. So I'm just -- how we did it
21 the last couple of times is you just gave your input and
22 you moved on to the next. But now we're trying to
23 consolidate everybody's comments and also try to even
24 things out. And as we know, everything we say impacts
25 the entire thing. So when we get to Yolo, it's going

1 to -- it can potentially impact what we're talking about
2 right now. So I'm trying to think of like a better
3 way --

4 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah, and I --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: -- to do it.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. And I think, Commissioner
7 Fernandez, your point is exactly where we are and what
8 will happen. And rather than leaving it to the mappers
9 to just -- well, they can't just keep taking information
10 from us, because then it leaves them outside out of the
11 meeting trying to still determine how to make decisions.
12 So they've been struggling with it and now it's time for
13 us to struggle. We do have to do this somewhat.

14 And so we won't come to -- because we still have
15 another round of visualizations, but what we want to be
16 able to do right now is to at least give our best effort
17 and -- and we want to feel the pain. We want to know
18 that if we do or not do, include or not include Lake,
19 that is going to ultimately impact Yolo or some other
20 area. And so perhaps we'll just make notes concerning
21 that, talk about what we think we'd like to see, and just
22 kind of go through this messy process. So it will
23 take -- we're starting at the north. Yep, it'll stay
24 interesting, but let's just keep working with it for a
25 little bit and see how it shakes out.

1 So right now, we've heard from a couple of folk
2 about Lake and we're going to get into Yolo.

3 Commissioner Fornaciari?

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Let's see, if we
5 take Lake out of the red and put it in the blue. And
6 then take Yolo out of the blue, we still got to add back
7 to the red and that's going to go through the Yolo. So
8 you know -- I mean, it's -- we're basically redrawing the
9 entire map here in some way. So I just want to make sure
10 we're not losing that thought.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, yes.

12 Commissioner Andersen?

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. You know, I do
14 think it is a little helpful and I'm hoping this is for
15 the line drawers. If we say pull this out, add that, if
16 you -- it's a necessary means like I sort of did and take
17 Yolo out, I think that sort of completes the cycle for
18 the line drawers. Is that helpful because you're getting
19 population info from them. So basically, it's going to
20 end up with two districts in that area and the Yolo -- I
21 can see Commissioner Fornaciari shake his head, but
22 Yolo/Solano becomes a different area. Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: (Indiscernible).

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Where would you like
25 to split Solana back up into --

1 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Commissioner?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Blue gets a bit bigger. It
3 all shifts a little bit.

4 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Commissioner, where would you like
5 to split Solano because we're already at 4.93 --

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

7 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: -- so if more of Yolo comes in,
8 where would you like to split Solano?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'd like to split Solano --
10 because if we add Yolo to Solano, I'd like to split
11 Solano with taking Benicia out.

12 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: And --

13 CHAIR TURNER: Benicia.

14 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Benicia and -- you have Davis, you
15 have a lot of population here, so I get Benicia. Which
16 other areas would you like to split?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: We could do part of --
18 because you have quite a bit of Sacramento in there as
19 well, although I like the Delta in. We could pull -- I'm
20 sorry, can you go -- well, Elk Grove, I'd like to take
21 that out.

22 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Elk Grove is a 150,000 people, so
23 this will now be under-populated. Where would you like
24 to add population from?

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Wait. If you added Yolo in?

1 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yolo and Solano, and then
3 you're cutting people out from there.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So perhaps we're not ready for
5 this just yet.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: This is tricky. This is
7 very tricky.

8 CHAIR TURNER: This is indeed tricky. Let's do --
9 Commissioner Andersen, I appreciate what you're trying to
10 do. Thank you. I see that Commissioner Taylor, Toledo,
11 and Sadhwani, and then Sinay.

12 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. So it seems that
13 maybe we do have a small victory in here somewhere. It
14 seems that we are in favor of a north-south orientation
15 because there's no desire to push the sides where we
16 would be able to -- as Neal said, we'd be able to capture
17 population if we were to go east-west. But it seems that
18 we're working north-south, correct? So there's a little
19 victory there, so.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Come on with that.

21 MR. BECKER: There's eighty assembly districts.
22 You're on the first.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Well, they get easier from there.
24 Commissioner Toledo?

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: We've got to take the wins

1 we can.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So I'm in favor of the
3 district as drawn at this point; north-south, as
4 Commissioner Taylor has said. I do think Lake has a lot
5 in common with Sonoma and Mendocino. There's roads that
6 go in and out both the -- there is wine, but there's
7 other factors and certainly lots of people live --
8 commute from Lake -- because it's a place of more
9 affordable housing -- commute from Lake to both Sonoma
10 and other places across the North Bay, and certainly into
11 Napa as well. So I could see it both in Lake and Napa
12 County.

13 And it's not the only noncoastal district in this
14 visualization. You also have Trinity that's not
15 necessarily on the coast. So I am in support of
16 something like this. I'm sure we'll have to refine it as
17 we go through the other counties, but I'm not opposed to
18 this for assembly.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Com -- thank you.

20 Commissioner Sadhwani?

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. Yeah, I mean, I
22 think, you know, hey, this is redistricting. Welcome.
23 We are still technically on district one, so that's okay.
24 I agree with you, Commissioner Taylor, that's a win. We
25 like the architecture of that district going north-south.

1 I think as we start moving down, I agree with all of the
2 comments of thinking about other alternatives for Lake
3 County, whether that's the entirety of Lake, splitting
4 Lake, some other option for Lake.

5 And I just wanted to offer, as we move further down,
6 you know, I know Commissioner Andersen was thinking about
7 like, well, what are the other options? I think as we
8 move further down -- and I don't know if we want to go
9 there yet -- but as we're moving further down towards the
10 Bay Area, we have received other testimony in that -- I
11 don't know, how do you want to say it, T-E-H-E-NAPA,
12 right?

13 In particular, I was looking at some of the
14 testimony that we received last week and there was a
15 request actually for Vallejo to be removed to keep it
16 with Pittsburg/Antioch/Bay Point, together in a district
17 that connects with East Contra Costa. That would change
18 the architecture of that district, that Napa-y district,
19 it's that little piece of that district right down there
20 and create something going east-west further down. So
21 that would be a larger shift of architecture at a
22 different point in the map. But I just wanted to offer
23 that, that might help. Thank you.

24 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: And, Sara, if I may, I'd just like
25 to say that I -- we have tried this Lake orientation and

1 I'm going to try it again.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

3 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: But please rest assured that your
4 previous comments, we've worked through them and tried
5 these different things. And so we -- but we are happy to
6 go back and try things again and answer any questions you
7 have.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Tamina.

9 Commissioner Sinay?

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Tamina, your last
11 comment was really important. I do want to remind those
12 of you in the room who have done this in the past to
13 please be patient for -- to -- with us that haven't --
14 no, no, no, I'm talking about legal and others -- to
15 please be patient with us because we're learning. And it
16 might take us a long time to do the first one and the
17 second one.

18 And I also want to remind everybody that this is a
19 third of the state. We'd like to think of it that it's
20 just, you know, that part -- top part of the state is
21 just two districts, three districts maybe. But it is a
22 third of the whole state. And I'm glad we are taking
23 that time. I also want to -- Tamina, what you said was
24 really critical at the very end, is that you have heard
25 us before and we're all going to have to say that often,

1 that we have heard the public. And we need to be careful
2 of pulling out just one comment we've heard from the
3 public, because there will be -- you know, just don't
4 just look for those that match what you think might work
5 or you know, try to figure out how the Vallejo comment
6 does make sense because Vallejo is more of an industrial
7 area like Benicia is and like Martinez is. And so it
8 needs -- you know, we need to connect things with a
9 little bit more than we just heard a comment because
10 remember, we have about 8,000 -- 5,000, 8,000 -- I don't
11 know where we are.

12 I was just picking on you, I'm sorry, Sara. But I
13 was just trying to say that as an example.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm used to it, it's okay.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, you do it to me too, so
16 that's good.

17 But I want to just remind ourselves to be able to
18 say to the public, we have heard you, we've heard this,
19 but it's not working. It's -- there's going to be a lot
20 of stuff that's not going to work and it's going to be
21 tough.

22 I also want to say that maybe -- I liked where we
23 were heading originally when we were talking about how to
24 anchor these communities. We had started talking about
25 travel corridors as an anchor. You know, let's think

1 about it as travel corridors, or as coastal corridors, or
2 as wine, you know, something that anchors a community
3 together, so we can have our yesses and our nos. And
4 it's really hard, but I always say, you know, once you
5 know what your limitations are, it's easier to say yes.
6 But if we keep saying yes but, we're never allowed to say
7 yes or no. And so we are going to have to start making
8 some tough decisions.

9 And maybe if -- you know, just to keep -- I
10 really -- I would say we had a lot of wins, because I
11 liked that we were talking about anchors. You know, and
12 anchors meaning not just a commute -- regional -- you
13 know, what are we -- how are we defining them? Why are
14 we defining them? We did decide north-south, though I
15 would still argue that if you read the comments, they say
16 Humboldt down, and Del Norte -- folks from Del Norte do
17 want to go east. But the numbers aren't all there, but
18 there are different people -- you know, there's --
19 depending how you read them, what comes out. So just --
20 it -- when we're thinking about it, think about how we're
21 anchoring them again, be it geography, be it culture, be
22 it whatever.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you,
24 thank you, thank you. Yes.

25 I see you, Karin.

1 Commissioner Andersen, your hand is still up. Did
2 you have something, again?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I did. I misspoke when I
4 said put Yolo in with Solano. I apologize. I wasn't
5 realizing how large Solano actually is and I should
6 have -- very obvious. I meant Yolo should go up north,
7 because Yolo is, again, with Commissioner Sinay said,
8 it's agriculture. Woodland, right through that entire
9 area, you know, Knightsen, that direction, that's
10 agriculture and it really ties in with the counties north
11 of it. So I just wanted to say that. Thank you.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Karin?

13 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Chair, if I may offer something
14 which may be helpful to the Commission. The northern
15 area, which Kennedy and I have been working on, we've
16 been working on some -- the major direction that you have
17 given us is not to go over the Golden Gate Bridge in the
18 west, so really looking at this western north-south
19 district profile for the maps. And then on the eastern
20 side of the state, this Inyo up the eastern border,
21 through kind of this Placer area, and then the keeping
22 Nevada and Placer together. So really what ends up
23 happening in the north is that we have a western column
24 and we have an eastern column. And then things can
25 really only be moved around the middle. And so that's

1 why you'll see some of these areas -- and Kennedy's areas
2 as well -- we overlapped and came back and forth. But
3 that's really the only space we'd be able to move around
4 in unless you would like to rescind your direction of
5 keeping this eastern area together, or going over the
6 bridge.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Looking around for hands or thoughts.
8 Commissioner Andersen, your hand is up, and then
9 Commissioner Kennedy, followed by Commissioner Ahmad.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I really appreciate
11 that comment, because I see that -- and I understand.
12 And parts of it is because I know we're starting up here
13 in the north, but parts of it that are kind of anchoring
14 things are a little bit farther to the south, which kind
15 of pushed things around in that direction. And I think
16 if we do go a little bit further north on the eastern
17 side, we can come down further south than the central,
18 where now we have -- it appears we have several like, you
19 know -- one, two, three, four different assembly
20 districts in the center and maybe we can make those into
21 two. Does that make sense? If -- it's a little hard
22 unless we really nail out all of the different counties
23 because of things that are further south, which are
24 pushing things around.

25 But it -- but I don't think any of us -- since

1 numbers don't require us to go across the Golden Gate
2 Bridge, I'd hate to see people from Marin just being
3 thrown into San Francisco just for numbers when I think
4 they would lose their voice. And we have similarities of
5 interest along the coast, along the agricultural center,
6 and along the Sierras. So I think we'd like to keep the
7 direction that we've given and try to rework with it, if
8 at all possible, if that helps. Thank you.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And with that, we do need
10 to take a break. I will -- I promise, I'll let you all
11 have breaks on time. So we're going to take a fifteen-
12 minute break and we will be back with the hands that are
13 raised. Thank you.

14 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

15 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And welcome back from the
16 break. At this time, I'm wondering if Commissioner
17 Kennedy is ready?

18 Commissioner Ahmad, if you would go please?

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Sure. Thank you, Chair.

20 To be additive, not repetitive, I agree with north-
21 to-south coast for now.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, beautiful.

23 Commissioner Kennedy?

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I would
25 also say that I still support the basic architecture and

1 I believe that the center of the state is a good area to
2 make adjustments in. I think because we have more
3 population in a lot of those areas, we have a little more
4 flexibility as far as where we shift boundaries. So I
5 would support the general architecture that we have at
6 this point. Thank you.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you so much. And for sure as
8 we move along, we'll be able to add -- be a little bit --
9 you know, things will shift as they need to. But for
10 now, I agree.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I -- well, I guess
13 if I have to prioritize to Tamina's question, I think
14 that we do need to leave intact the eastern side of the
15 California Sierra 395 corridor. I'm sure that I will not
16 get a lot of love for this, but I am more willing, if we
17 have to, to cross the bridge, I guess I'll say, and
18 allow, you know, Marin and point south to be combined, if
19 needed. But I do also agree with what Commissioner
20 Kennedy said, that if it's possible to stay within the
21 middle, then obviously we want to try to honor that
22 direction to not cross over if we can.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And, Commissioner
24 Akutagawa, I vow to never withhold love for you -- from
25 you.

1 Commissioner Taylor?

2 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Quickly as an ally to
3 Commissioner Akutagawa, I'm also open to the option of
4 crossing the bridge.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Let's -- thank you, thank you. Let's
6 take a few more comments on other parts of the north, if
7 there are because I'd really like to also get Kennedy in
8 on the conversation and start that process, so that we'll
9 have even a broader space to play in.

10 So, Commissioner Fernandez?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. So there's a couple
12 of -- for me I wrote down pages but -- so am I okay to go
13 ahead into Yolo now and --

14 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: All right.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Free to roam about the country.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. And I think --

18 CHAIR TURNER: In the north only.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. In the north and I'm
20 probably going to bring Kennedy into this conversation
21 because I know that some of the -- some of her
22 visualizations will be impacted as well. I'm just trying
23 to find the page numbers, so sorry.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fernandez, a question
25 for you then. Would it be helpful for Kennedy to do her

1 presentation, if you're going to bring her in or what are
2 you thinking when you say that?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: What do you think, Kennedy?

4 MS. WILSON: (Indiscernible).

5 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: What -- how far does your
6 presentation take us? How's that?

7 MS. WILSON: Ours goes all the way down to Kern and
8 a little bit into San Bernardino. But I can stop in the
9 San Joaquin area and go past that part of about Grove.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. Is that -- because
11 then you jump into Chair Turner's territory.

12 MS. WILSON: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Is that a good stopping
14 point, if we just have her --

15 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay.

17 CHAIR TURNER: We certainly can do that.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So then why -- let's do this.

20 Marcy, or is that Jose? If you can give us some
21 overview of the next area for assembly districts for B,
22 D, F, and G. And we'll take all of the overview from
23 you, so that you don't have to split out areas.

24 And then, Kennedy, if you would then go with just
25 the top portion.

1 And since we didn't have a lot of comment in between
2 and more, it sounds like passion around commenting after
3 the mappers, we'll hold our comments until that time.

4 Jose, are you ready?

5 MR. CHAVEZ: Yes, Commissioner. I'm pulling my
6 notes.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

8 MR. CHAVEZ: Thank you.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful. And while he's doing
10 that, I just want to make sure that my fellow
11 commissioners know that this is very serious process,
12 but -- I'm not making light of it -- but I am indeed
13 enjoying it. We've never mapped lines and drawn lines
14 before. And so this is something that we're all learning
15 and willing to do some give and take where we need to for
16 California to have the best maps possible. So I want
17 people to be encouraged and know that we're all here
18 trying to just do our best.

19 Jose, we're ready when you are.

20 MR. CHAVEZ: Thank you, Chair. Hello, Commissioner
21 and hello California. My name is Jose Eduardo Chavez and
22 I am the outreach field team lead for central California.
23 And I am giving a report -- a high-level report of sums
24 D, B, F, and G. And again, as my colleague, Ashleigh,
25 emphasized at the -- earlier, the following is an

1 overview of high-level trends derived from submissions to
2 the Commission. And this overview is meant to provide
3 commissioners with some examples of public input
4 received.

5 Given that -- with that said, in total the
6 Commission received 1,233 communities of interest input
7 from sums B, D, F, and G, and 280 visualizations feedback
8 forms so far. And those sources came from visualization
9 feedback forms, 280 of them, as I mentioned, Draw My
10 California Community website, 468 community inputs came
11 out of there. And 425 community input meetings came from
12 live meetings. Email 101, letter, submissions via letter
13 183, and communities of interest public input form 43,
14 and CRC website Contact Us forms 9, and a report 4.

15 And I will go ahead and give some high-level report
16 on the northern California communities. And we
17 receive -- or the Commission received an abundance of
18 input from inland northern California to keep their
19 communities together with the communities east of
20 Siskiyou County. Common themes expressed are fire
21 protections, forestry management, watershed, county
22 collaborations for public services during crisis, and
23 similar rural communities. Many of the communities of
24 interest input that we received also emphasizes not
25 belonging or sharing commonalities with the northern

1 California coastal communities. They emphasize that
2 there are infrastructure and geographical divisions, such
3 as mountain ranges.

4 Another major input that we received, or a large
5 input that we received was not to include urban
6 communities, such as Yolo, Sacramento, or Solano into
7 northern counties. They expressed the importance of
8 keeping these rural northern Sacramento Valley counties
9 together.

10 And with that in mind, I'll be moving south to
11 Sacramento communities. Again, these are high-level
12 summaries of the input that we have received as a
13 Commission. There are numerous inputs asking the
14 Commission to place the counties of Yolo and Solano
15 together, while keeping these counties whole. Now,
16 there -- we also received a handful of input where
17 they -- the stakeholders want to put Yolo with other
18 greater Sacramento communities together, emphasizing the
19 similarities in economy, emergency responses, and fires
20 and floods. And we also received some input to put the
21 City of West Sacramento with Yolo County and with the
22 City of Sacramento, again emphasizing in the similarities
23 of a similar economies and culture.

24 There was input received also asking to keep the
25 City of Sacramento and the flood plain communities

1 together. There was a handful of input also that came
2 in, asking the Commission to keep rural communities
3 together. They would like the Commission to graft
4 communities around the City of Sacramento, rather than
5 combine urban populations with rural communities. There
6 was also a handful of communities of interest input to
7 keep Elk Grove as one community. And there was also a
8 great amount of communities of interest input where the
9 stakeholders are asking rural communities, such as El
10 Dorado and Nevada, Placer Counties to not be kept
11 together. And not -- excuse me, that those counties
12 should be placed together and not placed in urban
13 communities of Sacramento. Placer, Nevada, and El Dorado
14 Counties should be kept together. Also a high emphasis
15 in the communities of interest that we've received and
16 should not be in the same district as Amador, Tuolumne,
17 Mariposa, and Madera Counties.

18 With the last sentence read or reported, I'll move
19 down to central Sierra and Nevada high-level summary,
20 where we also received a majority of communities of
21 interest input where Sierra and Nevada residents are
22 asking the Commission to keep communities west of the
23 valley together. And if counties, such as Madera and
24 Fresno are to be included, it has to be the foothills or
25 mountain regions. And there was a handful of communities

1 of interest input where they -- where stakeholders in
2 this area do not want Kern or valley communities to be
3 included for population. Again, emphasizing the -- to
4 respect the central Sierra region.

5 Northern Sierra communities have more in common with
6 central Sierra, Nevada communities, if needed for
7 population rather than central -- than communities in
8 Central Valley. There was a handful of input that came
9 from these region as well, where they are asking the
10 Commission to do the best possible to not include San
11 Bernardino County in their region. And as the region
12 includes national forests and national park gateway
13 communities, while geographic areas are largely remote,
14 having many shared interests and economies primarily
15 resulting from tourism should be kept together.

16 There was -- there is also a handful of communities
17 of interest input that came from greater Placer, Nevada,
18 El Dorado communities that expressed opposition to being
19 in a district with Fresno County and Alpine -- Fresno
20 County, Alpine, Amarello County, Calaveras County,
21 Mariposa County, Tuolumne, and Madera, again expressing
22 -- there was also a handful of communities of interest
23 that came from that community as well.

24 With that in mind, I can move down to Central Valley
25 communities high-level summary. We've received -- or the

1 Commission received a large amount of communities of
2 interest input where stakeholders highlight the need to
3 keep San Joaquin County together combined with valley
4 agricultural communities.

5 There is a large amount of communities of interest
6 input where they would like San Joaquin County and
7 Stanislaus County together and remove Bay Area
8 communities.

9 They -- we also received a handful of communities of
10 interest input where they want -- stakeholders want to
11 place urban communities together, such as Stockton and
12 Tracy. They -- a large -- a handful of communities of
13 interest also -- or received asking the commission to
14 keep valley communities together and remove foothills
15 communities, again emphasizing the need to keep the
16 valley communities together and Sierra communities
17 together.

18 There is also a large -- a good amount of input
19 received where communities -- or stakeholders do not want
20 Merced County with foothills communities. When drawing
21 the valley, they emphasized the idea of drawing north and
22 south, not east or west. And a good -- a handful of
23 communities of interest also received asking the
24 Commission to keep Merced with Madera and Fresno Valley
25 community -- and Fresno County communities together and

1 remove foothill communities.

2 A handful of communities of interest input received
3 were asking the commission not to combine north Fresno,
4 Clovis and Madera Ranchos in a district with Merced,
5 Atwater, and rural communities in Merced County and
6 Madera County.

7 A handful of communities of interest input received
8 also was to ask the Commission to keep north Fresno,
9 which is north of Shaw Avenue, and the city of Clovis
10 together as they have numerous similarities. The same
11 goes to keep areas south of Shaw Avenue, southeast
12 Fresno, and west Fresno, as well as the rural towns of
13 east -- rural towns east of highway 41, which includes
14 Fowler, Kingsburg, Selma, Parlier, Reedley, Orange Cove,
15 together. They emphasize -- these communities also
16 emphasize the rural towns west of highway 41 having
17 similar populations and similar issues.

18 We also received numerous -- or a handful
19 communities of interest input from stakeholders from
20 residents of Hanford requesting to add Kings County to
21 Fresno County, as they share commuting routes, higher
22 education, and entertainment.

23 There is also a handful of communities of interest
24 that the Commission received to keep communities of
25 Fresno County together. That would not include Clovis

1 with these communities. The Commission also received a
2 number of input where stakeholders do not want combined
3 Kings County with Kern County. And there is also a large
4 amount of communities of interest input where
5 stakeholders want to keep Three Rivers with Visalia and
6 other Valley communities and remove Kern County and L.A.
7 communities.

8 We received a handful of input asking the Commission
9 to place Tulare County and Kings County together as well.
10 We also received a handful of input from Kings County to
11 be placed together with Fresno and Kern. That's also a
12 common trend that we received. We also received a
13 handful of input where communities of Kings County should
14 not be combined with Fresno. And there was a handful --
15 there is a handful of communities of interest input where
16 stakeholders want to keep Kern County with small rural
17 towns together.

18 There is a large -- a good amount of communities of
19 interest where stakeholders want to connect south of
20 Fresno County communities with east Bakersfield as much
21 as possible. And we received a large amount of input
22 from stakeholders in Tehachapi not wanting to put
23 together with Bakersfield.

24 There is also a large amount of input where
25 stakeholders are asking for Lamont, Shafter, Arvin,

1 Wasco, McFarland, Delano, and east Bakersfield to be
2 placed together and exclude desert and mountain
3 communities. And there is also -- we also received a
4 handful of input asking the commission to leave
5 Ridgecrest together with Bakersfield.

6 And again, this is -- these are high-level summaries
7 of the trends that we received so far on communities of
8 interest that we received as well as visualization
9 feedback forms.

10 Thank you, Chair.

11 MS. TURNER: Jose, thank you so much for the high-
12 level overview of what we're hearing and seeing.

13 And with that, I'd like to invite Kennedy to walk us
14 through the visualizations that she has prepared up into
15 the portion we talked about earlier.

16 I think Kennedy we wanted you to stop up at -- was
17 it Oak Grove or Fresno? How far down are we going?

18 MS. WILSON: To the South Sac, San Joaquin district
19 has it carved it out in there. So I was thinking I'd go
20 down to this one, and that's six into my -- six
21 visualizations into my presentation.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So we'll go there,
23 Commissioners. And then have discussion as it relates to
24 the maps that we've seen, the visualizations that we've
25 seen previously. And then after that, Kennedy will come

1 back and finish up.

2 MS. WILSON: Sounds good. So we are going to start
3 off on page 12. And I'll give everyone time to get that
4 up.

5 This is the nor-California, NORCA visualization. So
6 here, as Tamina pointed out also, we have the Karuk
7 tribe, and so we did split Humboldt in this corner to
8 keep the Karuk tribe together. And we have
9 visualizations going forward that try something
10 different, but the numbers and purposes, we decided to
11 take this one and take this corner.

12 And then we have the eastern, northern inland
13 counties, moving south here. I tried to keep Sierra
14 Nevada together. I wanted to keep Butte with Sutter and
15 Yuba, and so that's why there's this carve-out here in
16 the middle. And keeping those two together as well from
17 previous testimony.

18 So this is Plumas, Sierra Nevada. Then coming this
19 -- down on this bottom corner the other corner is Glenn
20 and Tehama. And then moving north, we have Shasta,
21 Lassen, Modoc, Siskiyou, and of course that part of
22 Humboldt containing the Karuk tribe's land.

23 And now we will be moving on to our next
24 visualization on page 13, titled central north, CENNORTH.
25 And I'll zoom in a bit closer so we can see that. This

1 here contains Butte, Colusa, Sutter, and Yuba. So
2 keeping these three counties together and then Colusa
3 also for population was still not enough, so I had to dip
4 into Placer because from previous -- from our last
5 visualization, there was Yolo that was a part of this as
6 well. And we heard Yolo wanting to be with the wine
7 country, so I did not dip into that. I dipped into
8 Placer and I took -- I'm going to zoom in so you can see.
9 I took Sheridan and Lincoln to populate this. And we're
10 still at negative 4.14 deviation. And then I'll zoom out
11 so you can see those again together as well without the
12 cities. Oh, thank you.

13 Now, we are going to move on -- it's a big jump.
14 We're going to go to page 37. And this is titled west
15 Placer. So as you're flipping your pages, I'm going to
16 zoom in so we can see what cities are in here.

17 Here, in west Placer, I have excluded North Auburn
18 and Auburn and I have New Castle, Penryn, Loomis. I keep
19 Rocklin, Roseville, Granite Bay together. And I also
20 from previous visualizations did not have Folsom and
21 Orangevale, so I was moving those in. And Citrus Heights
22 for population as well, which has a fairly large
23 population as I've learned clicking things around, but
24 this is helping to populate that there.

25 Now, we will move on just to the next page, 38, and

1 we're going to see north Sac County and -- NSACC is what
2 it's titled. It's here in purple. And here I am keeping
3 Rosemont out of the main Sacramento area, which is
4 guidance I received before, with Mather, La Riviera,
5 Arden-Arcade and Carmichael, keeping those together based
6 on testimony, COI testimony, commissioner testimony. We
7 have Fair Oaks, McClellan Park, North Highlands, Foothill
8 Farms, Antelope, Elverta, and Rio Linda.

9 We did have some testimony to have Antelope with
10 Roseville, and some to keep it with this -- parts of
11 Sacramento as well. And just how the population worked
12 with this visualization, I kept it here, away from
13 Roseville.

14 And then we're going to move on to page 39, right to
15 it as well with west Sac and Sacramento. And so here, I
16 did keep Sacramento with Sacramento in one district. And
17 to give this population, I had to cut into Sacramento.
18 However, I tried to keep key communities together, and
19 I'm going to display that terrain layers so you can see
20 up north we have Natomas staying together.

21 And then zooming in here, we have Del Paso Heights,
22 which is in this area here that I'm waving around under
23 the Dwight D. Eisenhower freeway, following Rio Linda
24 Boulevard, keeping that together. And then we have east
25 Sacramento staying together and not being separated as

1 well as Oak Park. And then we have Fruitridge, Lemon
2 Hill, Parkway, and this Greenhaven area staying together.
3 And it goes down, keeping most of Sacramento whole, but
4 then this area here between -- Bruceville Road stops at
5 Sheldon, so this part of Sacramento right before Elk
6 Grove. And I'll zoom back out and turn off that terrain
7 layer.

8 Now, we will move on to our last one of this section
9 for now, on page 42. So a bit of a jump. It is titled
10 south Sac with SJ, San Joaquin. And so here is where I'm
11 sure questions will arise. But here, I'm trying to keep
12 these farming communities together and they do need
13 population from somewhere. I was trying to keep Lathrop
14 and Manteca together, and also from one of the previous
15 presentations we received last week, we had Manteca and
16 Lodi wanting to stay together. But Lodi not wanting to
17 be with Stockton, so this is how this came about. And I
18 did have to reach up into northern Sacramento to get some
19 of this population here.

20 But using Elk Grove was messing with these numbers
21 here and making it too high. And then cutting out some
22 of these was messing with these ones here. So that's
23 where a lot of -- oh, and by these, I was meaning these
24 visualizations here. So I was playing back and forth
25 with adding some and taking out some, and not wanting to

1 split anything, so this --

2 CHAIR TURNER: Kennedy, the visualizations is
3 jumping too quick for us to focus on what cities. As
4 you're talking, they just keep moving.

5 MS. WILSON: My apologies. So I will slow it down.
6 And come back out and just show you here, there's Ripon
7 and Escalon, keeping those with Farmington and Linden and
8 Dogtown. And keeping this eastern part of San Joaquin
9 together is where I started. And then I was speaking
10 about Lathrop and Manteca and keeping those together.
11 And then keeping Lodi -- in this visualization to keep
12 Lodi with Manteca but not with Stockton.

13 And any other questions you can ask as well, but
14 that's just --

15 CHAIR TURNER: No, thank you so much for that. And
16 this is going to give us context and allow us to go back
17 to Commissioner Fernandez now that we've had that portion
18 of your presentation and a follow-up by Commissioner
19 Toledo.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

21 So the first two will actually be with Tamina, page
22 16 and 17. It's the Yolo, Napa. And I'm trying to get
23 my notes together here.

24 Okay. Which one is -- this one is the Solano --
25 oops. Tamina has got it to go on. Okay.

1 Because they are related, I guess my first one which
2 -- with the one that you have up, the blue one, that I
3 see is blue. I'm hoping you see is blue as well. That
4 one my initial recommendation was to move American Canyon
5 as Vallejo. I know we've already talked about that.
6 That's at the -- that one's already over deviation. I'm
7 sure it'll take it way under, so we'll have to work on
8 that. And then also on that blue is if you move over
9 towards Sonoma and I believe Santa Rosa.

10 Was Santa Rosa split on that one, Tamina?

11 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes. Santa Rosa is split into
12 three districts.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So my recommendation
14 was going to be to bring in Santa Rosa and I'd have to
15 defer to Commissioner Toledo, but I always -- when I
16 think of Santa Rosa, I think of Rohnert Park as well in
17 term -- and Petaluma. So I -- that's probably something
18 we have to contend with.

19 And then -- okay, so I was thinking on that blue,
20 you see where that -- up, up. If you go up where that
21 Calistoga -- oops. Where that line -- where that -- I
22 think that is a -- right there. Yes. You see the line.
23 Is that the -- is that the county line?

24 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes, that's the county line.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I was thinking of

1 ending it there, if that makes sense. But then bringing
2 in the Santa Rosa piece of it so -- because I'm trying to
3 add -- anyway, so then if I go to the east part of it,
4 east part of this map. Thank you. If you can just zoom
5 in just a little bit.

6 Yolo County is mainly rural. We do have a few major
7 cities, but they're not major cities as L.A. major
8 cities. They're just major cities in terms of more than
9 10,000 inhabitants, so very different. So what I was
10 looking at this one -- oh, it's just -- to bring in that
11 whole delta area from Sacramento to probably Rio Vista,
12 bring that in to include Dixon. So I'm tearing up kind
13 of this one as well as the Solano. I'm bringing in some
14 of Solano as well because there is quite a bit of Solano
15 that is rural.

16 Pardon? I just said because of the rural areas, so
17 anyway.

18 So Solano, I would bring Solano in until you get --
19 from Rio Vista up until you get to Dixon. Include Dixon
20 because that still is a rural area, as well as Winters.
21 So I was thinking going all the way up. So this would be
22 more of a east-west obviously. All the way up where you
23 could potentially even go into Colusa, into Williams and
24 Arbuckle, to those rural areas. So that's just
25 completely raking up those too, so I'm not sure how we're

1 going to -- how you would like to address that right now.

2 So that's for 16 and 17.

3 And then, Tamina, since I have you, on page 55 --

4 CHAIR TURNER: Before you move, Commissioner

5 Fernandez --

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

7 CHAIR TURNER: -- Tamina, that was a lot. Are we
8 good with those directions or any other commissioners,
9 because we're working off of one map, have comments on
10 that area?

11 Okay. So, Commissioner Fernandez, as soon as we
12 hear back from Tamina, we can move.

13 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Okay. I'm sorry, can you -- so
14 the direction was -- can you repeat the -- it wasn't --
15 the map wasn't working in my mind, so if we could please
16 repeat the -- you said to go up into Dixon. Which --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So down a little.
18 See where Solano is? It's right there. Okay, so keep
19 going down. A little bit more. So where you get to --
20 like right where Rio Vista is --

21 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- I would carve all that
23 up. Go straight up.

24 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Go straight up to

1 your -- to Dixon. So --

2 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- you zoomed out again.

4 Zoomed out. Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, and then go out to --
6 include Dixon. And then Winters as well.

7 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: In -- you mean included in the
8 blue area? Or which --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, that's what I'm say --
10 yeah.

11 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm saying that I'm blowing
13 this piece up.

14 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Okay. So you want to include
15 Dixon in the blue area, and take which areas out of the
16 blue area?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was taking out the bottom
18 part, the American Canyon and Vallejo.

19 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Okay. That --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But also from Rio Vista --
21 I mean, you got the -- from Rio Vista up, right?

22 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.

24 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: This will be more population than
25 all of this in Dixon combined, so where else would you

1 like to take?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And on that one, I was
3 talking about taking Santa Rosa and -- right? Yeah,
4 Santa Rosa and Rohnert Park and Petaluma. Like that -- I
5 forget what quarter that is, but -- yeah.

6 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Let me --

7 MALE SPEAKER: It's the 101.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you. 101.

9 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: So all -- you want all of Santa
10 Rosa in with the N coast district? This -- this whole
11 area here is Santa Rosa, including all of this. This is
12 all Santa Rosa.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. Right, right. That
14 would be with the blue.

15 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: So you want all of Santa Rosa to
16 be with the blue?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

18 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Okay. And then --

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And for the numbers, yeah.

20 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: That's --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So I don't know what the
22 numbers are because Santa Rosa appears to be split maybe
23 in three.

24 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Santa Rosa's 178,000 people.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. But right now it's

1 split into three visualization, if that's correct, right?

2 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes. And you're saying you want
3 it unified in the blue area?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, I'm just -- I don't
5 know what the -- I -- I don't have the numbers in front
6 of me, but yeah. I mean, if that's where it works and
7 we'll see how that goes.

8 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Chair, if you like, I can put the
9 populations of the cities on it.

10 CHAIR TURNER: No --

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think that's too detailed
12 right now.

13 CHAIR TURNER: No, we --

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Let's just --

15 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: No problem, no problem.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah, and if I -- and if it's helpful
17 under the ready reference that we have, we have the city
18 populations as well.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. But I'm not -- I'm
20 not going to -- I don't think we have the time for me to
21 sit and count all of the little towns and cities that I'm
22 moving.

23 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Well, then just one last question,
24 the Vallejo, American Canyon?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

1 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Did you want to move that into the
2 Solano district or did you want to move it south?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It would -- to me, I -- in
4 my opinion, it should be kept together where -- because
5 there's other changes that are being made on all of the
6 counties, so wherever -- whatever area or visualization
7 needs that additional population.

8 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: It depends on where you would like
9 it, but happy to look at it.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Yeah,
11 because I'm just -- sorry, Tamina, but I'm just kind of
12 concentrating on the rural parts, and then we'll also go
13 a little bit north as well as Sacramento.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fernandez?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

16 CHAIR TURNER: One second, please. There's a
17 couple, just for clarifying, questions.

18 Commissioner Sadhwani, you had a question?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, I just wanted to
20 clarify. So you want to create a rural district out of
21 Yolo County pulling in parts of, like, Santa Rosa. But
22 I'm just trying to figure out how did that connect with
23 some of the earlier comments about Lake County and have
24 Lake connect to Napa. I mean, ultimately what I think --
25 I'm just trying to wrap my head around it. Is that

1 we would take this -- and I'm having such a hard time
2 with the colors because what we're being shown here is
3 blue, but on the PDFs it was yellow. So --

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Hey, hey, Napa. Whatever
5 we want to call that.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Is the suggestion, like,
7 just kind of scrap that district, split kind of in a
8 different direction? Is that kind of where we're going?
9 Is that where -- what we're doing?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Kind of. And I'm not
11 including Santa Rosa with the rural districts. I'm just
12 trying to keep that together because it can go with
13 Sonoma but I don't know what we've done -- see, the
14 problem is we've made changes to the other visualizations
15 so I don't know what the counts are right now.

16 And yeah, and it would probably be more appropriate
17 to go with Sonoma, but I don't know Sonoma needs the
18 additional numbers right now. And maybe it does. So
19 that might be a good place.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So kind of -- so to answer,
22 Commissioner Sadhwani, I'm kind of breaking up with
23 Solano -- the Solano with the Napa. And I'm kind of just
24 taking the east side of it, if that makes sense.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Um-hum. So it sounds like

1 it's, like, splitting it into -- if I -- and I'm just
2 trying -- I apologize. I'm just trying to like wrap my
3 head around this. So it sounds like splitting it, right?
4 So that there's an -- rather than kind of going more east
5 -- well, yeah, east-west as it is now, almost north-
6 south.

7 CHAIR TURNER: I think there's a couple of others
8 that might help with this, Commissioner Fernandez, if you
9 don't mind. And then we'll keep going with you.

10 Commissioner Toledo, were you going to help with
11 what's currently on the floor? If not, Commissioner --

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I can try. I can try.

13 CHAIR TURNER: -- Fornaciari has -- okay.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And I get what Commissioner
15 Fernandez is moving towards. I think it's appropriate.
16 I would -- I see Vallejo moving to another area based on
17 COI testimony. American Canyon is part of the city --
18 the county of Napa, so I would want to keep that
19 together, given that it does -- that's where a lot of the
20 wine -- a lot of the wineries store their wine for
21 shipment.

22 I am thinking instead of including Santa Rosa in
23 this, maybe the city of Sonoma, it's kind of where it's a
24 little bit less populated, and into Rohnert Park area, a
25 portion of Rohnert Park if we need population. And maybe

1 by taking out Vallejo, we might be able to come up with
2 some numbers to include some of the agricultural areas in
3 Lake County or more -- because Lake County I believe is
4 six -- you know, is not as populous as other areas in
5 this area, so -- but anchoring it as -- I mean, the
6 anchor would be an agricultural district that has small
7 farming communities, the -- of course the wine country
8 area.

9 CHAIR TURNER: And Fornaciari had a little bit more
10 to add to that and then we're coming back to you,
11 Commissioner Fernandez. I didn't forget you're not
12 finished.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I was just -- you
14 know, I was just getting a little concerned. If we're
15 going to pull 100,000 people out of the Sonoma, Marin, we
16 got to put about 80,000 people back in to get it even,
17 and where would those 80,000 come from I guess is -- but
18 if we're not talking about moving Santa Rosa out, if
19 we're talking about moving fewer people out, but I would
20 guess that even those -- so we're about 20,000 -- no.
21 Yeah, we're about 20,000 over in Marin at this point, so
22 that's about the flexibility we have, unless we want to
23 add some more back in.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay, you had a thought
25 too?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We heard really clearly from
2 American Canyon several different times as well as Napa
3 that they wanted to be together, that American Canyon was
4 split from Napa last time and they are asking to please
5 be together, so -- yeah, just building on what -- what
6 Pedro said, I think it -- I mean, sorry, Commissioner
7 Toledo said, I think it's important to go back to the
8 communities of interest testimonies.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Are you ready,
10 Commissioner Fernandez?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you. I'm just
12 going to do my high-level ones.

13 12 and 13, were those yours, Kennedy? Yes? Okay.
14 So I'm on to Kennedy now.

15 MS. MACDONALD: Would it be possible to ask some
16 clarifying questions? So we're here looking at the whole
17 -- the Lake question, right? So we've -- hold on, yeah.
18 Putting the map back up. So we were kind of looking at
19 the Lake question, and just trying to figure out maybe
20 some -- you know, just step back a little bit and just
21 get some broader direction, if that will be possible.

22 So if possible, should we in this plan try to put
23 Lake in with Napa, if possible? Yes? Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: If possible.

25 MS. MACDONALD: And if it's not possible in this

1 plan, then we'll try to do it in another plan?

2 CHAIR TURNER: I'm seeing some affirming head nods.

3 MS. MACDONALD: So we're going to play with that a
4 little bit.

5 Then we heard that Santa Rosa is split into three
6 pieces. Should we try to make that maybe into two at the
7 very least? So kind of work on --

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

9 MS. MACDONALD: -- working on split and see if we
10 can minimize the split?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

12 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Okay.

13 And then let's talk about the rural district a
14 little bit. Could we get maybe a little bit broader
15 direction of what you're trying to accomplish with the
16 rural district? So in your perfect world, you would like
17 to see what in there?

18 And then -- yeah.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: In the perfect world, what
20 I would like to see -- let me grab my -- I'd like to win
21 the lotto in the perfect world, just FYI. But number two
22 would be I would like to see the majority, if not all, of
23 Yolo County to include those additional -- what I call
24 the delta -- the northernmost delta communities because
25 those are separate and apart from the other delta

1 communities down below. That was Pittsburg and all those
2 other communities.

3 So I would like to see from, like, Rio Vista,
4 Isleton all the way up to include Dixon because that
5 whole area before you get to, like, Heartly and Vacaville
6 and all that, all of that is rural, agricultural area and
7 I'd really like to keep that together. They do have a
8 common community of interest obviously with their open
9 lands as well as all the agriculture as well as their
10 water issues. So I would like to keep those together.

11 And moving north as I go -- if you go up just a
12 little bit. Yeah, so part of the Solano. And then move
13 up and include it with Yolo County. That was what I was
14 trying to grab. Tamina --

15 MS. MACDONALD: So Yolo does not go with Napa?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: For numbers-wise, if it
17 needs to, you can grab from Napa. But I would say Solano
18 and Yolo have more of a connection because of the
19 agriculture piece of it. And Napa is also highly
20 agriculture, but there also is, like, that divide --
21 like, that -- what is that pass? The American -- what is
22 it? Is it the 29? Yeah. Yes. Yeah.

23 But there is, like, a actual divide versus flat
24 lands. How's that? We've got flat lands and then we've
25 got those that are not flat lands.

1 MS. MACDONALD: Could we turn on the terrain?

2 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes.

3 MS. MACDONALD: And then we have another question at
4 the -- at the bottom of this -- since we're kind of
5 rippling through here a little bit. So at this point,
6 Golden Gate Bridge, don't hop, but there -- don't hop
7 over the Golden Gate, but the Carquinez Bridge, we can
8 hop the Carquinez Bridge?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But I think some said you
10 can actually go over the Golden Gate Bridge, right, if
11 needed? I think we're kind of open.

12 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Just trying to keep my
13 bridges -- just trying to get my bridges in order. So
14 just because we -- this is a big ripple what you're
15 talking about here. And you know -- and we don't know
16 how it's going to play out, so.

17 CHAIR TURNER: And also I don't want to settle on
18 this totally because we have hands that has been waiting,
19 and if it's to comment on this, I don't want to leave
20 their conversation out.

21 Andersen -- Commissioner Andersen, Akutagawa, and
22 Kennedy, do you want to weigh in before we solidify the
23 directions on this?

24 Okay. Andersen, and then -- Akutagawa, are you
25 saying yes? Okay. Then hold your question. One moment.

1 Commissioner Andersen?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yeah, I like
3 what Commissioner Fernandez is trying to do. And I think
4 the issue is it -- you know, say, the red area is the
5 coastal because we're all kind of going -- we like that
6 north-south. I would continue -- I would actually kind
7 of get rid of Marin. We're cutting up that Marin one,
8 the yellow. Because the red is coming all the way down
9 -- it's losing Lake -- coming down, but then a large
10 portion of Sonoma is moving into the blue to go with Lake
11 and Napa, and then the Yolo is coming out of the blue and
12 grabbing a large portion of Solano. But where I see the
13 issue is, what happens to Vacaville, Fairfield, on down
14 on the I-80 corridor, because you could make all of those
15 areas work and I don't quite know what you do with
16 Vacaville down into the Carquinez Bridge, unless --
17 here's the thought. Just going to throw this out here.

18 It's a transportation corridor question. And a
19 portion of Marin, the 37, from the 101, across to
20 Vallejo, and up is a lar -- it would be essentially from
21 Seal Point -- here. Across the 37, going into Vallejo,
22 and up -- it would catch Benicia, possibly all the way up
23 to Vacaville. Would that possibly be the -- essentially,
24 like, the yellow would become -- that would be the new
25 yellow that would make all of that fit. Is that a

1 possibility?

2 CHAIR TURNER: Okay, hold that thought. Hold that
3 thought. Everything's a possibility. We're here to --

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, it -- it may not work.
5 It may not work.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Let's just figure it out. We could -
7 - we have to -- we may just have to augment it in some
8 places. We'll see. Let's hear though from Commissioner
9 Akutagawa and then Commissioner Kennedy.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I just want to say that the
11 reason I proposed that is because it keeps the coastal
12 area, the wine area, the rural -- it's not just rural,
13 but it's sort of delta rural and flood plain area, west
14 of Sacramento, together. And then the issue is there's
15 still numbers in there we don't know what to do with.

16 CHAIR TURNER: We see it.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And that's the proposal. So
18 thank you.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Can you zoom in on
21 that -- kind of just that western -- no, eastern Sonoma
22 County area? Just wanted to get a closer look at it.

23 Okay. Can you go up just a little bit more. Okay.

24 That's good. That's good. Maybe a little too far up.

25 Go back down a little bit. Okay.

1 Okay. One, I'd like to suggest -- and I don't know
2 if this is really going to be feasible, to make it
3 easier. Would splitting the Lake -- we did talk about
4 that earlier. Would splitting the Lake help in giving
5 you some of that flexibility or is it best to include all
6 of Lake? That was one thought just in terms of giving
7 some flexibility. I noticed -- I looked it up using the
8 little handy dandy guide that Commissioner Yee gave us.

9 So Lake is about 80,000 people. The north coast or
10 the VAD N Coast visualization that includes Del Norte,
11 Trinity, Humboldt, and parts of Sonoma is short about
12 20,000. If you remove Lake -- my thought was maybe we
13 could add back in some of the parts of that Sonoma
14 County, that eastern Sonoma County that was taken away.

15 My initial thought was to follow Fernandez's idea,
16 was to put all of Santa Rosa, but the population numbers
17 are way too big and it would just tip it over to about
18 over 100,000 people. And that's just -- the deviation
19 would be way too big. So that's why I wanted to see some
20 of the other smaller areas up there. I don't know if
21 that would make sense.

22 I know that part of it -- looking at the terrain, it
23 is rather mountainous as well too. I do see that it
24 includes some of the wine growing areas of Sonoma as well
25 too. So maybe it would still make sense to stay together

1 to achieve the right population deviation, which would
2 then bring Lake in with Napa as they have very explicitly
3 asked for several times, including the most recent COI
4 testimony we've gotten from them.

5 And then maybe looking at some of the other changes
6 that are being suggested. So just wanted to bring that
7 up.

8 CHAIR TURNER: So Commissioners, we have still
9 Commissioner Andersen's thought that you heard and in
10 your mind you either said, huh, that's intriguing,
11 interesting, let's build on that. You heard Commissioner
12 Akutagawa lift up a different thought.

13 Commissioner Kennedy, please add into this
14 conversation.

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And I did
16 want to say, yes, you know, from what I was hearing from
17 Commissioner Andersen, I am supportive of the concept of
18 -- we had the coastal district, we have a wine area, and
19 then to the east of the wine area, we have kind of the
20 rural district that Commissioner Fernandez was talking
21 about.

22 I -- my sense -- and I'd be interested in hearing
23 from Commissioner Toledo on this, is, you know, Napa
24 County, basically wine is pretty much the whole county.
25 I mean, possible exceptions in the far south, but you

1 know, it's basically wine country. There's a good
2 portion of Sonoma County -- and I'm not entirely clear.

3 I've been to some wineries in Sonoma County, but I
4 don't know the exact contours of the wine area in Sonoma
5 County, and then as I said -- and I've gone to the Lake
6 County Winery Association web site and looked at their
7 map. And yes, most of the wineries are kind of south and
8 east of the lake. There is -- there are a couple on the
9 west bank, the north bank and beyond the north bank of
10 the lake.

11 But I -- it seems to me that we're very close to
12 having population for a wine country district here. And
13 I'd just like to see if we can get there. Thank you.

14 CHAIR TURNER: And Tamina and Karin, you all were
15 asking some questions still. And I wanted to get -- I
16 didn't want to ignore the hands that was added in. With
17 the added comments, was that helpful or what do you need
18 to know now before we go back to Commissioner Fernandez?

19 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: I'm enjoying hearing all of the
20 different ideas, and some of them conflict with each
21 other, and so if there could be a general direction from
22 the commission on how they would like me to go, what the
23 definition of wine country areas would be, for example,
24 then I'd be happy to try to execute that.

25 CHAIR TURNER: I love it. Yes, Commissioner --

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Chair?

2 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sorry.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: That's where I was saying I
6 would appreciate Commissioner Toledo's input on this.
7 Thank you.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. He hasn't taken on that
9 challenge of lifting his hand just yet. So we're going
10 to go to Commissioner Fornaciari while Commissioner
11 Toledo decides if he's going to engage.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I -- let's see. I'd be
13 willing to step into that one myself. So I just kind of
14 want to get some clarity about what Commissioner Andersen
15 proposed. And I'll just say what I heard. Okay? Or
16 kind of -- what I heard and if I would like to see,
17 because maybe that's the way I heard it.

18 So would you propose to go -- so if we move Lake
19 County out, that's about 68,000 people I think is what it
20 was. We're about 20,000 people short, so we'd need
21 90,000 people, so go down coastal Marin and somehow grab
22 90,000 people. Or maybe part of Santa Rosa, but go down,
23 get coastal Marin, grab 90,000 people somewhere. And
24 then take the more urban part of Marin and go across 37,
25 up 80, is what you were saying?

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Almost.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Through Vallejo?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Almost. I was also
4 taking out of -- not just take Lake out, but take the
5 wine country of Sonoma out, because right now there's a
6 lot of wine country of Sonoma that's in that area, in the
7 north coast -- in the Sonoma, Marin area, so.

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, yeah, I was going to
9 step into that next.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So that would come out. But
11 yes, the urban -- like, kind of the urban from -- 37
12 doesn't go all the way down to the bridge. 37 comes in
13 about -- well, about Novato, and then goes across. So it
14 would be a portion of that and I don't know population-
15 wise if you could pull enough to make that a
16 transportation corridor. That was --

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That was the idea. So
19 essentially trying to make a full -- as Commissioner
20 Kennedy said, a full wine country district. Coast
21 district, wine country district, transportation, and
22 rural.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. So if I was going to
24 define the wine country in Sonoma County, I would keep
25 the blue part that's north of Santa Rosa. I would go

1 around Santa Rosa, down the Valley of the Moon into
2 Sonoma. And it does go a little bit east of that to --
3 you know, on the other side of 101 around Petaluma.

4 But I would say the main parts are -- it's all over
5 the place, but the Valley of the Moon is a big part of it
6 that's sort of south -- or just goes north from Sonoma up
7 to Santa Rosa, and then north around Healdsburg and
8 across the freeway from Healdsburg to over in the Dry
9 Creek Valley.

10 CHAIR TURNER: And I see Commissioner Toledo, our
11 phone-a-friend, has lifted his hand.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So I would agree with
13 Commissioner Fornaciari about the Valley of the Moon, the
14 city of Sonoma, Kenwood area, those are all wine growing
15 areas. The southern part of Lake County tends to be the
16 closest to Napa with most of the wineries. But I also
17 would keep a portion of Yolo. You know, Winters has a
18 Winters area that does have wineries as well, and is also
19 agricultural and has a long history

20 with Napa and the wine area, so.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Fornaciari.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sorry, I have -- you know,
23 I have one more question for Commissioner Fernandez. You
24 know, the areas that you're choosing are not very
25 populated, so where are you going to get the population?

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I have to look at the
2 areas. Can you bring it up real quick? Thank you.

3 MS. MACDONALD: Which area would you like us to zoom
4 into?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, that's fine. That map
6 is fine.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I mean around Yolo,
8 Dixon. You know, you're going up, you're cutting Solano
9 County in half.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right, right.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: That's not a lot of
12 people. You're going up into Yolo County, that's not a
13 lot of people. You need 500,000 people to make an
14 assembly district.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So where -- where would
17 you get it, from Elk Grove?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And I was --

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I mean, there was 100-and-
20 something-thousand people in Elk Grove. But where would
21 you propose to get the folks.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So again, I haven't been
23 looking at the numbers. I probably should since I am a
24 fiscal person, but my brain's a little fried right now.
25 I am not opposed to going towards the east, like St.

1 Helena. But I would probably go more north. Again, yes,
2 smaller populations.

3 So I just want to bring in that one -- and you're
4 absolutely right. In terms of the Solano, the piece that
5 we're taking out of it is not that big in terms of
6 population, so if you add that Yolo and you take out the
7 Vallejo -- like, that bottom part of the blue, that could
8 potentially be a district right there. Or a
9 visualization, sorry. Visualization. A scenario.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry, could you repeat that
11 last part, around Vallejo?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, man. It was probably
13 something really good that I said too. So what I was
14 saying was the areas that I'm proposing to move out of
15 the Solano visualization are, as Commissioner Fornaciari
16 noted, they are not highly populated, so if you carve
17 that out and put it in with a -- the Napa area, and then
18 moved Vallejo to the green, that might be a even
19 exchange.

20 I know. I know. Everybody else has done something
21 else, but I'm just going to be in my lane. I'm in my
22 lane. And the thing is, it's -- yeah, I'm throwing it
23 out there, and if it works with the numbers, it works.
24 If not, then we'll have to look at something else, but
25 that's my thinking right now.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, Karin.

2 MS. MACDONALD: So your wine country district's
3 getting bigger and bigger and -- I mean, we can try it --
4 with the direction that you've given in general, we can
5 try to work these things out a little bit. I think what
6 you're probably going to see with this direction is that
7 you're going to see a couple of districts next time -- or
8 visualizations next time that are, like, 18 percent under
9 population, and then maybe another one that's, like, 25
10 percent overpopulated or something like that.

11 You know, we can try to figure it out. Again, you
12 know, kind of big picture a little bit, we heard the Lake
13 area and we heard your direction about -- yeah, so the
14 Vallejo thing. Actually, I'm a little bit stuck on the
15 Marin to Vallejo honestly, because -- so basically you
16 would go Marin over the Richmond bridge to Vallejo. But
17 -- and then would you also go up to American Canyon? So
18 hop over the Napa County? Or is -- yeah, is American
19 Canyon the wine country also?

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: American Canyon is wine
21 country. Vallejo would probably be going towards the
22 Contra Costa area. So you'd be hopping over the --
23 hopping over the bridge into Contra Costa or Alameda. Or
24 Contra Costa.

25 MS. MACDONALD: Right. So then you're going to

1 start to ripple quite a bit more than I think perhaps you
2 had initially looked at, so.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. I only had last
4 night to look at these, so I didn't look at the numbers.
5 I'm doing the best I can.

6 MS. MACDONALD: No, no, no. Not for pointing
7 fingers, and actually --

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. And I think it'll
9 be easier, like, once -- and if there are visualizations
10 next time that are over, I think at that point, it'll --
11 I don't want to say it'll be easier to make some of the
12 those decisions, but I think just looking at it and
13 seeing whether or not they're plausible, will be easier
14 for me to move forward, if that makes sense.

15 And I don't know if that's the same for all the
16 other commissioners, but right now, it's just about me,
17 so.

18 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, I mean, and what we've tried
19 to do so far -- and honestly, I was just looking at you
20 because you're kind of in my line of vision, so looking
21 at all of you, so not pointing fingers. So what we've
22 tried to do so far is, you know, just comply with the
23 criteria. And you know, just, like, 18 percent under, 25
24 percent over, it just doesn't -- it's just not equally
25 populated, right?

1 And so we can take some of these big points and
2 figure out what we can do. I mean, there's a little bit
3 of a rotation there, definitely. Or maybe a bit
4 rotation. There's a Lake County issue. There is, you
5 know, how big does your wine country district go, or are
6 you looking for two wine country districts, because at
7 this point it's starting to sound like you may be looking
8 at two and not just one.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: California likes its wine.

10 MS. MACDONALD: It is growing, so.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner -- yeah,
12 Commissioner Sadhwani.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. That was
14 actually what I was going to suggest. As you said, that
15 we're getting bigger and bigger and bigger, is perhaps
16 there is an east and a west wine country. I don't know
17 that they would see themselves that way, but maybe
18 something worth exploring, taking those parts of Lake,
19 Sonoma, and portions of Napa. Perhaps a portion of Napa
20 with Yolo and upper Solano County. I don't -- I'm not
21 familiar with that area myself, so it's hard for me to
22 really envision what that's -- if they go together. But
23 I mean, as we're talking about it, it seems like that
24 might be one possibility.

25 I just wanted to uplift the Vallejo piece again for

1 Commissioner Sinay. Yes, it was from last week. It was
2 COI testimony from the Black Census and Redistricting
3 Hub. They have -- they had specifically suggested a
4 black COI for communities that are connected on a
5 socioeconomic perspective from Vallejo and stretching --
6 and this is where it would change the architecture of
7 this map if we were to do this, but Vallejo, Pittsburg,
8 Antioch, Bay Point, with eastern Contra Costa, and not
9 with inland communities in central Contra Costa.

10 So I think that would -- that lower portion of this
11 area that we're looking at would shift if we were to take
12 that on. But I think that's one option for us as we're
13 thinking about these shifts in that region.

14 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, to that point, just to, you
15 know, look forward, that configuration is actually in a
16 different plan.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Good. I haven't had a
18 chance to look at that plan yet.

19 MS. MACDONALD: Totally, totally fine. You know.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

21 MS. MACDONALD: Just saying, so we were --

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Perfect.

23 MS. MACDONALD: We did actually -- you know, we do
24 hear you all. Just sometimes it may not look that way
25 because this is 14 people giving direction.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah, and I think as we go further,
2 there may be other areas where we'll see larger
3 deviations that are under that we would -- than we would
4 like, and then that's also going to force our hand of
5 having to do something different. So I propose that we
6 just continue to move.

7 Commissioner Fernandez, are you --

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sure, I'm ready.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Now I'm with
11 Kennedy.

12 Page 12 and 13. Actually, if you go to 13, if you
13 could just put the terrain on for me please?

14 Wait, which one -- okay. Let me see that real
15 quick. I was just interested in that mountain range that
16 goes from, like, Dobbins to Butte. Okay, so if we go
17 back to number 12. It's the Nor Cal.

18 Down a little.

19 MS. WILSON: Am I on the wrong one?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, no. That is Nor Cal,
21 right? That's Nor Cal. Sorry, my bad. I was looking at
22 -- I may not do it right now, but I know in the future,
23 Placer and El Dorado -- it actually is on the next one
24 which is -- which one? That is the -- yeah. They have
25 repeated requested not to go further south. And I would

1 agree with that. They have more commonalities in terms
2 of their water issues, their transportation, with the
3 northern counties.

4 So right now -- because, I mean, honestly with all
5 the way down to Inyo, Placer and El Dorado are much more
6 -- so work closely with Sierra and the other counties
7 going north, not south. So I'm just going to make that
8 comment right now.

9 It's too hard for me to make some suggested changes,
10 but I'm going to go to 37 and 38. And that one's going
11 to be a little bit of a stickler. Okay. Thank you.

12 Which one is this one? This one is west Placer.
13 All right.

14 CHAIR TURNER: 37 is west Placer.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. Okay. Thank you.
16 And then 38 is the VADEC, right?

17 MS. WILSON: We actually have not gotten to the ECA
18 yet.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh. Okay.

20 MS. WILSON: I can present it if you would like.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Not -- no. No. But thank
22 you. I don't want to get totally -- I guess with my
23 concern right here and of course -- well, the numbers are
24 down. How big is Lincoln? I really don't like leaving
25 Lincoln out of there, because they are actually, like,

1 physically attached. But how much are they? I'll look
2 at my numbers here, Commissioner Fornaciari. They are
3 49,000. Okay, I'll play with that one later.

4 I'm going to bypass that and go to page 39 and 42.
5 So if we can -- yeah, that's perfect right there. Right
6 now, we are splitting community of interest with your Oak
7 Park, your Meadowview, and your Lemon Hill, and your
8 Florin area, which they have commonalities in education,
9 transportation, and what I would propose -- it's giving
10 me a headache. Where am I? 39? Which one are we on
11 right now? Yes, thank you very much.

12 Yeah, I want to keep -- this is going to -- this
13 will potentially upset my west Sacramento neighbors, but
14 my proposal was to -- oh, there we go. Here's our people
15 that we're going to put into Yolo County, Commissioner
16 Fornaciari, west Sacramento.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh, no, no, no.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And just so that you know,
19 we did also receive COI from individuals wanting to keep
20 west Sacramento in Yolo. It wasn't all just one-sided,
21 so it's both-sided. And right now, I am -- I'm trying to
22 be in the middle, but I can't be in the middle. So if we
23 move them back with Yolo, that might fix our Yolo County
24 under population concern. And I would like to add -- oh,
25 thank you for zooming out. One more time. Thank you.

1 I'd like to add if possible -- I don't know what the
2 numbers are. Although I do have my handy-dandy form that
3 Commissioner Yee did. I'd like to add if we get rid of
4 west Sacramento, if we added the Florin vineyard and Elk
5 Grove area to the same district, yes. So it would be in
6 the west Sac/Sac district. Yes, thank you. I think that
7 was it. And if needed, I would've moved the Natomas out
8 of it, but if not, then leave Natomas in there, because
9 that -- there is a divide there with Natomas but I'm good
10 with leaving it in.

11 And my main concern here is, one, I'd like to keep
12 Sacramento communities as much as possible in the
13 Sacramento area. And if that requires moving west
14 Sacramento with Yolo County, then that is a trade-off I'm
15 willing to do. Thank you. That was it.

16 MS. WILSON: And I have a quick question regarding
17 that -- I'm sorry. If I were to take out Natomas, would
18 you want it going here with this other -- these counties
19 here -- I mean, these cities, Elverta, Rio Linda --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, if possible. I don't
21 know the numbers right now, but yes. That'd be great.
22 Thank you.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani. No? Your
24 hand is up. Okay.

25 Commissioner Andersen.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I've got a couple of
2 things. One, I kind of like the idea of an east and a
3 west wine country because that really might solve a lot
4 of issues. It could put the transportation corridors for
5 the wine country with -- back with them. And keeping the
6 counties together would also help take care of the
7 highway 37 issues, which have to do -- which they need
8 county and also federal money for. So I kind of really
9 like that idea. It might help.

10 I totally agree with Commissioner Fernandez about
11 Lincoln. We have up there as the west Placer. Lincoln
12 and Rocklin, it's -- you know, they're like sisters.
13 They -- to split those would really be hard on the
14 smaller towns because they're -- you know, the volunteer
15 fire department works -- gets all their people from
16 Rocklin, then all of sudden they have to go to a whole
17 other area. It would be very impractical -- not
18 practical at all.

19 But then I disagree with the El Dorado and Amador on
20 highway 89 going up. They work, they're totally
21 simpatico. They have their fire districts, as for the
22 fire went right through that entire area. It ripped
23 right through exactly that whole area. The -- and
24 particularly, it might not be right down around the
25 Sacramento area, but as soon as you start going up in the

1 hills more, they really are particularly for as I say
2 fire, recreation, because they go from one portion over
3 the hill to the other, and there's lots of little small
4 specialized cross country areas through that that they
5 work back and forth together.

6 So I kind of like that idea of keeping those
7 together. But there are some tweaks that I completely
8 agree and understand where Commissioner Fernandez was
9 trying to go. So I just wanted to bring that up. If the
10 wine country, we could do that, that might help alleviate
11 some of our issues. Thank you.

12 MS. WILSON: I also have a quick clarifying question
13 there. I'm -- you know, I don't know what everyone's
14 feelings are on this visualization. However, if I were
15 to take out Lincoln, it would still be -- it's, you know,
16 negative 14 right now. It would be under.

17 And where could I grab from?

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm actually wondering if
19 you take it apart and put it into a couple of other
20 areas, because the NorCal is low. I know Sutter, Yuba
21 were together. I didn't realize it was Butte, Sutter,
22 Yuba. I thought Butte was more with Loomis. But that's
23 what I -- that was what I heard. And Colusa could
24 actually be with Yolo, is what I was thinking.

25 MS. WILSON: Because then -- yeah, Sutter and Yuba

1 might be left to -- not sure where to put them, I guess,
2 if Butte goes north and Colusa goes west.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Or we -- or do they go -- it
4 becomes a Yolo-Colusa-Sutter-Yuba, kind of in that area.
5 They become -- I'd go back to Commissioner Fernandez on
6 that in terms of what she thought those areas would go --
7 would be more organized with, would fit better.

8 So I put you on the hot seat, Commissioner
9 Fernandez.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Okay.

11 I'm -- I think there was quite a bit of COI
12 testimony to keep Yuba, Sutter, and Butte together, I
13 believe.

14 Right, Kennedy? That's why you kept them together?
15 So thank you.

16 I will say that Colusa is more of a flat land, ag
17 area, so that you could try to split up between Yolo and
18 -- if you needs numbers definitely could attach it with
19 that, if you're going to move Lincoln into that other
20 visualization.

21 Did that help, Kennedy? No? She's being so sweet.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Let me have Commissioner
23 Toledo add in to the conversation.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, I'm just wondering if
25 perhaps -- it looks like we're missing population in both

1 the -- in both of these districts that we're looking at.
2 Might we want to add a portion of Yuba County that has
3 strong connection to Grass Valley, I'm thinking the
4 southern portion of Yuba County into the northern --
5 district that I see in yellow, the NorCal district, to
6 get enough population to move that forward because I
7 still see a -- that we're missing population there. And
8 there is the portion of Yolo that does have strong --
9 strong connection to the Grass Valley, Nevada city area,
10 Nevada County region. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Kennedy, got a couple of suggestions.
12 Is that enough for a general? Okay. Okay. So we're
13 going to keep moving down.

14 MS. WILSON: I will say I don't know what's going to
15 happen with Yolo, but we will see.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Let's see. Our next break
17 time. I have a couple of people inquiring. Christian is
18 -- what -- was it 6:15?

19 MALE SPEAKER: 6:05, Chair.

20 CHAIR TURNER: 6:05, so keep pushing everyone.
21 Yeah, I tell you what. Let's just take a one-minute
22 health break. If everyone can just stand and stretch,
23 we're going to go to our break time.

24 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

25 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, that's about seven. Seven

1 minutes. All right. Sit back down. Let's go. Seven
2 minutes. That was just stretch break. We're going to
3 keep going.

4 So you said you don't know what would happen to
5 Yolo. Okay. Why am I not seeing Butte? Yuba, Sutter,
6 Colusa. Where's Yolo? Yolo, Colusa. Colusa -- oh, down
7 here.

8 MS. WILSON: If I may ask a question?

9 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

10 MS. WILSON: I will say, adding Butte entirely to
11 this northern California would be a lot of people too and
12 maybe -- maybe direction with what I do with Butte would
13 help more because putting it north I don't think is
14 possible.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Butte.

16 MS. WILSON: I mean, is possible, if I take other
17 things. Yeah, it is -- everything's possible.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Question, yes? Commissioner --

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. Okay. Can we
20 talk through -- can someone remind me about Nevada and
21 Placer counties? I recall communities of interest
22 testimony about Truckee being linked with Lake Tahoe. Is
23 that something we can talk about or think about? Nevada
24 wants to be whole as a county, I'm assuming.

25 CHAIR TURNER: And Nevada wants to be with El Dorado

1 and Placer?

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I wonder if anyone
3 has that handy. Would shifting Nevada around open up
4 other alternatives for Butte and thereby Yolo?

5 MS. WILSON: I believe so. And there was other --
6 which is -- yeah. I was -- before, previously, trying to
7 keep Sierra and Nevada together, but if I can separate
8 those two, that opens up possibilities as well.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Well, we do have testimony supporting
10 putting Nevada with Placer and El Dorado.

11 Commissioner Fornaciari.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I was -- I was going
13 to go to the other side. I mean, yes, there was a lot of
14 COI testimony, Sutter, Yuba together, and I was kind of
15 curious as to why this green one was -- where the
16 population was coming from and I assume it's coming -- a
17 lot of it's coming from Butte.

18 So I would offer that Colusa is more like Glenn,
19 okay? I mean, if you have to kind of monkey around that
20 way, there's -- I don't know. I don't know off the top
21 of my head how big Colusa County is but it's definitely
22 more like 21,000 people. So well that would help, but --
23 so, anyway.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Colusa, 22,000.

25 Commissioner Andersen.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

2 CHAIR TURNER: I'm sorry, Commissioner Fornaciari,
3 was that it? Okay.

4 Commissioner Andersen.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Nevada and Sierra -- I mean,
6 you're Truckee is a gateway into Lake Tahoe and they are
7 very connected. And Sierra only has, like, 3,000 people,
8 so putting those together with Placer, El Dorado does
9 make a lot of sense. And then -- and if you take those
10 numbers, you could probably add Butte to the north -- to
11 the northern area. If you added -- particularly if you
12 added -- put Placer together, then you could put Butte --
13 well, I would think. Just numbers-wise I think that
14 would make -- and then you could keep Sutter, Yuba,
15 Colusa with Yolo. Does that make sense? No. I'm
16 getting shakes, no.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Say it again. It may make sense.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I would say put Glenn,
19 Butte, Plumas north. And take Sierra, Nevada, put it
20 with Placer, El Dorado, that one. And take Yuba, Sutter,
21 Colusa, and add it with our portion of -- you know how we
22 have that thin skinny portion of Yolo that we're adding
23 with a little bit of the rural Solano? Would that area
24 help?

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Wasn't that the eastern wine

1 country?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No, no, not Yolo. Only a
3 little bit of --

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Only a little bit of Yolo?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. But the eastern
6 portion of Yolo --

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, the eastern of Yolo,
8 okay.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- was with the eastern
10 portion of Solano.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: To create a rural district.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct, yes. That was the
13 rural district, going up with Colusa and then Sutter,
14 Yuba.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Two minutes.

16 Kennedy, you got that?

17 Beautiful, beautiful.

18 Commissioner Fernandez, with a minute and thirty
19 seconds.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I can make that. I do like
21 the idea of having Sierra, Nevada, Placer, and El Dorado
22 together. And I do agree with Commissioner Andersen when
23 she noted that Amador is somewhat related with them as
24 well, which is good. I was referring more to the
25 southern counties in terms of no -- the lack of

1 commonality.

2 Yuba and Sutter should stay together. We shouldn't
3 try to split them up. They have many combined services
4 that -- when you call one, it's usually both. They're
5 both connected in just about everything they do. So I
6 just want to make sure that we continue to keep them
7 together.

8 And I'm -- that's all I'm going to say because
9 Kennedy has a huge task in front of her right now.

10 CHAIR TURNER: It's only going to get larger, but
11 she's the right one.

12 All right. So we're going to take now our dinner
13 break. So it is 6:04. We will be back at 6 -- it's
14 6:05. We'll be back at 6:35.

15 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

16 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And welcome back from our
17 break. We're moving on in our visualizations in the
18 assembly district. And right now, we are taking comments
19 and feedback from commissioners in regards to the map as
20 has been presented.

21 At this time, let's see if there are any raised
22 hands. If not, Kennedy I'd like for you to prepare --
23 got a couple of hands. I'll prepare to move on with the
24 rest of central California.

25 Commissioner Toledo.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. I -- in terms of--
2 I know Commissioner Fernandez was talking about west
3 Sacramento and within the Sacramento area as well. And
4 I'm just wanting to make sure that we keep the LGBT
5 community in west Sacramento together. The Equality
6 California raised a couple of -- a region in there. And
7 I want to make sure that it gets kept together and that
8 Johnson Business Park, Mansion Flats, New Era Park,
9 Boulevard Park, Downtown Sacramento, Midtown, Newton
10 Booth, are quite a few neighborhoods. Alhambra Triangle,
11 med center, Curtis Park, Land Park, Tahoe. ARC and
12 portions of west Highland Park known as Lavender Heights.

13 Just making sure that we are keeping those together
14 in our assembly seats.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Did you have other areas you want to
18 talk about, over there, for Sac --

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Not, that one for Sacramento.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioners, as we go
21 forward, what we're going to try not -- certainly not to
22 rush the process but just to expedite perhaps a little.
23 What we're going to do is give our comments, our
24 feedback, have a little of a discussion, and then the
25 line drawers have our original directions, they'll have

1 the new direction and we won't focus so much on what we
2 have to do remove. We'll just kind of move through what
3 we're seeing, what we're noticing, and how this is
4 informing us currently based on COI testimony and input
5 that we've received.

6 So with that, Kennedy, let me have you do the rest
7 of your presentation please.

8 MS. WILSON: That sounds great, Chair. So one
9 moment while I get my -- Karin next to me. No, you're
10 good. Take your time. And we see where we left off,
11 which was on page 42, is where we left off. And we're
12 going to move to page 43, Stockton.

13 So zoom in here. We're in blue. I have Stockton
14 kept together whole. And they are paired with Tracy and
15 Mountain House in a district. And it has a little
16 bottleneck here, keeping Antigua and Lathrop out of this
17 visualization and keeping those together.

18 Now, we're going to move on to page 44. And a lot
19 of these are going to be right in row, so you won't have
20 to flipping around too much. So now 44 is Stanislaus.
21 Here, playing around with populations, I wanted to keep
22 Modesto and Turlock together. And keeping these two --
23 this Riverbank, Oakdale, Knights Ferry region was too
24 much to stay to keep it whole. Taking it north didn't
25 necessarily work, so I pushed that population down and

1 that is why it is not connected here.

2 Now, we're going to move on to page 45. And we have
3 Merced and downtown to west Fresno. So it does include
4 that part of Stanislaus here. And then we have Merced.
5 We heard from keeping Atwater, Chowchilla and Fairmead,
6 these string of cities here, keeping the major cities in
7 Merced here and down into Madera.

8 And then we go into Fresno. We have -- I'll turn
9 that layer on. We have the 99 going this way, and we
10 have this west of the 99 staying together. And COI
11 testimony saying to keep the west of 99 together.

12 Now, we will be moving on to page 46, which has
13 Fresno here. And I would like to point out that the VRA
14 consideration visualizations are in the bright yellow and
15 so that does take out this chunk of Fresno here, but
16 keeping testimony to try to keep Clovis and north Fresno
17 together, as well as West Park, Sunnyside, and Old Fig
18 and those black populations here, keeping them together.

19 Now, moving on to page 47. And we have Fresno and
20 Kings. And last time you saw this visualization, we did
21 not have Merced in it, and so that changed the
22 configuration. That was a part of Fresno, but we went up
23 to add Los Banos to be a part of this as well. This is a
24 VRA consideration district, all of them in yellow.

25 Now, moving on to Tulare. This is similar to what

1 we saw before, working with the VRA attorneys. And this
2 has keeping Visalia whole, Tulare. We saw the black
3 community wanting Pixley and -- oops, my bad. Keeping
4 Pixley and Porterville together. And over here in this
5 Fresno, Kings, wanting Lemoore and Hanford to be together
6 as well so those are pairings I wanted to go back to to
7 show you, that were kept together.

8 Now, moving on to page 49. And this is this
9 Bakersfield. And here, we did not split Shafter. We
10 changed the configuration of that. And I'm going to zoom
11 into Bakersfield. And we added in La Cresta, took out
12 Bakersfield County Club, and then kept these smaller
13 cities within Bakersfield together.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm sorry, what page is this
15 one? 49?

16 MS. WILSON: This is page 49.

17 Yes, the one -- the visualizations that are this
18 darker yellow compared to this paler yellow, those are
19 the ones that are -- the VRA consideration, and I can
20 zoom out again to show you that. This west Bakersfield,
21 this Tulare, and this from Merced, west Fresno, and
22 Kings.

23 Now, moving on to Fresno, San Bernardino. And so
24 this includes -- I'm going to zoom into Fresno to show
25 you here. This has none -- this has a bit of Fresno, the

1 city, here at the bottom, these outer boundaries. And
2 that is giving some population to this as well. We go
3 down and have the rest of Tulare in this as well as the
4 Lake Isabella area, Ridgecrest area, being kept with
5 Kern, but it's still needed population, so we went into
6 San Bernardino and grabbed Barstow to keep this
7 populated. This was on page 50.

8 Now, we'll be moving on to the next visualization on
9 page 52. Page 52. The ECA, east California. And so we
10 have up here as you've seen this eastern part of Placer,
11 El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Alpine, Mariposa,
12 Madera, Mono, and Inyo. And these two counties needed to
13 be populated by something, and previously it was down in
14 Kern and you wanted to -- there was commission
15 instruction to have that population come from the north
16 rather than the south, so that is why it's taken up here,
17 and I've grabbed it from up here instead of trying to
18 reach down.

19 And it has -- we wanted to -- you wanted to try to
20 remove Fresno and Madera from this eastern part. It
21 wasn't enough population to do both. We needed some of
22 Madera, but I did move Fresno down this way to be Tulare,
23 Kern, and San Bernardino.

24 And those are all the visualizations for my region.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Kennedy.

1 Okay. I think I'll start and -- I think I'll start
2 in this area. I don't see any hands just yet, so I'm not
3 technically jumping the line, but I wanted to go -- if
4 you could show me -- I know there was considerable
5 testimony wanting of course San Joaquin County together
6 and we know it's too big to be together, but show me that
7 again and what we shaved off of that.

8 MS. WILSON: So here, in San Joaquin, we have this
9 part of the delta region here that went out with Contra
10 Costa. We have Stockton staying with Mountain House and
11 Tracy. And then we have those eastern San Joaquin
12 forming cities going north.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So that's what page?

14 MS. WILSON: Page 42 and 43.

15 CHAIR TURNER: So in it, I know you worked hard to
16 keep, based on testimony, Stockton and Tracy together,
17 was the choice, and Mountain House?

18 MS. WILSON: Yes. And trying to keep Stockton
19 whole. And it can't be whole by itself. It still needs
20 population. And seeing as this wasn't going with
21 Alameda, this also needs to go somewhere as well.

22 CHAIR TURNER: And --

23 MS. WILSON: And this being Mountain House and
24 Tracy.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Right. The other parts that's cut

1 out of San Joaquin County, is that an unincorporated
2 area? What are those -- what are those?

3 MS. WILSON: Yes. These -- this is unincorporated
4 area that does not have the cities in it. Moving up,
5 there's Terminous, this delta city, but that's not a part
6 of it. That's here with Lodi, Lockeford, Woodbridge.
7 This is just water -- the area, this unincorporated area
8 in San Joaquin.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

10 MS. WILSON: Which could be -- I think there was --
11 there was a population of -- I'm not sure. It is very
12 small, but enough to put this at five percent. I believe
13 it was, like, 5.01 or something, close to. But I -- we
14 took that out and put that with the other delta counties
15 -- I mean, delta cities to keep this deviation.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Then let me just move here for
17 now to Fresno. So there was a lot of feedback and
18 concern about us dividing Fresno into five different
19 areas. So I do want to work on that and see how we can
20 minimize that split, starting with not combining north
21 Fresno -- or one of your visualizations included Clovis
22 with I think Old Fig Garden?

23 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

24 CHAIR TURNER: So I'd love to keep west Fresno
25 together with the other cities that -- I know you have a

1 bunch of them together and then we also have Clovis.
2 Clovis is north -- I think Clovis is north Fresno. And I
3 don't want to have Old Fig Garden -- that we've heard
4 lots of testimony about, I think they're trying to stay
5 in with some of the other cities. I'm looking for my
6 list. Of course not seeing it quick enough. But
7 interested in not having Fresno -- so Fresno is split.
8 I'm trying to see where the splits are. I see between --
9 oh, yeah, okay.

10 Tarpey Village, Old Fig Garden, good. Clovis not so
11 good to be in there. I think most of the testimony that
12 we received wanted them to stay with the north side and
13 not have that vote in the area -- particularly the black
14 vote diluted. I'd be in a part of that district.

15 MS. WILSON: If I may --

16 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

17 MS. WILSON: -- as I was drawing this, this came
18 about due to -- so the way I had it originally, more of
19 this part -- the more western part of Fresno was together
20 going up with Merced and Madera, and Clovis and northeast
21 Fresno were populating in a district that was just this
22 easter side of Fresno and it was at about a negative 2,
23 about deviation. However, when it comes down to these
24 parts, something needed to be populated. So it was cut I
25 think in a way that you are describing you would like it

1 more, but then this just doesn't have the population down
2 here; this being San Bernardino, parts of Kern, and parts
3 of Tulare.

4 CHAIR TURNER: So if we work on having southwest
5 Fresno with West Park, Old Fig Garden, Sunnyside, and
6 let's see the numbers and see where we can perhaps divide
7 because that's still a five-way split for the city of
8 Stockton -- or the county of Stockton. And keep Selma
9 whole. Perhaps in one of the other areas there would
10 cause a split somewhere else, but I'm trying to not have
11 us divide that up and carve it out so deeply so many
12 times.

13 Same thing with Merced. I think Merced was a
14 previous VRA district. No longer. I see that. But I'm
15 wondering if we still need to split that. Some of the
16 earlier testimony with Merced spoke about the gains
17 they've made based on what occurred in the past and no
18 wanting to lose that ability. And so I'll just name
19 those things and see what else can be done in these
20 areas.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I made a mistake.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fernandez.

24 Oh, I thought you said you was a mistake.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, I said I almost made a

1 mistake and pressed the whole button.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, okay. Oh, I see. I thought you
3 said you did make a mistake, you didn't raise your hand.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, no, no. It's more of a
5 clarification question. You mentioned on the eastern
6 Sierra, or -- I'm not sure how we're doing this because
7 kind of all of the place before, and then --

8 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah, because at this point
9 everything impacts something else, so we're just kind of
10 having a discussion right now.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. It was just more a
12 clarification question. And it's kind of along the lines
13 of what you were talking right here. What part -- you
14 said Fresno, this is on VAD_ECA_1027. This is the
15 eastern Sierra visualization.

16 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And maybe it's the
18 Fresno_SB. That's that intersection there. Yeah. You
19 had mentioned that you had to take a part of -- I think
20 you said Fresno to take for population -- were you
21 referring to the San Bernardino -- Fresno, San Bernardino
22 visualization or -- it sounded like you had to take that
23 for the eastern Sierra visualization.

24 MS. WILSON: Yes. So I will clarify that. I had
25 previously -- you know, before merging with the other

1 mappers and seeing what everyone's constraints were,
2 there was a district I was about to make that was solely
3 this eastern part of Fresno and it was populated mostly
4 by this Clovis and northeastern Fresno, the city and that
5 part of the city was populated here, but then I was left
6 with Tulare -- parts of Tulare, parts of Kern. And so
7 then we had to switch things around because I couldn't
8 dip lower into San Bernardino to populate these two. So
9 I needed to come back and reconfigure so I could take
10 this part of Fresno, this eastern part of Fresno and put
11 it here so that something could work.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. And again, for
13 clarification, what part could you not dip into?

14 MS. WILSON: I was not able to dip lower into San
15 Bernardino.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, I see. I do want to
17 just say out loud that -- I mean, this is a huge
18 district, and we've heard testimony from community folks
19 in California that have talked about, you know, just
20 being so far away from their representatives and -- I
21 mean, I'm just imagining getting from Barstow to, you
22 know, the tip of that Fresno County. I mean, that's
23 going to take several hours. I know in some of these
24 there's some hard choices, but I do want to just
25 acknowledge that that is probably not the most ideal, but

1 I understand the constraints.

2 And I guess the question I do have is, is there a
3 way to look at it -- or re-look at it again where perhaps
4 it's not so big, plus you got a high desert community
5 together with a central valley agricultural community in
6 a sense. It's in the foothills of the Sierras, but it's
7 still very, very different and I can't see -- you know,
8 wherever the representative is going to end up sitting, I
9 think we're going to see that someone's going to feel
10 like they're neglected because the issues are not going
11 to be the same. So thank you.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
13 Commissioner Fernandez.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you. I think I
15 already gave these to you, Kennedy. So I'm sorry if I'm
16 being repetitive. On page 42, that is the south Sac, San
17 Joaquin?

18 So in this one, I think we've already talked about,
19 you know, Elk Grove and all that, but I believe I forgot
20 to mention Wilton and Rancho Marietta. Those two
21 communities feed into the Sacramento. They are I guess
22 commuter communities. And if needed, we could put Rancho
23 Marietta up with, like, the Folsom, wherever they land,
24 and Wilton can go with the Elk Grove piece of it. Again,
25 it's more of a transportation type. And also again, they

1 commute to Sacramento.

2 And then the next one is on page 44. What did I
3 have there. Oh, no, you know what, that one's fine. I
4 was looking at something else. That's fine. I apologize
5 for that.

6 And page 52. That's my -- and I already -- I
7 believe I already talked about -- where am I? Yeah, we
8 already talked about Placer and El Dorado not moving --
9 if they have to move anywhere, either go north or to the
10 west. And that's it. Thank you.

11 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Excuse me, Madam Chair?

12 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

13 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: May I just please -- may I just
14 please ask for clarification? Would it be okay to ask a
15 clarifying question just when there is direction --

16 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

17 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: -- to, you know, perhaps take
18 people out of a district, just in general terms, where we
19 might be able maybe not in exact numbers, but just in
20 general terms where we may be able to grab people from?
21 Like, for example, the yellow -- the yellow district that
22 we just spoke about.

23 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Ranch Murieta and --

25 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yeah, exactly.

1 MS. WILSON: Yes, and so then we do have Manteca and
2 Lathrop, which --

3 CHAIR TURNER: Right.

4 MS. WILSON: -- doesn't populate this enough.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

6 MS. WILSON: These farming towns. If this is all
7 going north, then these smaller population, they need
8 someone to populate them.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. So that's a VRA,
10 right, consideration?

11 MS. WILSON: No. And --

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, it's not. Okay.

13 MS. WILSON: No. The VRA -- I know that is a bit --

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sorry.

15 MS. WILSON: -- confusing. VRA is just a darker
16 yellow. That's -- when they're next to each other, it's
17 --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's a mustard.

19 MS. WILSON: Yeah, a mustard versus a baby yellow.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah, because that would have been my
21 suggestion, is to take from Manteca, add that back in on
22 that end. Manteca and -- where's the other area? So if
23 we take out Rancho Murieta up from the top in Wilton, and
24 that population is not going to cover it. Okay.

25 Maybe --

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't have the population
2 for those two communities but I know Ranch Murieta, it's
3 pretty small, I just don't know what the numbers are,
4 sorry. And Wilton, I'm not sure what that is.

5 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: If I may, we don't really need,
6 like, perfect, you know, numbers, but just an idea of
7 where you would like to -- so would you then like to move
8 in, you know, to Stanislaus and -- because there may be
9 some cutting going on down there. Because you need to
10 get population somehow north, right?

11 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

12 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Or you have to rotate it
13 somewhere. So it has to come from someplace.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah, I would rather it come from
15 Stanislaus since we -- we already have some Stanislaus in
16 there, right? Yeah, since we're already into Stanislaus,
17 and not go into Contra Costa way.

18 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Okay. We'll take a look at it.
19 Thank you.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Andersen.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. I'd wanted a
22 couple, but that one you sort of took care of. So back
23 down to -- it's that Tulare -- let's see the AD Tulare
24 1027 -- well, 1027, but I don't know what page that's
25 actually on, but I understand it looks like it's a very

1 proposed area. But I'm -- we did hear quite a bit of
2 testimony from the people who live in Three Rivers, so I
3 don't know how much population that is whatsoever, and
4 Lemon Cove, if they could please, please be connected
5 with Visalia, the city of Visalia.

6 So I don't know if that would work or not.

7 MS. WILSON: I would also like to mention that this
8 is here for this version, but in the other Tulare is
9 whole. In the Senate plan, there's one where Tulare is
10 whole. I don't know exactly what plans they asked for it
11 to be together, but there is a plan with them together.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I was just wondering just
13 because it would just be a little tiny thing out of that
14 one. I don't know if that'd work.

15 MS. WILSON: Yes, and this is at -- I think this is
16 at -- it's at 55 percent Latina C VAP, something, and it
17 drops, putting --

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, okay.

19 MS. WILSON: And there's just constraints there.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's what I was wondering.
21 So okay, thank you.

22 And then -- oh, that was the Rancho Murieta, so.
23 All right. Thank you very much.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. My direction is

1 very general. We started today with Mr. Becker showing
2 us some maps of our VRA obligations throughout the state.
3 He very clearly identified a vast portion of the central
4 valley. When I look at these visualizations, I'm
5 concerned whether or not we're hitting those obligations.
6 I think in particular taking a look at the Merced, west
7 Fresno visualization as well as even the Fresno one.

8 I'd like us to explore what the other options are,
9 if we need to. And I think that's kind of a question for
10 counsel and for the line drawers to consider in greater
11 detail.

12 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Well, I think that that is a
13 question for counsel, for VRA counsel, and you know,
14 we've been working with VRA counsel very closely on the
15 configuration of these districts and/or visualizations of
16 districts and -- yeah, I think it's a conversation you
17 have to have with counsel. There is really -- I mean,
18 yes, when you're looking at these maps, they cover a
19 large area, but I think also when you're looking at the
20 public input and the public maps, you also see that there
21 is, you know -- there isn't, like, yellow visualizations
22 everywhere either.

23 There is, you know -- and also some of these, like,
24 visualizations are very similar, so there's just so much
25 you can do. I'm not entirely sure what to tell you right

1 now, honestly.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's fair enough. I think
3 we can continue to think about what our options might be.
4 Yeah. Thanks.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners, any other discussion
6 on these or direction?

7 And I think just generally, I am wanting, Kennedy,
8 if you can, to find a way to not have a Fresno split in
9 five different assembly districts. Finding a way to not
10 include Clovis with that west and southwest part of
11 Fresno.

12 MS. WILSON: Would that be okay to move into San
13 Bernardino?

14 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: That was the Clovis --

15 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

16 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: -- the Clovis question. So I just
17 want to ring a tiny alarm bell here. So once you're
18 talking San Bernardino, we're talking, you know,
19 potential VRA areas that are pushing from the south. We
20 are then talking about Los Angeles and the VRA areas that
21 are coming from the west, and then you also see these
22 yellow areas come in south. So we are very happy to look
23 at this, but just -- kind of just ringing a tiny little
24 alarm bell here.

25 And Fresno, absolutely, we'll take a look at it.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just to confirm, that light
2 yellow that stretches from all the way Fresno to San
3 Bernardino, that was not VRA?

4 CHAIR TURNER: So yes, so north Fresno and Clovis is
5 okay.

6 So Commissioner Yee?

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'd just add to Commissioner
8 Turner's comments about Fresno. Yes, Clovis and I
9 believe north Fresno north of Shaw was the exact street
10 that came up several times as a boundary for north
11 Fresno.

12 So to keep that somehow separate from the rest of
13 Fresno.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

15 Commissioner Toledo.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm just trying to think
17 through this a little bit. I appreciated Commissioner
18 Akutagawa's comment about the distance, right, the length
19 of the -- how long the district to the east is. And
20 potentially, I'm just wondering if -- whether some of the
21 region in Fresno and Tulare might be able to be combined
22 with that district to create a district, right, that
23 includes Inyo, that Fresno area, a -- the Clovis area of
24 Fresno that is -- doesn't have much in common with the
25 other piece of Fresno. And then down to -- down into

1 Kern.

2 And so making that a different congressional
3 district. It would go into Kern, Tulare, Fresno, take
4 out -- including Clovis and Inyo.

5 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Would you mind if I just say
6 something about that?

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Oh, absolutely.

8 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: We actually had direction
9 previously not to do that. So just wanted to flag that.
10 And --

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And I believe that direction
12 was because we wanted to go down the length of the --
13 California. Am I correct in remembering that?

14 MS. WILSON: It was more about what was populating
15 these. I mean, yes, it was wanting to go north and
16 before when it was being populated by these, it didn't --
17 these being populated by Fresno and Kern, that wasn't
18 matching what Mono and Inyo or Tuolumne, Mariposa,
19 Madera.

20 I was given direction that those counties align more
21 with north and Placer and El Dorado rather than Fresno,
22 Madera, or Kern, or going that way. So that is why
23 that's kind of split up.

24 In my other plans, I was able to take out Madera
25 completely, and Madera and Fresno are going down to

1 Tulare and Kern and not being paired with Mono, Inyo,
2 Mariposa upwards.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So is it a population issue
4 that we're dealing with or is it --

5 CHAIR TURNER: It was the mountains.

6 MS. WILSON: But they needed to be populated by
7 someone because they weren't enough by themselves, so.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, can we see the terrain
9 layer?

10 MS. WILSON: Oh, yes. So it is a large area. I can
11 move into any county or region that you would like.

12 Yes, I can zoom -- and do you want me to zoom into
13 the Fresno area, to Mono, Inyo?

14 Okay. I will zoom into Fresno and Tulare. There we
15 go.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Can you put the roads as well?
17 Because I see 395.

18 MS. WILSON: My apologies, it's blocking it. One
19 moment.

20 So there in Brown, it's going down and that's where
21 the 395 is.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No, it's --

23 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Are you able to see that because
24 it's a pretty crowded map, so we're happy to take some
25 stuff off also?

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: This is good. I can see it.
2 It's just I think my eyes are a little bit tired.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee.

4 Commissioner Andersen.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yeah, this
6 specific area, that mountain range, that's 11,000 to
7 14,000 feet mountains. And Inyo, Mono, and Alpine
8 specifically asked to be together and not with Fresno,
9 Tulare because their representatives are usually, like,
10 in Bakersfield or someplace over here and they cannot get
11 to them. They actually said, we'd rather drive up
12 because that's where we cross over into -- like, say,
13 down 89 or through, you know, Mammoth Lakes, across that
14 way.

15 And Ridgecrest, which is just down in Kern, they
16 specifically asked, they want to be with Tulare and you
17 know, that whole area. They specifically asked that the
18 Triangle there. So it may seem like these are far
19 distances, but actually it's the easiest way for them to
20 travel. And so it's -- it looks like, oh, we could --
21 why don't we put it nicely here together. But they're
22 separated. It's similar to Del Norte can't get across --
23 you have to go up and around the mountains. So it's a
24 similar thing.

25 And the idea of the -- I was wondering -- because I

1 understand what Commissioner Turner was saying with
2 Fresno, and I'm wondering if we could maybe take a
3 portion of the Fresno, which is, you know, plus two
4 percent. And put -- put that back into the Merced, west
5 Fresno, whatever that one is, a little bit more there to
6 alleviate the north Clovis, you know -- if we could maybe
7 do a little bit of subtraction out of it without dividing
8 it entirely. If we might be able to rearrange a little
9 bit. I don't if that's a possibility, but that was
10 something I thought we may be able to try.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Kennedy.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. You know,
13 I want us to draw districts that make sense and
14 certainly, you know, having access to elected officials
15 is important, but I just took a look, for example, at the
16 assembly webpage and the office addresses for the eighty
17 members of the assembly. So yeah, you know, probably
18 more than half have only one district office, but there
19 are a number of assembly members with two district
20 offices, three district offices. There are even assembly
21 members with four district offices.

22 So I don't know that we need to be quite as focused
23 on the distance to reach an assembly member's office
24 because they clearly have the option of having more
25 offices than just one. And so let's keep that in mind

1 and focus on making districts that make sense without
2 focusing too much on the distance to an office. Thank
3 you.

4 CHAIR TURNER: That was good, counsel. Thank you so
5 much.

6 Commissioner Sadhwani.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I agree with you on that,
8 Commissioner Kennedy. I think that is definitely the
9 case. That being said, I mean, when you look at this
10 map, combining Fresno with the outskirts of San
11 Bernardino, it just feels off to me. And San Bernardino
12 is very much a part of the inland empire, not a part of
13 the central valley.

14 So you know, I want to -- can we just move the map
15 northward slightly. I'm trying to better understand the
16 county boundaries for Madera and Mariposa. And I'm
17 wondering if -- you know, if we were to pull in, like,
18 that -- yes, right there where you're kind of locating --
19 for her to pull in -- I have no idea what the population
20 is in those areas, but pulling in some of that as well as
21 that north Fresno, Clovis area that had been identified
22 as I think on both sides not wanting to be together.

23 Would that be enough to take out that San Bernardino
24 component? That just doesn't -- I don't know, San
25 Bernardino, I guess I could maybe see it, but those are

1 two very distinctive regions of the state, so keeping
2 them together seems a little off to me. But I don't know
3 if others have that sense on putting these two in.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I'll comment on what
6 Commissioner Sadhwani just talked about. I just wanted
7 to also add on to what Commissioner Andersen said about
8 Inyo and about pulling some of them in. They were very
9 specific. All of the testimony -- or not all the
10 testimony, a lot of the testimony, but also in -- when we
11 were reaching out and I guess, you know, just talking to
12 the folks about making sure that we get COI testimony, I
13 guess because of that, I stayed focused on this
14 particular region and I recall, and I think we can see
15 this in the COI testimony, people talking about the
16 difficulties of, you know, getting across the Sierras or
17 the mountains ranges during the winter time and how they
18 had to go so far out of their way.

19 And also expressing extreme disappointment in the
20 fact that they pretty much never saw their representative
21 in their particular areas despite being in a district
22 that included the central valley floor, and they were
23 very adamant that they really wanted somebody who would
24 be focused on that particular corridor that separate --
25 is separated by the mountains from the valley floor. And

1 you know, that's just something that I just wanted to
2 make sure that we try to honor as much as I can -- as we
3 can. And I hear what Commissioner Kennedy is saying.
4 And I do agree, to a certain degree, I think we just have
5 to listen to also what we did say, particularly when they
6 were very adamant about it. There were others that said
7 oh, I don't want to drive that far. But then most of
8 those were saying no, we would rather be in a district
9 that reflects common interest.

10 But I feel like the COI testimony that we were
11 hearing, what we're reading, they were all very adamant
12 about just really wanting somebody that is centered in
13 their particular region. And I think this is the same
14 kind of challenge that even the San Bernardino one is
15 going to have because, yes, there may possibly be
16 multiple offices, but we've also seen that there's not
17 too. And we don't know what they're going to get. And
18 the likelihood is that they're going to be primarily from
19 a particular area and they may have district staff,
20 possibly.

21 But part of this is we want to make sure that
22 communities that have similar interests are also together
23 where they feel like then their needs are met. So I
24 guess that would just be my only comment on both these
25 districts that we're looking at right now.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Thank you all for the
2 wonderful conversation and discussion.

3 One of the -- I appreciate it as well, Commissioner
4 Kennedy, just bringing that up again. And I don't think
5 that that is in any of our criteria either, necessarily,
6 to figure out where those offices are going to be. I
7 think California's a big place. I think there's a lot of
8 our Californians that have to do a long drive. And
9 sometimes what even appears to be a short drive in
10 southern California is a long drive. And so
11 comparatively speaking I don't know how we would ever
12 balance all of this out without really kind of mapping it
13 through, and driving it out, and depending on the times
14 of the day, and all of that.

15 So I do love sticking with the types of districts
16 we're trying to draw and the communities of -- the
17 community of interest testimony that we're receiving.

18 I'm -- I -- someone, I forget who now, talked about
19 not taking Fresno into San Bernadino. I totally support
20 that and would also love if we could find a way not to
21 have Fresno going into Kern County either.

22 Commissioner Vazquez?

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: So I agree with I think a lot
24 of what has been said. But I am going to say that I am
25 warming to the idea of having San Bernadino in a

1 configuration like this, not sold and definitely could be
2 convinced to say yeah, that this doesn't make sense,
3 leave it out.

4 That being said, and this is sort of what I'm trying
5 to sort of broaden my perspective in a similar way in
6 thinking about the Antelope Valley in L.A. county. Not
7 -- my fear is that because so much of San Bernadino's
8 physical geography in the north is rural and spread
9 apart, that those folks in Barstow are going to be -- are
10 going to end up districted in a place where they may not
11 be -- especially in the rest of San Bernadino may be
12 districted where the population is majority people not at
13 all like them, and we functionally orphan, you know, the
14 folks in Barstow to be voting with folks who don't give a
15 rip about their interests in rural San Bernadino.

16 And while I think they're absolutely -- Barstow is
17 Inland Empire, definitely not the central valley, in
18 thinking about common interests and organizing around
19 common interests, politically it would seem to me that
20 beyond sort of the identity of central valley or identity
21 of Inland Empire, which is very strong and very
22 important, that there are also additional identities
23 related to being in a rural part of a county or being,
24 you know, more separated from the suburban and urban
25 centers of their counties. And that, to me, seems like a

1 potential interest that we would want to protect,
2 especially for the smaller cities like Barstow, if we
3 can.

4 So agree and acknowledge that San Bernadino and --
5 is definitely the Inland Empire and not the central
6 valley. And I think there's potential for more common
7 interests in the central valley than potentially we may
8 be giving this region credit for. So I just wanted to
9 let at least my colleagues know that my thinking -- I'm
10 attempting to broaden my thinking on this.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you for that, Commissioner
12 Vazquez. We will do likewise. We'll try to keep broad
13 thoughts and keep out thoughts open as well.

14 Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Actually,
16 Commissioner Vazquez, that really dovetails perfectly
17 into what I was saying -- what I would like to say is it
18 was issues. I did mention about Inyo/Mono when I talked,
19 just about transportation. But really it's -- because
20 Inyo said they don't really want to be with San
21 Bernadino. And everyone thinks well it's high desert,
22 it's desert. But they have very different uses of the
23 desert. And it's Inyo, Mono, these counties, like 90
24 percent of their land is either owned by water districts
25 or the federal government because it's recreation. You

1 know, Death Valley, many other areas like that where San
2 -- that area of San Bernadino, it does have the Mojave
3 National Forest but -- National Preserve, but a lot of it
4 is aerospace -- well, aerospace military. It's -- that's
5 kind of more the -- it's not industrial at all. But it's
6 very rural. And then it has that other use to it.

7 So they're -- well, geographically you might think
8 oh, they're the same. They're not. And I didn't -- I
9 agree with you, I was thinking oh, San Bernadino and
10 Inyo, it looks -- works perfectly. But then I realized,
11 like what the people from Ridgecrest were saying, they're
12 -- it's that whole sort of aerospace triangle. And then
13 they sort of -- they are in the mountain area. They're
14 not in -- they don't consider themselves really in the
15 central valley at all. But they're more the mountainous
16 where -- and they're talking all about colleges and
17 education. Where the Inyo, Mono, Alpine, Mariposa,
18 they're all talking about fire districts and how much of
19 their land is actually owned by national forests. So
20 they have very little control over it. And they really
21 need to have a district -- a person in their area who
22 understands that issue of taking care of nature without
23 getting the funding from nature, and using
24 recreationally. So it's really about issues which I
25 think we need to consider.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: When I was -- thank you for
3 saying that, for bringing that up.

4 MS. WILSON: If I may ask? You know, if we take
5 Fresno out, and we have Tulare and Kern, and due to VRA
6 not much of Bakersfield, where do you get that population
7 because -- yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, I don't -- I guess --
9 yeah.

10 MS. WILSON: General direction. Do I go north or do
11 we go to -- San Bernadino or Inyo and Mono seem like my
12 options.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think I had asked if it's
14 feasible to go up to, like, that portion of Madera and
15 Mariposa.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Madera and Mariposa?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, Mariposa has 17,000
18 and all of, is it Versed -- no, Versed's pretty big. But
19 (indiscernible) --

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: (Indiscernible) --

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- 151 -- 151 is all of
22 Madera. And 17 is Mariposa.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: How about the city of
24 Clovis?

25 CHAIR TURNER: Clovis is with, I think, north

1 Fresno.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It's more in Clovis than in
3 the county. It's a couple hundred thousand right there.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Toledo?

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.
6 You know, when I reflect back on earlier this
7 morning when Mr. Becker, our VRA attorney, showed us the
8 map of the central valley, one thing that stuck in my
9 mind was that Inyo County was actually in that. Inyo
10 County was solid red meaning it met all Gingles, meaning
11 we have some flexibility to ensure that we maximize the
12 need -- for me, what I took in that as my interpret --
13 that -- I mean, I just -- I guess I'm a little bit -- I'm
14 just wondering to myself at this point whether, you know,
15 I want to make sure we're maximizing and optimizing the
16 opportunities for people of color in the central valley
17 to be able to elect people of their choosing. And we do
18 -- VRA is the second criteria. And so above that
19 communities interest. And I understand the strong
20 community of interest that came out of the Inyo area, but
21 if we -- if their -- if that's keeping us from being able
22 to create opportunities for communities that are covered
23 under VRA in this area, then we really need to take a
24 look at that a little bit closer and make sure that we
25 are ensuring that all communities that are under VRA and

1 meet those action two requirements have an opportunity to
2 elect the people of their choice. And so I just want to
3 make sure that -- I just wanted to bring that to
4 attention because that just -- that picture of Inyo
5 COunty in my mind is still quite -- you know, it was the
6 first time we saw the maps with the VRA district with all
7 of the analysis.

8 And so it's -- I'm still thinking through it. I
9 know the line drawers probably are thinking through it as
10 well. And so I just wanted to bring that back to the
11 group so that we can reflect on it and make sure that
12 we're maximizing opportunities for all people to elect a
13 people of their choosing.

14 MR. WOOCHEER: I just want to point out that those
15 maps were based on the existing assembly districts, which
16 in certain cases -- I think even Mr. Becker mentioned --
17 that take from the central valley and went east into Inyo
18 County. So it's not necessarily that Inyo County itself
19 would qualify for VRA protection, but that it was an
20 east-west district that may have gone into that. So
21 we'll look into that for sure.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And I understand that. I --

23 THE REPORTER: This is the court reporter, pardon
24 me, who was just speaking?

25 MR. WOOCHEER: Fred Woocher.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And I understand that. And my
2 point was more of this is an area of where VRA is so
3 prominent that really we need to make sure that we're
4 maximizing and optimizing the opportunities for -- in
5 this area. And if this area to the east is -- or south
6 is causing restrictions, then maybe we should rethink
7 some of those things.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Point well taken. Thank you.

9 Let's see. What time is it? 7:31 -- just thought
10 I'd say that out loud.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa followed by Commissioner
12 Andersen and Fornaciari.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Commissioner Toledo,
14 I hear what you're saying. I believe the map that you're
15 referring to, the maps that David Becker showed us this
16 morning, I believe the one that included Inyo was the one
17 for the senate districts, not for the ones that
18 intersected all of them. That was more narrowly up in
19 the central valley. But the senate district was the one
20 that had a much more expansive VRA district, and that
21 included Inyo County.

22 Or is it assembly -- no. It was senate. He said it
23 was senate. Okay. Okay.

24 Anyways, I also wanted to just remind people. We
25 did also -- did get COI testimony about the difference

1 between the valley floor portion of Madera and Mariposa
2 and the portion that are in the mountains as well too.
3 And I suspect that for Madera, their population numbers
4 are pretty significant. I believe or I suspect that the
5 valley floor portion of Madera is the one the probably
6 holds the majority of that population, less so into the
7 mountains. And so I think that was also potentially why
8 the split was done for Madera and Mariposa as well too,
9 so.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Andersen?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Fred Woocher actually made
12 my point. So I'm going to take my hand down. Thank you.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

14 Commissioner Fornaciari?

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Just to kind of
16 bring it up a little bit, Inyo and Mono County together
17 make up less than 7 percent of an assembly district.
18 Fresno, on the other hand, is a half-million people in
19 that district. So if we split -- and the surrounding
20 areas are very, very sparsely populated -- so if we split
21 that district, you know, the population has to come from
22 somewhere.

23 I just want to echo Commissioner Toledo's comment
24 that VRA is our number two. And communities of interest
25 are number four. And so if we have to start breaking up

1 communities of interest to ensure we're giving folks an
2 opportunity, then --

3 CHAIR TURNER: So be it.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- we got to do it.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Okay.

6 Kennedy, talk to us. What else do we need to
7 clarify or respond because --

8 COMMISSIONER MACDONALD: We could, perhaps, think
9 about it overnight and then ask you tomorrow whether we
10 need some additional clarifications. I would like to
11 flag for you that we didn't talk about anything below the
12 Golden Gate Bridge. So perhaps you're all incredibly
13 happy with those visualizations as they are. And it --

14 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Just keep moving, Karin, just
15 don't bring it up.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- and in that case, you
17 know, Tamina can pack up. But I think if we're, for the
18 moment, perhaps we can pause that area. And if you'd
19 like to re-hop over west and talk about that a little
20 bit. Yeah, hop back over to Tamina and then maybe talk
21 about something San Francisco related? How does that
22 sound?

23 CHAIR TURNER: We're looking. We're going back.

24 COMMISSIONER MACDONALD: Fantastic. Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER SANDHWANI: I'm sorry. Are we going to

1 San Francisco or are we going to the coastal regions?

2 COMMISSIONER MACDONALD: I thought we talked about
3 the coastal region quite a bit. Would you like to talk
4 more about --

5 COMMISSIONER SANDHWANI: No. No.

6 COMMISSIONER MACDONALD: -- the northern coastal
7 region?

8 COMMISSIONER SANDHWANI: I wasn't sure what you were
9 suggesting.

10 COMMISSIONER MACDONALD: Oh. Thank you for that
11 answer. And just if --

12 CHAIR TURNER: I do have something. On the map that
13 was VAD Alameda actually, I noticed that Dublin was not
14 included in those areas. I think it was Dublin,
15 Livermore, Pleasanton that we're trying to keep together.
16 And one of the visualizations removed Dublin from those
17 other areas. And I wanted to just kind of inquire about
18 that.

19 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes. Dublin is removed here for
20 population to not go across these bridges here. Dublin
21 is with Pleasanton and Livermore on the other two maps.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Why did I write something about Union
23 City? Oh, yes, so you split Union City. And there's a
24 population of 70,000. Thank you. Yes.

25 So, Tamina, is there a way we can keep Union City

1 whole?

2 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes. You can split Fremont which
3 it whole. You can split Castro Valley. Yes, you'd have
4 to split something else.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Fremont is what? So I'd rather split
6 Fremont of 230,000 people as opposed to the 70,000 people
7 of Union City.

8 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Just to point out the COIs in this
9 area as well, this was a lot of Asian COIs in this area
10 that -- this area has a higher Asian CVAP, and so that's
11 why this was drawn this way. But happy to explore taking
12 out some of Fremont.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Another just point I'll make. On
14 page 23, I think Saratoga was also not included when --
15 and COI I think testimony wanted them included with Los
16 Gatos and Cumbria Park.

17 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yeah. I can move those out --
18 move Saratoga out. And you would like to move in -- we
19 can take parts of Palo Alto or if Saratoga's with this
20 area, then parts of San Jose -- downtown San Jose over
21 here, and --

22 CHAIR TURNER: Perhaps that. Perhaps downtown San
23 Jose.

24 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: -- then move this line.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Perhaps. Yeah, I'm thinking downtown

1 San Jose. And --

2 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Okay.

3 CHAIR TURNER: -- I just wanted to inquire, this is
4 a question, Tamina, on page 26 -- and maybe even of the
5 commissioners that know the bay a little bit more, I'm
6 wondering about the COI testimony as it relates to
7 Bayview. I notice there's a carveout of Bayview and they
8 are included with areas that I'm just wondering if there
9 is likeness for Bayview with this -- I can't even see it
10 -- Excelsior and Brisbane?

11 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: This is actually the conversation
12 that we had last time.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

14 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: And we actually had -- sorry
15 turned on the -- we actually had Bayview with the eastern
16 side before. And the Commission requested that it be
17 moved west.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. I see hands that's going to
19 comment on that as well.

20 Commissioner Yee, Sinay, Fornaciari, Andersen.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: I was going to hop over to
22 Oakland. So maybe if anyone has Bayview comments --

23 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- first?

25 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. The Bayview, we got --
2 we just received more COI testimony using the
3 visualization comments saying that Bayview, Excelsior,
4 and Visitation Valley should stay together. Obviously
5 they would rather be with the city of San Francisco
6 versus with Brisbane, you know, with San Mateo. And
7 that's just a tough one to figure out. But one of the
8 thoughts I had was Seacliff and Presidio Heights would
9 probably fit in better with that east district in San
10 Francisco. And I don't know if that gives enough -- I
11 don't know what I was thinking about that. But it just
12 felt like Seacliff and Presidio Heights worked better
13 with that east. But I can't remember what I wanted to
14 move in. So I apologize.

15 Oh. I know what I was -- I was trying to figure out
16 south San Francisco -- how to fit south San Fran -- but,
17 no, that wouldn't work. Anyway, I'll leave it at that.
18 But yes, those three -- to answer your question was yes,
19 those three have come together in COI testimonies.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful.

21 Going back up to Commissioner Yee.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Hi.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Go ahead.

24 COMMISSIONER SANDHWANI: Did anyone else before me
25 have Bayview? Do you want to go Commissioner --

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I am starting before
2 you. Yeah. On the Bayview, you could go -- and Potrero
3 Hill and Bayview are becoming very, very, you know --
4 third avenue is starting to become quite the highway and
5 the cultural area of connecting those two.

6 I do agree go Presidio, Seacliff/Presidio Heights,
7 Seacliff/Presidio -- Presidio Heights. But you also have
8 to -- you can't cut part of Castro out. I mean, that's
9 just -- I'm not sure a little piece of Castro was cut
10 out, you know, right there between the Inner Sunset, that
11 section right there, I'm not sure how that got cut out.

12 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: That's Haight-Ashbury, that's
13 actually not a section of the Castro.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Haight and Castro is
15 the same. Haight-Ashbury was -- that part it is. Yeah.
16 Right there?

17 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes. So you'd like the Haight-
18 Ashbury neighborhood with the Castro neighborhood?

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: With that section, yes,
20 because that's on the other -- this side of the -- it's
21 on the southside of the crest of the hill there. And
22 then you'd need a little bit more -- I'm sorry. So we
23 were trying to put -- keeping Bernal Heights that's
24 already -- yeah, if we switched it around a little bit
25 like that, would that help if you went -- added Bernal

1 Heights and Presidio with Bayview and then essentially
2 shifted the yellow section a little bit to the north and
3 brought Potrero Hill and Bernal Heights into the Bayview,
4 would that help keep it out of the -- it would give it a
5 little bit more of San Francisco. Would that help at
6 all?

7 CHAIR TURNER: We'll check it out and see.

8 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: We'll check it out and see.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee?

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. Crossing the bridge, over
11 to the -- no, I'm sorry. Commissioner Sadhwani had a
12 Bayview thought.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm sorry, I had a Bayview
14 comment.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Okay again.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So I just wanted to uplift
17 testimony that we received from the LGBTQ community who I
18 think area had been a key area of concern for them for
19 their communities of interest. In their testimony they
20 had talked also about -- hang on, let me pull that back
21 up -- Twin Peaks and west of Twin Peaks which you can see
22 is not included here. I don't have population totals for
23 these areas. So I would be curious to see what happens
24 if you pull in west of Twin Peaks.

25 The green piece -- the green side of this

1 visualization was also an area identified by Asian
2 American communities of interest and the AMEMSA
3 community. And in particular, there was an interest to
4 have it linked from Daly City down in the south all the
5 way up and linking across, almost like a hook, up to
6 Chinatown. I have no idea if, from a population
7 standpoint, if something like that is even feasible or
8 possible. But that was just some of the testimony that
9 we received.

10 And so from that perspective, interestingly in both
11 of that COI testimony, Bayview was mentioned. And so I
12 am not personally familiar with Bayview. But I'm curious
13 about what it would look like to split Bayview between
14 those two districts. I don't know if there are, you
15 know, census blocks or neighborhoods that are more
16 heavily Asian or communities that more aligned with the
17 LGBTQ community. I'm not sure, you know, what that area
18 looks like. But I was curious to think about some
19 various options there, especially given the strong
20 testimony from both of those communities.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Bayview, Commissioner Sinay.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Bayview, Excelsior, and
23 Visitation Valley, but specifically Bayview were
24 traditionally black communities where there's been a lot
25 of -- where there's been a lot of gentrification. So we

1 just need -- that's why they've asked to be kind of kept
2 together even though it's a very small community. The
3 black community in San Francisco was pushed out back in
4 the early in the '80s or '90s. They redid all the
5 affordable housing in that area at the same time and
6 never really rebuilt it. And that was the -- kind of the
7 enclave that was kept. And so a lot of the cultural
8 aspects are there. So it's just looking to see what is
9 still -- you know, how to keep all those communities of
10 interest kind of together.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

12 Commissioner Yee?

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Anyone else for Bayview?

14 CHAIR TURNER: Going once.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: If not, we go across the bridge
16 to Oakland. And so looking at pages 21 and also 32, so
17 Oakland and Eastbay. I'm particularly interested in the
18 boundary between those two as it comes down -- in full
19 disclosure -- right through my neighborhood, so right
20 below Piedmont there. It's -- so I'll be curious just to
21 hear the thinking behind how that was drawn, the line
22 that goes right from 580 to meet up with the Dublin
23 district.

24 It's a tough -- it's tough to figure out where to
25 draw that line for sure because it's not a natural place.

1 There's several streets that go up from 580 up the hill
2 there, but none that is an obvious divide that would be
3 the clear one to choose. But 580 is much more of a
4 divide than any of those streets. So I would -- you
5 know, if it were me, I would draw that line farther down
6 580 than go up somewhere farther south than it is. And I
7 think that would actually balance the two districts,
8 since the more southerly one is quite a bit more
9 overpopulated than the northerly one. That would
10 probably balance it a little bit.

11 So going down south on 580, maybe to Keller, maybe
12 to Golf Links, go up from there, is probably what I would
13 do. Even that is still a little artificial, but I think
14 it's better than what's there which goes right through
15 some intact neighborhoods. You know, almost through my
16 front yard actually, so.

17 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: We were just checking to make sure
18 you were paying attention, Commissioner.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Well, it's odd because if you
20 look at, you know, I -- we don't routinely look at the
21 ten years ago districts I did for this one. And it's
22 actually on a similarly odd line. It's very intricate.
23 And I can't understand why it was drawn that way. But
24 that's my suggestion.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

1 Commissioner Fonaciari, Andersen, Sinay?

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Let's see, the VAD Alameda
3 on page 20, I'm just going to say, I am not a fan. I
4 don't have any direction though, because I can't think of
5 a way to fix it, but I really don't like going over that
6 hill. So just a comment.

7 But kind of more sort of general, on page 27, I know
8 we initially gave direction to try to keep east of the
9 Skyline -- or west of the Skyline Boulevard, if you will,
10 down to Santa Cruz. But it just -- and I'm very curious
11 to hear what my colleagues say -- it seems to me it'd
12 make more sense if we just went down the peninsula on
13 both sides of the hill to make districts and continue
14 down because again, we've got Pacifica and those cities,
15 Half Moon Bay with Santa Cruz County with Palo Alto --
16 East Palo Alto, Stanford, Woodside. I mean, it just
17 doesn't make sense to me to draw the districts this way
18 whereas the cities on the bay or near the bay have much
19 more in common with each other.

20 And again, the -- Santa Cruz County would go kind
21 of -- if it had to go, it would go to the east to get
22 population.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Commissioner, would you like
24 to go back to the visualization we had last week that had
25 that part intact?

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I don't remember what it
2 looked like. So -- the -- I -- but I want to hear what
3 my colleagues have to say about that. That's just me.
4 I -- you know, we all have to kind of feel it together.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

6 Colleagues, comments on -- Commissioner Ahmad, also
7 Sinay and Ahmad wants to -- Commissioner Sinay, can we
8 let Commissioner Akutagawa go? Okay.

9 Yes, ma'am?

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Chair. Just
11 while Commissioner Fornaciari raised this question, I do
12 have thoughts on it. While staring at it, I think where
13 I keep getting stuck is the numbers. Right now both of
14 those VAD PALORED sits for 76,000. And SMATEO sits at
15 475. So they're roughly the size of an assembly
16 district, which to me means it's like a puzzle piece and
17 populations can be shifted around to keep roughly that
18 same size.

19 I do agree that it's kind of weird, Palo Alto,
20 Stanford being looped in with Aptos, Santa Cruz area.
21 That does seem a little distant. So I'm wondering what
22 we can do to shift around the populations within VAD
23 PALORED and SMATEO to kind of put the northern part of
24 that general area together in one district and the
25 southern part in a different. I don't know if that's all

1 aligned with what your thoughts were, Commissioner
2 Fornaciari, but those are my thoughts on that area.

3 CHAIR TURNER: And I feel if I don't call on
4 Commissioner Andersen, I don't know what's going to
5 happen with her hand.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. This same area.
7 I actually saw that the negative three and the negative
8 three. But then it -- the -- Los Gatos, a little further
9 down, well, actually if you go back a little further,
10 that one's a positive. And I would -- excuse me -- like
11 to put the Palo Alto RED actually going a little bit
12 further south, as Commissioner Fornaciari said, along the
13 coast getting Palo Alto that sort of area -- exactly --
14 getting a couple of those in, so its population comes up
15 because, no, the -- they don't have a lot in common
16 with -- even though I might've said something about this,
17 with the coast, where further down to Los Gatos that's
18 part -- starts to go part of the 17 up and over. And I
19 think that area would make sense to add some of that to
20 the San Mat -- SMATEO which is essentially down to Santa
21 Cruz.

22 So I think we could make -- you know, take a bit of
23 Menlo Park, North Fair Oaks --

24 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: So you would -- I'm sorry.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

1 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Just want to let you know that
2 none of these cities could fit in here by themselves. So
3 which one would you like to split to put in?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: None of them? They're all
5 too big?

6 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: They're all too big or else they'd
7 be in there.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Even from negative 3 --
9 negative 6 -- negative 3.64?

10 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes, that's right.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Huh. Woodside, really?

12 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: I mean, maybe North Fair Oaks.
13 And then -- but then this would be underpopulated. And
14 I'd have to split the city down where else.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. And then -- and we'd
16 be getting people from elsewhere. So maybe North Fair
17 Oaks. I mean, I'd like to see -- I mean, it could go
18 from negative 3 to like, you know it was positive 2.
19 That's a 5 percent swing. You know, I'd like to see if
20 we could do something there.

21 And -- because the LEXSUNNY, they actually wanted to
22 move a little further over to Palo Alto. And so that --
23 if we come down, then we might be able to grab -- to put
24 back into San Mateo. Maybe -- I don't know about
25 Saratoga, but, you know, Los Gatos, it's already with

1 Lexington Hills. Try -- basically I'm trying to get down
2 to 17. So those have areas a little bit more comparable
3 with Santa Cruz Count. If we could take a little -- like
4 basically a little bit from one, little bit from another,
5 to shift it around so the populations work out to have
6 things that -- areas a little bit more in common. That's
7 where I'm trying to go.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners, I just want to let you
9 know that our internal queue is closed. We don't have
10 time for any more of you to raise your hands with the
11 amount of time that we have left. We have about ten
12 minutes for if you and Kennedy, I'm sure, may want to ask
13 some questions as well.

14 So if those that have your hands up will prepare
15 your comments. And then we are going to be close to
16 recess for the evening so that you can take notes
17 accordingly so that you'll know where we left off when we
18 start tomorrow morning again.

19 Commissioner Andersen, were you wanting to wrap up
20 the rest of your comment?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Actually I wanted to go -- I
22 was -- originally about the East Bay where I agree with
23 Commissioner Yee. And I would like to actually see,
24 rather than -- Oakland actually needs to go a little
25 further east, quite frankly, because you know you still

1 have parts of Oakland with Moraga and Orinda which
2 generally doesn't work.

3 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Oakland is this area here. It is
4 in the pink district and in the blue district only.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Okay. Well, I mean,
6 if you get -- if you -- because I was looking at the
7 boundaries and Joaquin Miller is still in Oakland. You
8 see where 13 -- you have 13, that little number -- keep
9 on going up.

10 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. That road is still
12 parts of Oakland. No --

13 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes, correct.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- not 13, then going east.
15 It was going east.

16 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Going east?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. And go -- no. Not
18 that -- that area right through there. That's the -- not
19 the separate, close in --

20 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: This is in a different county.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Further west.

22 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Okay. This is the county line?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Mills College? You see
24 where it's here -- Mills College is?

25 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Uh-huh.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Redwood Central --
2 regional -- National Park.

3 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Right down here?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. That's Oakland.
5 That's still -- that's the Oakland area. Technically
6 it's not but, that's all considered parts of Oakland,
7 that area.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: All the way to Anthony to --
10 so basically what I'm trying to say is go a little bit
11 further north, south and cut them --

12 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: This is the city --

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- instead of that -- I
14 agree with Commissioner Fornciari about that -- the
15 large Alameda County one, that's -- it just doesn't make
16 a whole lot of sense. And I think we could rearrange a
17 bit. So thank you.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

19 Commissioner Sinay?

20 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Can I just --

21 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

22 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Just wanted to say that I just
23 double checked, and this does follow the city of Oakland
24 foundry. And I will take a look at it again later.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Well, she said not technically. Just

1 teasing.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: (Indiscernible) the park
3 districts.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay?

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. Going back
6 to the Oakland conversation, that's when I raised my hand
7 the first time. You know, as much as we can keep Oakland
8 together and Oakland with Emeryville, which I know it is
9 in other ones, it's good. We did receive a comment today
10 on -- let me find where I wrote it -- on -- of -- they
11 also agreed that the way we split Oakland was kind of
12 strange. And they said use the Hayward Flat to divide
13 Oakland. So I don't know if that's helpful at all? I
14 don't know what the Hayward Flat is. But I was just
15 reading the visualization comments.

16 And then regarding what Commissioner Fornaciari
17 said, I do -- you know, the -- I do agree with you that
18 that was an original idea of hey, let's see if the coast
19 fits. And that came from someone else from a COI and we
20 were playing with it. I would like to explore San Mateo
21 County with San Mateo kind of in the Santa Clara County
22 with Santa Clara -- always keeping in mind the Asian COI
23 that we had in the north part of San Mateo and San
24 Francisco, but see if we could do something a little bit
25 better in that area. There are -- you know, at Half Moon

1 Bay there is one freeway that goes all the way across.
2 There are different entryways that go across the ridge
3 and just to look at those.

4 Thank you so much for all the hard work.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani?

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. Similarly for
7 the Oakland visualization, if possible to include
8 Emeryville. We've had a bunch of testimony about
9 Emeryville being kept with Oakland.

10 Moving downward to Fremont. I know we had started
11 there quite some time ago. And I think the question was
12 do we split it or not. And it was just looking back at
13 testimony from a refugee community of Afghani Americans
14 who have strong social service needs in that area asking
15 if Fremont is split, to keep Centerville -- which I'm not
16 entirely sure where Centerville is, but I believe that's
17 a neighborhood of Fremont -- so keeping Centerville
18 whole, if we're going to split Fremont.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you for that, lifting
20 that.

21 Commissioner Toledo?

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. I -- just on the
23 large Alameda -- from Hayward to the Livermore area, that
24 just seems like a -- that's a pretty large district. And
25 I don't see the community of interest there yet. And I'm

1 not sure what to do either. But I -- it just doesn't --
2 it just seems a little strange to me, connecting those
3 couple -- those areas as well as the Palo Alto -- east
4 Palo Alto to the coast. So just wanted to -- those are
5 the two that I -- and then I think we can refine a little
6 bit more.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Oh. Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fornaciari?

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I was going to go a
11 little bit south, but I -- we probably ought not start
12 that tonight. So we can get into that tomorrow.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Well, I don't know. You have two or
14 three minutes. Can you get it done? No.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's a challenge.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. If you can go south
17 to the green one, the San Benito. Well, okay. Just show
18 the northern tip of that. So -- no. Sorry. Show the
19 whole thing because based on the visualization we saw
20 today, this whole area down here, this -- I'm pointing at
21 it. That doesn't help.

22 So I'm not going to get it done in two minutes. Was
23 it Soledad, Greenfield, King City, that part of the
24 Salinas Valley, I think that's an important part to add
25 to this district. And so what I would propose is like a

1 rotational thing. You got Morgan Hill in the tip here.
2 If you could rotate it to the blue and then rotate some
3 of the blue to the -- around or -- because I know this
4 is -- is this Watsonville right here? This little tip
5 thing --

6 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- that goes into Santa
8 Cruz. What is that?

9 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: This is -- we did experiment with
10 these areas here.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

12 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Including this area and taking out
13 some of these, will drop the Latino CVAP.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh. It will? No, I know.
15 But --

16 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Believe it or not, it -- yes.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- it will drop the CVAP?

18 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

20 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Unfortunately.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Then -- all right.
22 Thank you. Appreciate all your hard work.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Well, with that, Commissioners, we
24 are at the end of our day today. I'd like to thank you
25 all for your hard work, for staying in it, putting up

1 with this Chair that you currently have. I'd like to
2 thank our line drawers and our counsel. We will come
3 back tomorrow and review what we've heard today. I'd
4 like to thank those that have listened -- dialed in to
5 listen. We will be taking public comment at the end of
6 our session. But please do continue to -- oh, and I also
7 want to let you all know if we're not getting it right,
8 it's okay to just call and kindly let us know that you'd
9 still like to see something different. We are not
10 refusing to hear you. We're just trying to hear a lot of
11 you. And so from that perspective, keep writing in, keep
12 sending it. We'll keep talking about it and reading it
13 until we do the best we can to make as many of you as
14 possible happy with our maps that we ultimately will
15 draw.

16 Okay. Well, thank you all so much. And remember
17 we'll be back tomorrow morning at 11 a.m. Thank you.

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