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2 Thursday, October 28, 2021

11:00 a.m.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Good morning and welcome back as we
4 will continue to day 2 of our restricting session for
5 this go around. Welcome back. We're going to go right
6 into our session today with roll call, please.

7 MR. SINGH: Thank you, Madam Chair, and good
8 morning.

9 Commissioner Vasquez.

10 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: On time, yes.

11 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad.

14 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

17 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Anderson.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Here.

19 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Present.

21 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

25 MR. SINGH: Commissioner LeMons.

1 Commissioner Sadhwani.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

3 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

5 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

6 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present and logging on.

7 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

9 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Turner.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Here. Thank you. Thank you, Ravi.

11 All right, Commissioners, I'd like to start the day
12 off today with commending you for doing an amazing job on
13 yesterday and getting through the material that we did,
14 the visualizations that we did, and today we are going to
15 try a couple of things different to ensure that we're
16 able to get through the rest of our visualizations more
17 simply and have ability to move onto Congressional and
18 Senate districts.

19 So a couple of updates. Number 1, I'd like to ask,
20 again, for you to consider your time and ensure that you
21 are adding new information and not just cosigning and
22 repeating information. Commissioners, that will be
23 important as we get ready to move into Los Angeles and
24 Southern California, which we know are large areas.

25 I also want to try -- this is a trial, something

1 different for Commissioners, so if I can really have your
2 undivided attention. We're going to go through the
3 process where we will have our staff read out generalized
4 comments that we've heard; we will have our mappers talk
5 to us about what they've seen and what they're
6 presenting; we will have a discussion point. And here's
7 where the change will come in. During our discussion
8 point, Marcy's staff, Andrew, today, when we get to
9 Southern California, if something about a visualization
10 causes you concern or you recalled something about that,
11 Commissioner Anderson, if there's something about a
12 visualization and you're thinking, hmm, I'm not sure, we
13 don't want to take the time while you find it. Staff
14 will be there to say what is your concern, and once you
15 name it for us, if you say, my concern had something to
16 do with Madera, for example, staff will say we received
17 testimony about this or this, and then you'll be, like,
18 great, this is -- so therefore that informs me how I want
19 to move forward. Because we want to get rid of some of
20 that downtime while we are trying to find it.

21 We recognize that we have thousands of bits of
22 information and we want to consider all of it. So I'm
23 hopeful that staff will try being able to help us access
24 the information.

25 There was material -- or there was a database that



1 was provided for us that summarized all of the
2 information before and sometimes on the spot; we can't
3 get to it quick enough. Staff is just going to help us
4 weed through some of that information and remind us about
5 the testimony that we've received.

6 And last piece is that Assembly districts are
7 smaller. We cannot do everything in the Assembly
8 districts; so if we don't get things done and
9 accomplished in the manner that we want to in Assembly
10 district, please make a note of that. We'll try for it
11 again in the Congressional districts and the Senate
12 districts and do as best as we can. Everyone may not get
13 what they need in every map iteration. Okay? Everybody
14 good? Is that clear? So we're going to trial and we'll
15 see what happens. So let's get in it today.

16 We're going to start with reviewing and finishing up
17 where we were in the Central Valley. And so we have
18 Tamina that's back with us today and I'm going to -- one
19 moment please, my computer is trying to help me by
20 bringing everything up.

21 Okay. So we'll go ahead and go into our session
22 today and pick it up right where we left off. There were
23 hands that did not quite get into the queue last night.
24 There were others that may have comment that they wanted
25 to lift. So if that's the case, Commissioners, did you

1 wake up with any burning thoughts that you want to start
2 with as Tamina is preparing?

3 Okay. Sounds like all hearts and minds are clear.

4 Tamina, when you are ready, we'll pick it up with
5 you.

6 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Thank you, Chair.

7 We have three more to discuss today to round out
8 this session. This is the MONTCOAST, SBARBARA, and
9 VENTURA. I'll just go over them quickly to refresh your
10 memories from yesterday. MONTCOAST begins with the
11 coastal cities of Santa Cruz, including Twin Lakes,
12 Pleasure Point, Capitola, Seacliff, Rio del Mar, La Selva
13 Beach, and Pajaro Dunes. It then comes into the coastal
14 cities of Monterey including Moss Landing, Marina,
15 Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Del Monte
16 Forest, Carmel by the Sea, and Carmel Village.

17 We then go along to the 101 Corridor, where it's
18 Soledad, Greenfield, King City, Pine Canyon, San Lucas,
19 San Ardel, and then Fort Hunter Liggett, Lockwood, and
20 Bradley. And then from San Luis Obispo County, Oak
21 Shores, Lake Nacimiento, San Miguel, San Simeon, Cambria,
22 Paso Robles, Whitley Gardens, Shandon, Templeton,
23 Atascadero, Creston, Cayucos, Morro Bay, Santa Margarita,
24 Los Osos, San Luis Obispo, Cal Tech State, Avila Beach,
25 Los Ranchos, Edna, Pismo Beach and Grover Beach. This

1 visualization does not include Arroyo Grande or Oceano.

2 This is page 56. I apologize.

3 And then we were going to go to 58 and then 59.

4 58 is Santa Barbara, which starts in San Luis Obispo
5 County with the Arroyo Grande, Woodlands, Nipomo. It
6 takes in entire west coast of Santa Barbara County,
7 Guadalupe, Santa Maria, Orcutt, Casmalia, Garey, and
8 Sisquoc, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Vandenberg Village,
9 Mission Hills, and Lompoc, Los Alamos, Buellton, Los
10 Olivos, Ballard, Santa Ynez, and Solvang. It comes to
11 the North and East borders of the county, New Cuyama and
12 Cuyama. And for the southern coastal areas includes
13 Goleta, UC Santa Barbara, La Vista, Eastern Goleta Valley
14 and Santa Barbara City. These cities are all whole in
15 this visualization.

16 Moving to the next page, 59. This takes Ventura,
17 which takes all of Northern Ventura County to the borders
18 of the county line. The western boundary of the
19 visualization comes into Santa Barbara, takes Mission
20 Canyon, Montecito, Toro Canyon, Summerland -- don't know
21 where my little label went -- and Carpinteria. And then
22 coming into Ventura County, Ojai, Meiners Oaks,
23 Miramonte, and Oak View. Ventura, Port Hueneme, Oxnard,
24 El Rio, Saticoy, Santa Paula, Filmore, and Piru.

25 This visualization then stops before Somis,

1 Moorpark, Camarillo, and does not split any of these
2 cities.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So yesterday, you gave us
4 directions about the East Bay and we talked about San
5 Francisco. We talked a little bit about the Santa Cruz
6 area. Where we have not discussed anything is actually
7 the -- basically, the southern -- the Northern
8 coastline -- southern/Northern coastline -- central
9 coastline. Sorry, there we go. The central coast. So
10 San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara, and then maybe going
11 up there into San Bernardino and so forth. So if you
12 have any comments on those visualizations, then we're all
13 ears.

14 MS. MACDONALD And just a note to Commissioners,
15 that the bright yellow areas in the middle that you're
16 seeing are the colored VRA district areas that are under
17 consideration. So that's why they are of this darker
18 yellow color.

19 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: And we have Mr. Becker on, who
20 will let us know if he needs anything from us, any kind
21 of other, you know, lines on there, or if he'd like to
22 have CVAP displayed, then I'm sure he will let us know.
23 Thank you.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Tamia and Karin,
25 appreciate you.

1 I'm just wanting, also, to remind us that
2 Commissioners, we've received -- and to our public, we've
3 received now 8,000 -- over 8,500 bits of public comment,
4 visualization COIs, et cetera. So lots of data, which is
5 why we're trying to do something different to ensure that
6 we're holding it all. Also wanting to remind the public
7 that though we are taking comment at the end, please do
8 utilize the tools that does allow us to see your comments
9 real time. So please continue to use that.

10 And with that, I have hands, Commissioner Akutagawa
11 and Commissioner Sinay. And to let you know, our first
12 break we'll prepare for will be about 12:30. So
13 hopefully we'll be through.

14 Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you.

16 This is going to connect together between that
17 MONTCOAST and the Santa Barbara maps. Just reading
18 through some of the public comments, there seems to be a
19 number that is commenting on the inclusion of -- or the
20 noninclusion, I should say, of Northern Santa Barbara
21 County, and specifically naming the -- a county and
22 specifically naming the Gaviota Tunnel, which having
23 recently driven down that 101 stretch from -- I am not
24 sure who that -- okay. I could see what they're saying,
25 that Northern Santa Barbara area is very rural. So my

1 question to the line drawers is, I don't want to say this
2 is necessarily the instruction, but I guess it could be.
3 Can we -- I'm looking at the standard deviation. It
4 looks like we can add Northern Santa Barbara County at
5 the Gaviota Tunnel, which is just below Buellton --
6 Solvang, Buellton, yeah, around that area. Around the
7 101, if we use that as that Gaviota Tunnel, that pass as
8 the cutoff on the 101 side.

9 MS. MACDONALD: I'm sorry, Commissioner, add it to
10 where?

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: To the MONTCOAST.

12 MS. MACDONALD: Oh, oh, so you want this -- the
13 entire western area here --

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

15 MS. MACDONALD: -- added --

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Northern Santa Barbara
17 County. There's a number of comments. It looks like
18 they're a little under the population and in terms of the
19 MONTCOAST visualization that I'm looking at, about 20,000
20 short. So it looks like they're -- one, if that portion
21 were to be added, would it throw off the standard
22 deviation.

23 MS. MACDONALD: So if that portion were to be added,
24 it would -- not only would it not fit in this MONTCOAST
25 district, but actually what would happen is that it would

1 create the need to pull more from Ventura.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, and I actually --

3 MS. MACDONALD: And that would split this Piru,

4 (indiscernible) Piru COI.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, you already have Ojai
6 in when they had asked for it to not be in anyway. I
7 think there's going to -- I understand that there's going
8 to be some repercussions, but I just want to ask if that
9 were to be done. Because they are a more rural area than
10 the rest of Santa Barbara. That was pretty clear.

11 Also, the cutoff I want to ask you about is -- you
12 made the cutoff at Santa Barbara. Montecito is
13 oftentimes very closely connected to Santa Barbara. So
14 that's also, I guess, an unusual cutoff. I'm just
15 wondering if you were to go further down. I know -- this
16 is the part that if you go further down and you cut it
17 off after Montecito, and then since for Ventura, the
18 Ventura visualization that's next, I am aware that in the
19 communities of interest testimony that we heard, the Port
20 Hueneme, Oxnard, Santa Paula, Filmore and Piru
21 communities asked to be kept together, but they wanted to
22 be separate from Ojai, but given the current
23 visualization, it would be -- and I looked at the maps.
24 Down below, it would be hard not to include Ojai.
25 It's -- I do wonder if we could go a little bit further

1 South, include Camarillo at least. Can you just move
2 the -- yeah -- Camarillo's not very much like the Oxnard,
3 Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Piru communities. I'm just
4 wondering if, you know, maybe that's where I'm going to
5 need some -- maybe some help from the line drawers in
6 terms of --

7 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- the numbers.

9 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. We'll take a look. Thank
10 you.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

13 Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner
15 Akutagawa. I was going to say the same thing about the
16 Gaviota Pass. And then we also -- we heard, you know,
17 North Santa Barbara with San Luis Obispo and -- at the
18 Gaviota Pass, as well as -- at least if we can't do all
19 of that, Arroyo Grande deals closer with San Luis Obispo
20 than it does with Santa Barbara, which is at the tip --
21 the North tip, that little piece up there. And then it
22 is true that we have heard -- I was just kind of going
23 through.

24 We have heard that Piru and all that to be separate
25 from Ojai unless the only way to keep them together is

1 they feel closer to Ojai than they would going South.
2 And so that was kind of how they brought it up. So it
3 depends which one you're reading, but they'd rather not
4 be with Ojai, but they'd rather be with Ojai than heading
5 South into the other areas. Thank you.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And I'd just like to ask.
7 We do have Jose on that is capturing and looking at
8 testimony, public input.

9 Jose, do you have anything in regards to Ojai that
10 would help with this discussion? And if not, if the
11 search doesn't pull up anything specifically --

12 MR. CHAVEZ: Hi, Chair. Hi Commissioners. I am
13 pulling some data and I can share in -- if you give me
14 thirty seconds, I would do that.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. If you'd just prepare to do
16 that, we're going to go back to Commissioner Akutagawa.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just real quick, if you go
18 down to that Santa Barbara/Ventura map, you have the
19 Channel Islands, it looks like. Part of it is blue, part
20 of it is green. Is that just because of the way the
21 census blocks are? It's just kind of weird. And then
22 you have those other little -- like, two islands that are
23 green, two that are blue, and then one that's light blue.
24 I understand the light blue one, but is there a way to
25 include it all in one district? It just seems weird that

1 we just got that one tip that's green.

2 CHAIR TURNER: I think -- and let me know, on the
3 blue is all in one county. It's -- I think it's
4 separated out by counties. So you're -- go ahead.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Those are part of the
6 those other counties.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I understand that, but can
8 we cross counties in this way so that they're -- so the
9 one island is all in one district?

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think it's a census
11 block.

12 MS. MACDONALD: If you would like me to explore
13 putting the current green islands into blue, then I can
14 definitely do that.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Or you can do vice versa, I
16 mean, which -- you know, whichever one makes sense in
17 terms of also population numbers, too.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Jose? Are you prepared --

19 MR. CHAVEZ: Hi, Chair. Yes. I do have data
20 available, but I believe that I'm not a panelist, which
21 means that I'm not able to share my screen.

22 CHAIR TURNER: You don't have to share the screen.
23 Just tell us, what are you seeing.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: You are a panelist and you
25 can share your screen.

1 MR. CHAVEZ: Oh, that's good. So there is --
2 there's COI where residents of Ventura, they would like
3 to specifically belong to Santa Paula, Oxnard, Port
4 Hueneme, Santa Clara, Santa Paula, and Fillmore to be
5 included together. And there is also input where
6 communities of interest want to keep western Ventura
7 County together for environmental justice purposes. They
8 would request communities of interest that include
9 Ventura, Ojai, Oxnard, Santa Paula, and Fillmore.
10 There's a divide between West and East Ventura. Western
11 is more agriculture working class Latino, more disparate
12 in housing, education. There is also a large population
13 of communities of interest such as (indiscernible),
14 Zapotecos, and (indiscernible) communities. I also see
15 that -- and that's a large -- there's a handful of
16 communities of interest with similar requests in
17 communities of interest.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Jose. Continue to stand
19 by.

20 Commissioners, this is just a trial. We know we
21 have almost 9,000 public comments. Getting it real time
22 that we are seeing come in and so Jose is just another
23 resource, trying to help us recall and keep all of the
24 information upfront as we're making decisions.

25 So Jose, I appreciate your willingness. He was just

1 made aware of this a little bit ago. And I appreciate
2 your support and what you're attempting to do. So stand
3 by.

4 Commissioner Sadhwani.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sorry about that. Yeah,
6 this is super helpful, so thank you, Jose, for being here
7 and providing that update. I definitely just want to
8 agree -- and I'm hoping I'm adding here to Commissioner
9 Akutagawa's concern about going all the way up to
10 Montecito. You know, much of the COI testimony, as Jose
11 just identified that Port Hueneme, Oxnard to Piru was
12 largely around working class values. And then when we
13 think about Montecito, and you've got, like, Megan Markle
14 and Oprah in Montecito. So I do think that probably
15 going further South, taking that portion of -- keeping
16 Montecito with Santa Barbara and then going further
17 South. Whether that's exploring Somis or Moorpark, to
18 some extent, could make a little more sense for that
19 district in maintaining that COI, which has more to do
20 with the working class values, I think is what we had
21 heard from that testimony.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Tamina, do you have what you need?

23 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: I do. Thank you very much.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Is there any other
25 Commissioner? Do you have anything else you want to lift

1 for this area?

2 Okay. We're going to move on. Yes. So at this
3 point, we're going to move into the next area of our --
4 we're going to Los Angeles, and so Jamie's going to
5 present right after we hear from -- let's see, who's up
6 for Los Angeles? Kim is going to give us an overview.
7 And we'll get our maps and our public comments ready once
8 our staff transitions.

9 And to the public, thank you. We see your comments
10 coming in. We'd ask for you to continue. We are seeing
11 them real time. We're not waiting until the end, and
12 we're responding to them real time. So we appreciate
13 that. You moved a little quicker than we thought.

14 Okay. So thank you. So Kim, whenever you're
15 comfortable and are ready, we'll go ahead and get started
16 into our next area.

17 Commissioners, again, I'd love for you to just know
18 that we're trying to make adjustments as needed. We
19 won't drill down too far with the numbers. We're just
20 having high level -- this is our first opportunity to
21 work with one map. So to that end, we are ready for Los
22 Angeles.

23 MS. BRIGGS: Good morning, Commissioners. I'm going
24 to go over public input sources first I received for Los
25 Angeles County. I guess I should introduce myself. My

1 name's Kimberly Briggs. I'm the field team lead for LA
2 and Orange Counties.

3 So for visualization feedback, we received over 300
4 submissions. We received over 500 submissions for the
5 draw my community website. We've received over 450
6 submissions via live meetings, over 250 submissions via
7 email, 75 via letter, 3 via the website, and 3 via the
8 report, that referenced LA County. Please note records
9 that span multiple outreach zones are counted in more
10 than one.

11 The following is an overview of high level trends
12 derived from submissions to the Commission. This
13 overview is meant to provide Commissioners with some
14 samples of public input received. So I have them broken
15 down in geographical areas, as my colleagues have,
16 starting with the Santa Clarita Valley. Received some
17 direction to keep Simi Valley and Santa Clarita in the
18 same Congressional district, which is the Twenty-fifth.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Kimberly?

20 MS. BRIGGS: Yes.

21 CHAIR TURNER: I'm sorry. Go ahead.

22 MS. BRIGGS: We also received some direction to have
23 Simi Valley and Moorpark together. Some also referenced
24 including Thousand Oaks with this pair. Also heard some
25 submissions that Moorpark belongs with Ventura County,

1 not the San Fernando Valley and LA County. Also saying
2 that Simi Valley belongs in Ventura County. For the San
3 Gabriel Valley, stakeholders in cities like Alhambra, San
4 Gabriel Rosemead, and El Monte, which is the western San
5 Gabriel Valley, and Rowland Heights, Walnut, Hacienda
6 Heights, and Dunbar, which is the East San Gabriel
7 Valley, asking to be kept together. Some submissions say
8 that El Monte and South El Monte need to be kept whole.
9 And some submissions said that Pasadena should be
10 Glendale and Burbank.

11 Going to the San Fernando Valley, submissions
12 strongly insisted, they don't want any of the districts
13 to go South of Mulholland Drive and to the west side, and
14 to minimize splits within Valley neighborhoods. They
15 said if splits must occur, they need to have a minimum
16 fifty percent hold in that district, and if you do move,
17 you can go into Santa Clarita to the Northeast into the
18 San Gabriel Valley or west into Ventura, but absolutely
19 just don't go South.

20 We also received numerous submissions regarding the
21 Northern part of Sherman Oaks called POSO. They asked to
22 keep them united with the greater Sherman Oaks area in
23 all maps and districts. And then some comments mentioned
24 Calabasas and just letting you know that it shares
25 commonalities with the communities of Agora Hills, Hidden

1 Hills, and West Lake Village.

2 For the Antelope Valley, some submissions referenced
3 that the Twenty-fifth Congressional District has been
4 divided for some time. Part of the Antelope Valley is in
5 the Twenty-third, which includes Bakersfield and Fresno.
6 They say the Twenty-fifth needs to be the main place for
7 the Antelope Valley. And some submissions referenced
8 feeling like the red-headed stepchild of LA County.
9 They're concerned about underrepresentation and
10 attention. And for this reason, they want to be -- for
11 this reason, they want to be kept together to have a
12 strong voice.

13 And then some submissions, discussing the City of
14 Lancaster mentioned that they're split between two
15 Congressional districts, the Twenty-third and Twenty-
16 fifth, which doesn't make sense to them. Some referenced
17 preferring the city to be included in the Twenty-fifth
18 district whole.

19 For beach communities, most say they want to keep
20 the beach cities together. And some define this as Palos
21 Verdes up the coast to Santa Monica.

22 We also received a significant number of submissions
23 that strongly disagreed with visualizations that had Simi
24 Valley and Moorpark included in a district with Malibu,
25 due to different socioeconomic backgrounds and needs.

1 Now, I'm going to the greater LA area, and it's kind
2 of broken into subcategories. So for Northeast LA, we do
3 have limited submissions for this area. But stakeholders
4 did express concerns about gentrification and housing
5 affordability. One submission noted that Los Feliz is
6 split into two Senate districts, which makes no sense due
7 to their small size.

8 For west LA, some submissions said Hollywood and
9 west Hollywood should be together. And some submissions
10 referenced using the City of LA Neighborhood Council
11 boundaries as a guide, some referenced using the Westside
12 Council of Government as a guide, and overall just asking
13 to reduce the number of splits in unincorporated areas
14 and adjacent cities.

15 For East LA, some submissions referenced having
16 Boyle Heights and East LA together. And then some
17 submissions disagree with visualizations that group East
18 LA with Gateway Cities.

19 For South LA, a couple of submissions disagreed with
20 the visualization that broke apart South Central LA and
21 the Zapata-King Neighborhood Council from South LA and
22 added them to Northeast LA. South Central neighborhoods
23 want to stay whole and together. And then some
24 submissions disagreed with the visualizations of Senate
25 maps that reduce Senate seats from two to one in this

1 area.

2 For Harbor Gateway, responding to the
3 visualizations, some San Pedro submissions are asking to
4 not be included with Long Beach. Some are also saying
5 they don't want to be included with Palos Verdes either.
6 They're saying they have more in common with Harbor
7 Gateway communities in South LA.

8 For Gateway Cities, some submissions reference this
9 is an area where cutting up of districts happens a lot.
10 Pollution from freight and freeway traffic are big
11 concerns. Some submissions disagree with the
12 visualizations that group Gateway Cities, like Maywood
13 and Vernon with San Gabriel Valley communities. And a
14 few submissions wanted Cerritos and Artesia together in
15 LA County base districts, and the cities asked to be kept
16 whole.

17 For the South Bay and to Long Beach, submissions
18 asked to keep the South Bay coastal communities together.
19 And we also heard overwhelmingly from Long Beach to keep
20 them together. Some submissions are asking to keep
21 Torrance whole. And some submissions referenced making
22 sure the Palos Verdes peninsula is kept with the South
23 Bay. And again, this is just a high-level overview of
24 submissions submitted to the Commission.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Kim. Very, very helpful.

1 We appreciate it. We're going to move now to our mappers
2 and to -- is it Jamie, I believe, today?

3 MS. CLARK: It is Jamie, and we are going to start
4 with page 62 on your Assembly handout, please.

5 Thank you and good morning, everybody. This is
6 where you just left off with Tamina. This visualization
7 includes areas in Eastern Ventura County, including
8 Somis, Camarillo, Moorpark Santa Susana, Simi Valley,
9 Thousand Oaks areas. And additionally in, sort of very
10 Western Los Angeles County, include Agora Hills, West
11 Lake, Calabasas, Topanga, Malibu, and the Palisades area.
12 And Palisades here is split at Sunset.

13 And the next page is 60- --

14 CHAIR TURNER: Jamie, I'm sorry. But before you go
15 on.

16 Commissioner Akutagawa, is your hand up? Nope, I
17 see it.

18 Okay. Go ahead.

19 MS. CLARK: Thank you. And next going to the
20 Westside district. This is page 63. And this
21 visualization includes Santa Monica, Westwood, Westside
22 Neighborhood Council, West Los Angeles Neighborhood
23 Council, Palms, Mar Vista. This part of Culver City that
24 is West of 405, Del Rey, Marina Del Rey, and Westchester.

25 To the South Bay visualization -- this is on page

1 64. And this visualization includes El Segundo,
2 Manhattan Beach, Lawndale, Gardena, Torrance, which is
3 whole, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Palos Verdes,
4 Lomita, and Rolling Hills.

5 Then we're going to page 65. Okay. So this
6 visualization includes San Pedro, Wilmington, Carson,
7 West Carson, Harbor Gateway Cities, Compton, West Rancho
8 Dominguez, East Rancho Dominguez, and Watts, I believe
9 it's South of East 103rd, and that's just for population.

10 And next, we are going to page 66. This
11 visualization includes most of Long Beach, Signal Hill,
12 Lakewood, Hawaiian Gardens, Los Alamitos, and Rossmoor.

13 And next, we are going to page 67. So as you may
14 see from the bright yellow color, this is one of the
15 areas that we have been collaborating closely with your
16 VRA team to create this visualization. And of course,
17 working with Commission direction from last time. This
18 is includes -- in Orange County, La Palma, and the rest
19 of these are in Los Angeles County, including Artesia,
20 Cerritos, Norwalk, Bellflower, Downey, Bell Gardens,
21 Bell, Maywood, and Commerce. All of the cities that I
22 just named are whole and intact in this visualization.

23 And next, we are going to page 68 of the handout.
24 Okay. And in this visualization, which 7 -- sort of
25 follows the 710. Again, this is based on Commission

1 direction from last time. Includes Vernon, Huntington
2 Park, South Gate, Lynwood, Paramount, Northern part of
3 Long Beach, this unincorporated area, just west of Long
4 Beach. I'm going to zoom in to see some of the details
5 here on the Western -- Northwestern side of this area,
6 includes Florence-Firestone and Watts, North of 103rd.
7 And again, that was just for balancing population. And
8 this area that I just described to you also is part of
9 the area that we are working with your VRA team to
10 create.

11 And next, we're going to page 69 of the handout.
12 This visualization, which is on page 69 of the handout,
13 is on both sides of 110. In the City of Los Angeles it
14 includes much of the Arlington Heights, West Adams-
15 Jefferson Park community, historic South Central, Zapata
16 King, Empowerment Congress Central, Empowerment Congress
17 Southeast, Westmont, and again, just includes areas on
18 both sides of 110, and roughly up North bounded by the
19 10 -- pardon me, and to the South, 105.

20 And next, moving onto page 70 of the handout. And
21 again, page 70 of the handout, this visualization
22 includes Neighborhood Council areas of Olympic Park,
23 Pico, Mid City, West Adams, Park Mesa Heights, and
24 includes Culver City East of the 405, Madera Heights,
25 View Park, Inglewood, Lennox, Del Aire, Hawthorne, and

1 West Athens.

2 And next, we're going to page 71 of the handout,
3 just North of this area. Again, that's page 71 in the
4 handout. And this visualization includes South
5 Robertson, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Mid City West,
6 Greater Wilshire, Koreatown, East Hollywood, and
7 Hollywood Hills areas.

8 Next, we are going to page 72. And the
9 visualization on page 72 includes Pico, Union, Westlake
10 areas, Downtown, Lincoln Heights, LA 32. This area I'm
11 circling is generally the El Sereno area, East Los
12 Angeles, and Boyle Heights.

13 And next, we're going to page 73 of the
14 visualizations. And this visualization includes whole
15 and intact Glendale. I'm going to zoom in a little bit
16 more. Also includes South Pasadena, Eagle Rock, Echo
17 Park, Silver Lake, Los Feliz, and Hollywood United
18 Neighborhood Council.

19 And next, we are going to page 76, please. Okay.
20 Moving towards the San Gabriel Valley, and again, this is
21 an area that we worked with your VRA team on. And this
22 visualization includes Montebello, Pico Rivera, The
23 Whittiers, Whittier, West Whittier, East Whittier, South
24 Whittier. Also includes Santa Fe Springs, La Mirada, La
25 Habra Heights, Hacienda Heights, much of the City of

1 Industry, La Puente, Avocado Heights, South El Monte, and
2 Rose Hills.

3 And next, we're going to go to page 77. Again, an
4 area that we worked with your VRA team on. And this
5 visualization includes whole and intact, Glendora, Azusa.
6 It includes the area of Duarte, which is South of the
7 Angeles National Forest. Includes South Monrovia
8 Village, Mayflower Village, Irwindale, Baldwin Park, West
9 Puente Valley, Valinda, Covina, and West Covina.

10 And next, we're moving to page 75, please. And
11 again, an area we worked with your VRA team on. This
12 includes whole and intact the following cities, Arcadia,
13 North El Monte, El Monte, Temple City, East San Gabriel,
14 San Gabriel, South San Gabriel, San Marino, Rosemead,
15 Alhambra, and Monterey Park.

16 And now, we're going to go to San Fernando Valley,
17 then we'll go to Northern Los Angeles County, and then
18 head back East. So one moment, please.

19 Next is page 80. This visualization includes in
20 Ventura County, Bell Canyon, and in Los Angeles County
21 includes Hidden Hills and the areas of West Hills, Canoga
22 Park, Winnetka, Woodland Hills, Tarzana, Encino, Sherman
23 Oaks, Valley Village, Studio City, and Bel Air.

24 And next, we are going to go to page 81, please.
25 This visualization includes Reseda, Lake Balboa, North

1 Hills, much of Panorama City, North Hollywood West, North
2 Hollywood Neighborhood Council, Greater Valley Glen
3 Council, and Van Nuys.

4 And next, we're going to go to page 82. This
5 visualization includes Sylmar, City of San Fernando,
6 Mission Hills, Arleta, Pacoima, Sun Valley, Foothills
7 Trails District, Sunland-Tujunga, and Burbank.

8 And next, please, we'll go to page 84. And this
9 visualization includes Northridge, Granada Hills, Porter
10 Ranch, Chatsworth. And in the Santa Clarita Valley,
11 includes Santa Clarita, Stevenson Ranch, Val Verde, and
12 Castaic.

13 And next, we'll go to page 85, please. This
14 visualization includes Antelope Valley, and additionally
15 includes areas in Southern Kern County. It includes the
16 Tehachapi area, as well as the California City, Mojave,
17 Rosamond, Edwards Air Force Base, and Boron areas.

18 And finally, we're going to go to page 74, please.
19 This visualization includes areas along the 210 corridor
20 and to the North, areas in Angeles National Forest. This
21 includes La Crescenta, La Canada Flintridge, Altadena,
22 Pasadena, San Pasqual, Monrovia, Bradbury, the part of
23 Duarte that is in Angeles National Forest, San Dimas,
24 Claremont. All of those are in Los Angeles County. And
25 then in San Bernardino County, Northern areas of the City

1 of Upload, parts of Rancho Cucamonga, and then including
2 Lytle Creek and Wrightwood. And as part of the San
3 Bernardino Forest area and here Upload and Rancho
4 Cucamonga were split. They're adjacent to areas that
5 you'll go over with John later today. And those are
6 areas where there are VRA considerations.

7 So I'm going to zoom out and looking forward to
8 hearing your feedback.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Jamie. All right. Let's
10 see.

11 We'll start with Commissioner Sinay, please.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Jamie, we received
13 a lot of input from the San Fernando Valley. And so I
14 was hoping we could start there and you explain, kind of,
15 how we ended up going South of Mulholland Drive just to
16 understand that big picture.

17 MS. CLARK: Sure. Thank you for that question. I
18 will zoom into this area you're talking about, which
19 includes Bel Aire. Is this a specific visualization
20 you're looking at?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, where it goes down to Bel
22 Aire and -- yeah, exactly.

23 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So part of this -- part of this
24 is around as we were creating the statewide
25 visualization, so going from, you know, regional to

1 statewide. And all of the mappers were working together
2 to try and keep, you know, different areas together per
3 Commission direction. So part of this includes trying to
4 keep Oxnard to Piru COI intact. And then additionally,
5 had -- okay.

6 Additionally, I'm going to zoom out and go up to the
7 Antelope Valley area. So right now, this Antelope Valley
8 area is included with some of these areas in Kern. This,
9 in part, is also to try and keep the Oxnard-Piru area
10 together and to keep, sort of, the Santa Clarita Valley
11 intact.

12 Additionally, we had heard feedback from
13 Commissioners to keep these, Chatsworth, Northridge, et
14 cetera areas, with Santa Clarita Valley. And then
15 additionally, there are some other COIs in these areas
16 that were, I guess, just sort of trying -- there were
17 COIs and feedback about, for example, keeping Sherman
18 Oaks and Van Nuys separate, et cetera. So it's really
19 just a population, kind of, move and also about keeping
20 the Neighborhood Council of Bel Aire together.

21 It could be with an architecture or a structure like
22 this for the visualization, it could be split and
23 potentially not have that area go North into -- or North
24 of Mulholland and yeah -- and hadn't received any
25 direction to, you know, split it, and we're just trying

1 to follow the criteria and that is how that happened.

2 And I hope that that made sense.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

4 Commissioner Kennedy.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. You know,
6 in general, I want to say, I really admire this work. I
7 know it's very, very difficult, but you know, most of
8 these, in general terms, make a lot of sense to me. I
9 think there's certainly room at the margins in a lot of
10 these to make the kinds of adjustments that we want to
11 make over the next couple of weeks. But in general, I
12 think the architecture looks good to me.

13 I do have three questions. First of all, is it
14 possible, please, to make Watts whole? I'd really like
15 to see that happen, even if we have to rotate some
16 population around.

17 Second of all, is -- I couldn't tell from the
18 detail, but is Thai Town in the same district as
19 Koreatown?

20 And third, I'm not understanding why South El Monte
21 is not with El Monte because the district that South El
22 Monte is currently in is overpopulated by just over the
23 exact population of South El Monte, and the district --
24 the visualization in which El Monte currently sits is
25 under by a little bit less than that population. So to

1 me, it would seem to make sense to better balance those
2 two visualizations by shifting El Monte to be in the same
3 area with El Monte. Thank you.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Jamie?

5 MS. CLARK: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy, for
6 those questions. And I'm going to address them in
7 reverse order.

8 So in terms of South El Monte being with El Monte
9 and North El Monte, this visualization that the hand is
10 circling right now in West San Gabriel Valley, right now
11 is an area that we're working with your VRA team on. And
12 specifically looking at Asian CVAP. Adding South El
13 Monte to that area would bring the present Asian CVAP in
14 West San Gabriel Valley base district, as we're looking
15 at it right now, to below what we have been advised by
16 your VRA team to draw that district at for Asian CVAP.
17 And perhaps -- yeah, and I don't -- Mr. Becker might have
18 more to add to that.

19 MR. BECKER: Yeah, I'll just say I don't recall what
20 the -- can you tell me, Jamie, what is the Asian CVAP in
21 the current visualization in the West San Gabriel Valley
22 district?

23 MS. CLARK: One moment, please. And I believe that
24 it's fifty-three percent, actually.

25 MR. BECKER: Okay. And what would the -- what would

1 the additional South El Monte reduce it to?

2 MS. CLARK: I don't remember that off the top of my
3 head.

4 MR. BECKER: Okay.

5 MS. CLARK: And I did try it and it was below what
6 we had been --

7 MR. BECKER: So one of the things -- because I don't
8 recall that specific number. If the Commissioners want
9 to give an instruction to try that and see what the
10 numbers are, I think that would be appropriate. And we
11 can take a look at it. That is an area where Asian
12 populations clearly have required the protections of the
13 voting (indiscernible) for redistricting purposes.

14 MS. CLARK: And this is on page 75.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

16 Commissioner Kennedy, would you like to give that
17 direction?

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes, please.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So noted.

20 And Jamie, he had a couple of other questions.

21 MS. CLARK: Yes. Thank you.

22 Next is about if Thai Town and Koreatown are
23 together. This is the Koreatown Neighborhood Council
24 area. I'm also going to -- I have many layers on my map
25 and I am going to try and find also the -- finding the

1 correct layers. So here's the Thai Town COI. And it is
2 with the Koreatown area. We also have received COI input
3 from Koreatown, where the boundaries of Koreatown do go
4 into this area that is labeled as Greater Wilshire on the
5 map, and that is also whole and intact in this
6 visualization.

7 And then, finally, your question about Watts. So
8 this is a tricky one. And with the -- I will continue to
9 try to work with the VRA team and also find a way to keep
10 Watts intact. It could potentially include splitting a
11 city. It could include not including all of the Harbor
12 Gateway Cities with this, sort of, South LA version -- or
13 South LA visualization. Please excuse me. Or it could
14 include, for example, moving some of this area that is
15 currently in the 110 LA visualization out of that
16 visualization and with some of the Gateway Cities. So it
17 is a very tough spot.

18 And there also from Watts has been community of
19 interest testimony, where the Watts neighborhood is a
20 little bit larger than the Neighborhood Council
21 definition. And that's absolutely an area that I'm happy
22 to, like, really keep drilling into to try and keep that
23 whole. Thank you.

24 MS. SADHWANI: Would you remind us of the page
25 number for this visualization? Sorry to interrupt.

1 MS. TURNER: Could we have the page number of this
2 visualization?

3 MS. MAC DONALD: One second, please.

4 MR. KENNEDY: 65.

5 MS. CLARK: So it would be in 65 and 69.

6 MS. TURNER: Thank you.

7 Commissioner Vazquez?

8 MS. VAZQUEZ: Yes, thank you. Agree that this is, I
9 think, a good first pass at the architecture of Los
10 Angeles.

11 I have questions about the Northeast L.A. Assembly
12 district that includes South Pasadena. Mostly, would
13 love to hear just maybe from Mr. Becker what, if any, VRA
14 considerations are happening in this particular district.
15 And then whether or not there are considerations, would
16 just like to know the thought process behind this
17 particular district. And I'm particularly interested in
18 hearing -- so then third, would also like to hear what if
19 any feedback we have gotten from Highland Park residents.
20 So yeah, I'll stop there. Thank you.

21 MR. BECKER: I'll just say briefly -- thank you for
22 that question -- that the district that is next to it,
23 the West San Gabriel Valley, is that district which has
24 the significant Asian populations that are protected by
25 the Voting Rights Act. I'm not sure if there's anything

1 in that South Pasadena area -- I think that district
2 called Burbank North L.A., is that the one we're talking
3 about?

4 MS. VAZQUEZ: Yes.

5 MR. BECKER: Right, and Brown, yeah.

6 MS. VAZQUEZ: Yeah.

7 MR. BECKER: So Jaime, can you tell me what the CVAP
8 percentages in that district are?

9 MS. CLARK: In which district, please?

10 MR. BECKER: The brown one, Burbank North L.A.

11 MS. CLARK: So for this visualization, the percent
12 Latino CVAP is 28.38 percent. Percent Black CVAP is 3.07
13 percent. Percent Asian CVAP is 17.87 percent. Percent
14 White CVAP is 49.4 percent.

15 MR. BECKER: Right, so I think there's -- I think
16 that particular district, the Burbank North L.A.,
17 probably doesn't have any significant Voting Rights Act
18 considerations. Although, as I said, there are
19 populations that are very close to it that are
20 encompassed in other districts. I don't know if that
21 answers your question, Commissioner Vazquez, but I'd be
22 happy to look into that a little further if you want.

23 MS. VAZQUEZ: It does. That's sufficient. Thank
24 you.

25 MS. TURNER: And Commissioner Vazquez, Kim does have

1 information -- I think you were inquiring about Highland
2 Park. Would that be helpful, or are you good?

3 MS. VAZQUEZ: Yes.

4 MS. TURNER: Kim, if you would --

5 MS. VAZQUEZ: Highland Park.

6 MS. BRIGGS: On the website, under "data", there's
7 eleven submissions. I didn't get to go through all of
8 them, but one submission says "do not break apart Pico-
9 Union, Rampart, Historic Filipinotown, Boyle Heights,
10 East L.A., El Sereno, Lincoln Heights, Echo Park, Elysian
11 Valley, Arroyo Seco, Glassell Park, and Highland Park".

12 Another submission said, referencing El Sereno and
13 Highland Park, "El Sereno is part of L.A. and East of
14 Alhambra, East of the 710 Freeway and North of the 10
15 Freeway, keep my community whole as much as possible, my
16 city and the 51st Assembly district, 24th Senate, 34th
17 Congressional district, share in common with Highland
18 Park and Eagle Rock areas to the North".

19 Another references Highland Park in terms of an
20 LGBTQ community of interest. And I can search for more,
21 but that's what I've pulled right now.

22 MS. TURNER: Thank you.

23 Is that helpful, Commissioner Vazquez?

24 MS. VAZQUEZ: It is. That's all for now. Thank
25 you.

1 MS. TURNER: Thank you.

2 Commissioner Akutagawa?

3 MS. AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I am going to go back to the
4 San Gabriel Valley. I'm going to ask for a clarification
5 on the direction that Commissioner Kennedy gave for the
6 West San Gabriel Valley. Is it to add South El Monte to
7 that visualization? It's a little unclear. Yes? Okay,
8 thank you.

9 So this is where, I guess -- Chair, what do you want
10 us to do when I have a conflicting, I guess, instruction?

11 MS. TURNER: Yeah, so for now, since we're in
12 visualization still, we'd just like to note it that there
13 are a couple of different thoughts still. And we'll move
14 until we see some of the other districts, and then we'll
15 come back to it.

16 MS. AKUTAGAWA: Okay, so in this particular case, I
17 would like to see all of Arcadia added to this current
18 visualization as is, excluding South El Monte as it
19 currently stands right now. And just to see what it
20 would be with the inclusion of the entirety of Arcadia,
21 right now, it's a little under. So I think that should
22 work.

23 The next one that I'd like to go to is -- this is
24 the visualization that is the 5 corridor. This is on
25 page --

1 MS. TURNER: Before you from there?

2 MS. AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

3 MS. TURNER: So for Arcadia, Jaime, and that
4 wondering, not just yet an instruction, that Commissioner
5 Akutagawa had, and perhaps an instruction, what does
6 that -- does that number work? Does it change? I think
7 that's a VRA area. What's your immediate thoughts on
8 that?

9 MS. CLARK: Happy to explore that.

10 MS. TURNER: Perfect. Okay, great. Good answer.

11 Okay, Commissioner Akutagawa, go ahead, please.

12 MS. AKUTAGAWA: Okay, thank you. Next one is I'd
13 like to move to the 5 corridor visualization on page 67.
14 So on this particular one, I think the inclusion of
15 Cerritos and Artesia and La Palma is a little odd within
16 this particular visualization. I'd like to -- I'm going
17 to need some help from the line drawers on this. But I'd
18 like to suggest adding the City of Vernon to this
19 particular visualization.

20 I know that it is not touching the 5 Freeway. But
21 as someone who drives through these neighborhoods to
22 avoid the traffic congestion of the 5, I think that they
23 do feel the effects of the 5 because, the GPS, they are
24 sending all of us through those neighborhoods. And so I
25 know that there's -- that's something that I wanted us to

1 take a look at in terms of the impacts of that.

2 And then also, too, it was already slightly under
3 the deviation in terms of population. I'd like to
4 suggest -- and this is where I'm going to need some help
5 from the line drawers, too. I do understand that it's
6 going to have ripple effects to that Southern part with
7 the removal of Cerritos and Artesia and La Palma.

8 I'd like to also see the impacts of, perhaps, for
9 population purposes -- but I think it would still be
10 alignment with the VRA, adding either Pico Rivera or
11 Santa Fe Springs or maybe portions of Pico Rivera and
12 possibly all of Santa Fe Springs, only because they do
13 also butt up against the 5, except they're on the other
14 side of the 5. But they do share similarities with some
15 of the other cities in that area. And again, I think I
16 would need some guidance from the line drawers, both --
17 in terms of what that would do in terms of population.

18 MS. CLARK: Sure. Could I please ask --

19 MS. AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

20 MS. CLARK: -- a couple of questions? One note is
21 that Vernon has less than 300 people.

22 MS. AKUTAGAWA: Yes, I saw that. I was --

23 MS. CLARK: Okay, yeah.

24 MS. AKUTAGAWA: I thought maybe that was a typo. It
25 said 226, and we thought, okay.

1 MS. CLARK: No, yeah, it's not very --

2 MS. AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I know, so I mean, maybe it
3 doesn't make that much of an impact. But I would like to
4 also request the removal of Cerritos, La Palma, and
5 Artesia from that grouping.

6 MS. CLARK: Thank you, and happy to look at that.
7 And just wanted to clarify that there's a preference for
8 that and then potentially having Montebello or Pico
9 Rivera split if it couldn't be -- if they can be wholly
10 included for population?

11 MS. AKUTAGAWA: Yes, yes.

12 MS. CLARK: Okay.

13 MS. AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Any other clarifications, and
14 then I'll -- otherwise, I'll move on.

15 MS. SINAY: Linda, Commissioner Akutagawa, can you
16 explain -- and you might have said it and I blanked out,
17 I'm sorry -- why Bellflower, Artesia, and Cerritos --

18 MS. AKUTAGAWA: Not Bellflower, just Cerritos,
19 Artesia, and La Palma.

20 MS. SINAY: -- and La Palma, why you want to pull
21 them out, and?

22 MS. AKUTAGAWA: At least with those cities, one,
23 there is -- I think there's -- socioeconomically, I think
24 there is a difference in terms of the populations that
25 are there, also much more heavily Asian. It may make

1 sense to look at them with some of the other cities like
2 Buena Park, even though there is some -- there is more of
3 a working-class community in places like Buena Park, La
4 Habra.

5 I think they see themselves probably more similar in
6 terms of, I think -- just thinking about what communities
7 go with other communities, my understanding is that they
8 would align themselves more with the Orange County
9 communities less so than the North L.A. Gateway Cities.
10 Does that help? Okay.

11 So for the line drawers, any other questions?
12 Otherwise, I will move on to the next one that I'd like
13 to ask about.

14 This would be the one that we were also just talking
15 about. I guess maybe, since Vernon is only 226, it may
16 not make an impact. I was going to say, if you move
17 Vernon out, would you be able to then move all of Watts
18 into that 710 gateway visualization?

19 MS. CLARK: No.

20 MS. AKUTAGAWA: I'm seeing a no. Okay, all right.
21 Ignore that, then. All right.

22 And one last thing, and this is about the
23 visualizations that were asked about. You were talking
24 about maybe possibly splitting Bel Air, and I also wanted
25 to suggest or perhaps give direction. Looking at the

1 West side visualization, this is maybe more broadly
2 looking at it.

3 I know that there's some comments about Malibu,
4 about their inclusion with some of the West Valley
5 communities. They are rural. However, if it helps,
6 perhaps we should look at splitting Malibu, and maybe in
7 a -- I guess it would be what, East-West? Is that how it
8 would be instead of, like -- vertically instead of
9 horizontally, so then the Eastern portion being more
10 towards L.A.?

11 If that helps in terms of -- and I say that because
12 as you're maybe relooking at some of those other
13 communities based on what Commissioner Kennedy was also
14 asking about, I'm also conscious about, I think other,
15 communities of interest that are in that particular area
16 that border the airport area. And there's some historic
17 neighborhoods there, too, that we've gotten COI testimony
18 on. And so if that gives you flexibility, then I wanted
19 to suggest splitting Malibu, also. Thank you.

20 MS. CLARK: Just a quick question for the room.
21 Where would you have Bel Air?

22 MS. AKUTAGAWA: As in grouped with? West side.

23 MS. TURNER: Kim, I know you're researching
24 something else, but while we're discussing -- scrap the
25 other and just if you would search Bel Air.

1 And we'll be right back with you.

2 MS. AKUTAGAWA: I would say it's the West side, like
3 UCLA, not the Valley, definitely not the Valley.

4 MS. CLARK: Agree.

5 MS. TURNER: Okay. Well, we agree, Kim. We don't
6 need to --

7 Commissioner Taylor?

8 MR. TAYLOR: Good morning, and I know this is tough
9 work.

10 On page 72, as we look at East L.A. and those
11 areas -- and again, I think communities have a lot in
12 common. So I don't always think of it from an
13 exclusionary point of view, but where do these
14 communities best fit together so that they can elect of
15 candidate of their choice.

16 I think that Los Feliz and Silver Lake is slightly
17 out of place, for lack of a better term. And I'm
18 wondering if we can play around maybe with moving those,
19 as Silver Lake is a Northern border, or Eastern border,
20 to those other communities of Echo Park, Elysian Valley,
21 Arroyo Seco. And then to the South, we have East L.A.,
22 Lincoln Heights, and all those communities. Those
23 communities are bound by culture, history, displacement,
24 and a number of other socioeconomic issues that I think
25 those communities of Los Feliz and Silver Lake don't

1 experience. So I think that's something that binds them
2 together. Thank you.

3 MS. CLARK: Could I please ask a clarifying
4 question?

5 MR. TAYLOR: Of course.

6 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Is the direction to try and
7 add Echo Park with the other communities in this
8 visualization?

9 MR. TAYLOR: When I look at it and I read some of
10 the feedback, Echo Park, Cypress, Arroyo, Glassell, they
11 have a lot of commonalities, as well. And we get that in
12 the feedback. They have commonalities with Lincoln,
13 Lincoln Heights, some of the Downtown L.A. communities.
14 So from what I'm reading, that little triangle, or it's a
15 triangle in my mind, they fit together.

16 And although there's separation in those
17 communities, I can see the community of interest on each
18 side of that border that we have there. And again, my
19 division seems to be in that Los Feliz and Silver Lake
20 don't experience some of the same issues that those other
21 communities share. So when I think of who I would want
22 to represent me in those -- those issues of those
23 communities don't necessary touch the surrounding area as
24 much. And we're always going to have pieces or places
25 that are just different. But I think Los Feliz and

1 Silver Lake can be vastly different than those other
2 communities.

3 I'm sorry, Jaime.

4 MS. CLARK: One moment.

5 MR. TAYLOR: And in reading the community input, as
6 well.

7 MS. TURNER: Our mappers are back just for one
8 minute, and we'll stand ready, stand down.

9 MS. MAC DONALD: Could we please just clarify --
10 okay. So you would like to look into keeping Echo Park
11 and Cypress with Lincoln Heights in the green district,
12 if possible.

13 MR. TAYLOR: If possible, but --

14 MS. MAC DONALD: If possible, yeah. And then
15 keeping Silver Lake and Los Feliz together in the
16 separate district, basically?

17 MR. TAYLOR: Correct.

18 MS. MAC DONALD: And then can you talk about
19 Glassell Park really quickly?

20 MR. TAYLOR: Glassell Park has some similarities as
21 Echo Park and Elysian Valley.

22 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay, so if we were to move, of
23 course, Echo Park and Cypress and Glassell Park out of
24 this visualization that's already unpopulated, do you
25 have a general idea about where that might move?

1 MR. TAYLOR: That's a good question.

2 MS. CLARK: I'm going to --

3 MS. TURNER: And Commissioner, were you saying move
4 out Glassell Park, too? I got -- which way were you
5 saying?

6 MR. TAYLOR: Yeah, and again, just as we think of
7 visualizations, it's a tough question. I'm still
8 wrestling with that, but I just didn't necessarily say.
9 Karin, I wish had all the answers right now. I would
10 roll it down and throw out a map, but that's what I'm
11 feeling.

12 MS. MAC DONALD: We would love to have all the
13 answers right now, also. And so why don't we take a look
14 at it and then let you know what we find?

15 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you. That would be perfect.

16 MS. CLARK: And if I may, I think that a lot of what
17 you're talking about is possibly, definitely, for a
18 larger district than Assembly.

19 MR. TAYLOR: Good.

20 MS. TURNER: Thank you.

21 Commissioner Sinay?

22 MS. SINAY: Thank you, Chair. I just had a
23 clarifying question. On the 110 and the North L.A., page
24 69 and page 72, are those not VRA districts, as well? So
25 page 69 and page 72.

1 MS. MAC DONALD: That would be a Mr. Becker
2 question.

3 MS. SINAY: Mr. Becker?

4 MR. BECKER: I don't have the pages. Can you refer
5 to them by the district names? That might be helpful.

6 MS. SINAY: Yes, it is the 110 L.A. and the North
7 L.A., NLA.

8 MR. BECKER: Jaime, can I ask you to put the old
9 Assembly districts on there?

10 MS. CLARK: These generally are looking at old
11 Assembly districts, 59 --

12 MR. BECKER: Yeah.

13 MS. CLARK: -- 53, 51.

14 MR. BECKER: Thank you. Sorry about that. I'm just
15 trying to get -- that was an area where we think it's
16 unlikely that all three Gingles -- in the area of old
17 District 59 where -- which is mostly overlaid with that
18 110 L.A. district. It's an area where it appears the
19 third Gingles precondition is likely not met.

20 MS. SINAY: Okay, and then for the other one?

21 MR. BECKER: What was the other one?

22 MS. SINAY: North L.A., the green one.

23 MR. BECKER: Can you put the Assembly districts back
24 in there, please, the old ones? It looks like --

25 MS. CLARK: It's generally looking at --

1 MR. BECKER: -- 51 and 53?

2 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

3 MR. BECKER: Yeah, same answer. It looks like the
4 third Gingles precondition is likely not met in those
5 areas.

6 MS. SINAY: Okay, thanks. And then I had kind of a
7 clarifying question, and it might be that it just comes
8 up later for Commissioner Akutagawa. We were looking at
9 the currently VRA district on page 67. I understood why
10 the Southern part would -- that it might make more sense
11 to move it. But how would we keep the VRA -- was there a
12 recommendation on how to keep the VRA without moving into
13 the other two that are already VRA districts?

14 Because communities of interest are important, but
15 that's the fourth priority, and VRA is the second. So I
16 was just trying to see, did you have a thought on where
17 we would get more?

18 MR. BECKER: Was that a question of Commissioner
19 Akutagawa or a question of --

20 MS. SINAY: Commissioner Akutagawa.

21 MR. BECKER: Yeah.

22 MS. SINAY: If she had thought about that, or if you
23 had, Commissioner.

24 MS. AKUTAGAWA: Oh, sorry.

25 MS. SINAY: Because I mean, I was thinking you might

1 be able to go North, but then that's a whole nother
2 community, the East L.A., Boyle Heights, but just a way
3 to maintain that VRA.

4 MS. AKUTAGAWA: So are you asking if --

5 MS. SINAY: If you had some thoughts, if you had
6 thought about that, if we --

7 MS. AKUTAGAWA: Like what other -- to pick up the
8 additional VRA districts? Or if we remove -- because
9 Cerritos, Artesia, and La Palma, I don't think will
10 greatly impact the VRA numbers. And I also did think
11 about Santa Fe Springs and Pico Rivera. I think they're
12 also still part of the -- you'll see it's still part of
13 the larger yellow. So it would still keep it in
14 compliance, or it should. According to the yellow, it
15 should still keep it in compliance with a proposed VRA
16 district.

17 MS. SINAY: But then they're going to need more
18 people.

19 MR. BECKER: Jaime, this might --

20 MS. SINAY: Yeah, there's an align --

21 MR. BECKER: It might assist the Commissioners here.
22 Can you remind us what the Latino CVAP is in the 5
23 corridor district?

24 MS. CLARK: 58.57.

25 MR. BECKER: Okay. I think that's likely at a level

1 where there's room to explore some other visualizations
2 if you like.

3 MS. SINAY: Yeah, I just wanted to make sure that we
4 don't lose a VRA, obviously. That was it. Thank you so
5 much.

6 MS. TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

7 We're about six minutes out from a break, just FYI.

8 Commissioner Fernandez, you're out next, followed by
9 Commissioner Kennedy.

10 MS. FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Mine is quick
11 since others have already asked most of the questions.

12 Jaime, I think I know the answer to this one. But
13 on 66 and 68, I believe, we split Orange -- I mean, Long
14 Beach. And I'm wondering, that's probably because of VRA
15 considerations? I just wanted to confirm that.

16 MS. CLARK: Yeah, that's for VRA considerations and
17 population.

18 MS. FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

19 MS. CLARK: Yeah, thank you.

20 MS. TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy?

21 Good job, Commissioner.

22 Commissioner Kennedy?

23 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Two things.

24 First of all, just wanted to remark that, of
25 Artesia, Cerritos, and La Palma, two of those, Artesia

1 and Cerritos, are members of the Gateway Council of
2 Governments; La Palma is not. So I don't know if we want
3 to take that into consideration.

4 Second of all, Jaime, could you show us where
5 Historic Filipinotown ended up in this? Because my
6 recollection is that we wanted it either in the district
7 with Chinatown and Little Tokyo or with Koreatown and
8 Thai Town. And I'm hoping that we haven't stranded it.

9 MS. CLARK: I believe it's here with Koreatown and
10 Thai Town.

11 MR. KENNEDY: Is it, though? I'm thinking it's a
12 little bit East of that, but I may be wrong.

13 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I will verify.

14 MR. KENNEDY: Okay, thank you.

15 MS. CLARK: And if it's not, then we'll move it in.

16 MR. KENNEDY: Okay, thank you.

17 MS. TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa had a response
18 to that.

19 MS. AKUTAGAWA: Historic Filipinotown is along
20 Temple. I think if you look towards where it says
21 "historic culture North", and it could actually be -- to
22 Commissioner Kennedy's point, it could be -- you've got
23 to go a little South of the 101, actually. Yeah, so
24 around -- see that Beverly Boulevard? And can you just
25 zoom in, like, a lot more? Sorry, I can't see anything.

1 It's, like, around -- do you see Temple, also?

2 MR. KENNEDY: Yeah. See, it's in that brown pocket
3 South of the 101.

4 MS. FERNANDEZ: Yeah, yeah, yeah, there it is, yes.

5 MR. KENNEDY: That's what I was thinking.

6 MS. FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

7 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thank you for flagging that.

8 MR. KENNEDY: Thanks.

9 MS. TURNER: Thank you.

10 Commissioner -- okay, three minutes, Commissioner
11 Sadhwani and then Commissioner Vazquez.

12 MS. SADHWANI: All right. We're jumping around the
13 map a lot here. So I have some scattered thoughts, but
14 I'm going to do my best.

15 I want us to -- on the conversation around Watts, I
16 don't have strong direction here. But I just want to be
17 cautious of the COI testimony we've received and what's
18 happening in these areas, particularly for African
19 American COIs that we've heard a lot of testimony from.
20 I believe the thought was keeping the other -- Watts,
21 Compton, and West Adams. Did we do that? Where is West
22 Adams on this map? All the way up top, yeah, so we're
23 kind of splitting across those. So I just want to raise
24 that. I don't have a strong recommendation at this point
25 in time, but I want to be cautious of it.

1 While I have the floor, I wanted to weigh in on a
2 couple of other pieces that have been raised. Cerritos,
3 Artesia, I hear what Commissioner Akutagawa is saying.
4 Socioeconomically, yes, there are very real differences
5 between Cerritos, Artesia, and Commerce, Bell Gardens, et
6 cetera. But I can also see them being connected, as
7 well. Like, I could see it going both ways.

8 But considering that this is a VRA consideration
9 district, open to exploring. But I would also be
10 comfortable with this, as well, if this was the ultimate
11 determination of how we need to meet our obligations. I
12 think Cerritos and Artesia, from what I know of them --
13 and a part of that is, right, like, there is -- Little
14 India kind of falls in this area in Norwalk along Pioneer
15 Boulevard. And so Cerritos is a very mixed, racially
16 mixed, neighborhood, and so I think it could work. It
17 could work in this way, and I think we're also open to
18 exploring other options.

19 The other piece, Echo Park, that Commissioner Taylor
20 had raised, going further back up North, I hear what
21 you're saying, Commissioner Taylor. At the same time, I
22 could certainly see why you might want to put Echo Park
23 with Lincoln Heights and other areas and separating it
24 from Silver Lake. I can also see it going with Silver
25 Lake, as well. And I think about, you know, the 2

1 Freeway, the 5, that kind of run through that area. I do
2 think it's a major corridor from Glendale, La Crescenta
3 area. Even the combination of South Pas and the Northern
4 parts of Glendale, I think goes up to, like, La Crescenta
5 sort of area. Is that correct? Yeah, right up in here.

6 South Pas and La Crescenta are interesting places.
7 You have a lot of folks moving there who are working at
8 places like USC and Downtown L.A., for the school
9 districts and whatnot. So it's a tough part because I
10 think these are neighborhoods that are in flux, but I
11 could see something like this working.

12 And overall, I think that the general
13 architecture -- yes, definitely some changes here and
14 there. But the general architecture that's been laid out
15 for Los Angeles is something I feel really comfortable
16 with at this point in time. And certainly, we can
17 continue to make some shifts. But really well done,
18 Jaime. Thank you.

19 MS. TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

20 Right before we go to break, Commissioner Vazquez
21 had a quick comment.

22 MS. VAZQUEZ: Thank you so much, Chair. I'll keep
23 it brief.

24 Commissioner Taylor, in particular, I would love to
25 continue to be thinking about this Burbank North L.A.

1 Assembly district. I absolutely honor and validate and
2 have heard the community input about places like Echo
3 Park and Glassell Park -- honestly, even Eagle Rock,
4 Highland Park -- sharing a similar history to the folks,
5 I think is really captured in the North L.A. district
6 just South of it.

7 My concern is just that, given how much and how
8 quickly gentrification is impacting all of these
9 neighborhoods, and as you see -- as you can see in the
10 CVAP numbers for the Burbank North L.A. district, those
11 communities are changing so rapidly. My concern, by
12 drawing a district that pairs rapidly already gentrified
13 districts with North L.A. districts, that we may be
14 diluting the voting power of folks in the North L.A.
15 Assembly district. So want to keep thinking about how we
16 can -- how we can find maybe a third way. I'm just not
17 sure I see it here for the Assembly districts.

18 Thanks so much.

19 MS. TURNER: Thank you. With that, Commissioner
20 Sadhwani, we'll come back to you after break. And
21 then -- no, hands down?

22 Okay, so we'll start with you, Commissioner Sinay
23 after break. Fifteen-minute break, everyone.

24 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 12:52 p.m.
25 until 1:32 p.m.)

1 MS. TURNER: Thank you so much, and welcome back
2 from our break. We left and we had a few hands that were
3 up, and we're going to continue in that process.

4 Commissioner Sinay? Commissioner Sinay?

5 MS. SINAY: Thank you, Chair. I hope everyone had a
6 great break. I just wanted to make sure -- because I
7 didn't look it up, so I'm just going to ask -- that we
8 heal the divide in the Wilshire district, that they were
9 asking us to make sure -- I forgot how -- what their logo
10 was. But I didn't want to -- I wanted to make -- I just
11 want to ask if we did look at that and if we resolved
12 that. Thank you.

13 MS. CLARK: Yeah, so greater Wilshire is whole and
14 intact in this visualization.

15 MS. TURNER: Thank you.

16 And just a quick reminder for those in the room. I
17 just want to make sure we have our videos on for our
18 court reporter.

19 And any other hands, any other comments, for this
20 area before we move to our next phase? Going around,
21 okay, we do have one quick hand. Commissioner Andersen?

22 MS. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair.

23 It was actually on page 77, which, I'll have to tell
24 you the name of the area. And actually, it is a VRA
25 consideration, so I don't know if this is a possibility.

1 But the town of Azusa, we had from COI inputs, and that
2 that area is a gateway to the San Gabriel Mountains. And
3 it's also, for lots of people, specifically for
4 minorities, for engaging, pushing minority engagement, in
5 the outdoors. And I was wondering if, if we do Azusa
6 out, that would, of course, affect the population. And
7 I'm wondering, if we put La Puente in, if that would
8 accommodate things, and I don't know if that's a
9 possibility. I'd just like the --

10 MS. CLARK: We'll take a look at it, yeah.

11 MS. ANDERSEN: -- if you'd have a look at that.
12 Great. Thank you.

13 MS. TURNER: Okay, so we'll explore that area.
14 Thank you.

15 If there are no other comments for Jaime, we're
16 going to move to the Inland area. And John is ready.

17 Andrew?

18 MR. DRECHSLER: Thank you, Chair. I'll just pass it
19 over to John. We're going to do the Inland, starting
20 from the North and going to the South. And John will be
21 walking through these and giving page numbers as we go
22 through.

23 MS. TURNER: Okay. Is there a summary that we're
24 going to have for this area, Marcy? Oh, a different
25 Andrew. You started going with it. I got confused, too.

1 I'm like, okay. He's on? Okay.

2 Andrew, we're ready for you, the other Andrew.

3 (Pause)

4 MS. TURNER: Andrew, if you're talking, you're
5 muted, and your video is off, so we can't see you or hear
6 you.

7 MR. AMORAO: Okay. Just give me a second, Chair.
8 Let me pull up -- Chair, did you want me to do the other
9 zones that I have written this high-level narrative for,
10 as well? Should I go through the whole thing?

11 MS. TURNER: Yes, please.

12 MR. AMORAO: Okay, great.

13 Hello, everyone. Hello, Commissioners. Hello,
14 public. My name is Andrew Amorao. I'm the Southern
15 California field team lead responsible for the Inland
16 Empire, which includes San Bernardino counties, or San
17 Bernardino County, Riverside County, as well as the San
18 Diego region, which is San Diego County and Imperial
19 County.

20 The following is an overview of high-level trends
21 derived from submissions to the Commission. This
22 overview is meant to provide Commissioners with examples
23 input received. So this is going to be a tally of public
24 input sources, so visualization feedback. And I should
25 note, too, these are for Zones I, J, and K, so this also

1 includes Orange County.

2 The visualization feedback that we've received from
3 the form is 258. The Draw My California Community
4 website, we've received 552. Live meetings, we've
5 received 502. Excuse me. Draw My California Community
6 website was 552. Live meetings was 502. Emails was 355.
7 Letters were 60. CRC website was three. And via a
8 report was two. And as you already know, records that
9 span multiple outreach zones are counted in this tally
10 more than once.

11 So first, I will discuss Zone J, which is Orange
12 County. So we've had a significant number of
13 stakeholders requesting to keep Little Saigon together,
14 which many have identified as Westminster, West Santa
15 Ana, West Garden Grove, Midway City, and North Fountain
16 Valley.

17 Several stakeholders also submitted input to keep
18 Little Arabia together in Anaheim because of shared
19 interest around businesses, faith, and culture.

20 A handful of stakeholders mentioned the cities and
21 communities around the 57 Freeway and their shared
22 interests with each other rather than the wealthier
23 communities to the West.

24 Many stakeholders discussed keeping Orange County
25 coastal cities from as far North as Seal Beach to San

1 Clemente together because of environmental issues such as
2 shoreline erosion and the recent oil spill.

3 We also heard more input from stakeholders to keep
4 South Orange County and North San Diego County separate
5 rather than together in the same districts.

6 We received a significant amount of input from
7 stakeholders about being grouped together with
8 communities in Southeastern Los Angeles County.

9 We also received a fair amount of input from
10 stakeholders requesting to be drawn together in a
11 district that includes Gateway Cities and Los Angeles
12 County with communities in Orange County along the
13 Pacific Ocean, and their communities have shared
14 interests.

15 And several stakeholders have shared that they would
16 like their district to encompass the 405 and 55 Freeways
17 East of Harbor Boulevard where the main streets are
18 Bristol and Main Street in Santa Ana.

19 Next, I have Zone I, which is San Bernardino and
20 Riverside Counties. A significant number of stakeholders
21 requested keeping East Coachella Valley, up to and
22 including the City of Indio, with communities along the
23 Imperial County border because of the shared
24 environmental and health issues caused by the Salton Sea.

25 Several stakeholders asked for the Morongo Basin,

1 which includes the incorporated cities of Yucca Valley
2 and Twentynine Palms, to be included with other High
3 Desert communities because of shared geography, climate,
4 and excuse me, economies.

5 A few stakeholders in the tri-community area, which
6 is Phelan, Pinon Hills, and Wrightwood, want to be
7 considered as a community of interest due to the region's
8 rural setting, limited broadband access, and shared
9 emergency services.

10 A large number of stakeholders requested that Big
11 Bear has more in common with San Bernardino County
12 residents as opposed to suburban residents in Riverside
13 County around issues such as wildfires, changes of
14 season, and recreational activities.

15 A handful of stakeholders from Palm Desert -- from
16 Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs, and Cathedral City,
17 requested to be considered as a single LGBTQ+ community
18 of interest.

19 And stakeholders from Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet,
20 and San Jacinto, asked to be included in the same
21 Assembly, Senate, and Congressional districts, due to
22 shared interests, around culture, faith, and historical
23 events, such as Juneteenth and Kwanzaa.

24 Next is Zone K, which is the Imperial and San Diego
25 Counties. Several stakeholders submitted input to keep

1 Barrio Logan, Sherman Heights, and Logan Heights,
2 together, but not to be included with the City of
3 Coronado.

4 We also heard from a large number of stakeholders
5 from Southeast San Diego, which include the neighborhoods
6 such as City Heights, Encanto, Skyline, and Paradise
7 Hills, and the cities of Spring Valley, Lemon Grove, and
8 El Cajon, requesting to be kept together because of their
9 shared interests around their experiences as immigrants
10 and people of color, housing, quality of life, and
11 education.

12 Many stakeholders from the 78 Freeway corridor,
13 which includes the cities of Oceanside, Vista, San
14 Marcos, and Escondido, and Marine base Camp Pendleton,
15 submitted input wanting to be together because of their
16 shared interests around transportation, similar
17 demographics, and existing geographic and natural
18 boundaries. In addition, a few stakeholders also shared
19 that Vista should be kept whole.

20 We also received input from the communities such as
21 Alpine, Jamul, Poway, and Ramona, that requested to be
22 together as part of an East San Diego County COI.

23 And as I mentioned before, we've received strong
24 input from the Imperial County stakeholders that want
25 communities in the Imperial Valley to be included with

1 Eastern Coachella Valley because of the shared
2 environmental concerns and health issues associated with
3 the Salton Sea, as well as similar demographics.

4 And that concludes my presentation.

5 MS. TURNER: Beautiful, thank you. Thank you. All
6 right, Andrew, and stick around; if we have questions,
7 we'll come back to you.

8 Now, if we'd please have John.

9 MR. O'NEILL: Okay, great. First, just a brief
10 apology. I was asked this morning to totally change the
11 order of the presentation, so the slides will -- I'll
12 have to jump around a little bit. Sorry about that.

13 So I'll be starting here in -- well, actually,
14 before I get started, Andrew, any last comments? All
15 right, great. So I'll be starting here in the North with
16 San Bernardino. I'll move South through some of these
17 potential VRA area districts into Riverside, and then go
18 over into Orange County, and then work South into San
19 Diego, which is where I'll end.

20 So the first district I'm going to start off with is
21 on page 111. That's the second-to-last page. It's this
22 Victor Valley/High Desert region that's in green. And so
23 you can see here some of the communities that are kept
24 whole. As I'm going through, I'll just mention some of
25 the Commissioner direction or some of the communities of

1 interest that I was considering in producing these
2 districts. On the slides themselves, you'll see what
3 some of the cities are that are kept whole.

4 So here, of course, I received Commissioner
5 direction to keep this Victor Valley community whole, as
6 well as COI testimony reflecting the same, and some COI
7 testimony requesting that Lucerne Valley be included in
8 that, and also that Big Bear Lake and Big Bear City be
9 kept with Lucerne Valley.

10 Shifting South, this is on page 91. This is
11 called -- it refers to Pomona, Chino, Ontario. This
12 reaches in -- it's in yellow because this is in a
13 potential VRA area. It reaches into Los Angeles. We
14 received a great deal of community of interest testimony
15 requesting that Pomona be kept in a district with a San
16 Bernardino district. And with the previous
17 visualization, I also received requests from
18 Commissioners to keep Ontario whole as opposed to a prior
19 configuration that divided Ontario.

20 Additionally, this border up here to the North where
21 it's dividing Upland, we'd received some community of
22 interest testimony asking for North Upland to be kept
23 with Northern Rancho Cucamonga, Alta Loma, and the San
24 Bernardino Forest.

25 Shifting East, this next district is on the next

1 page, 92, titled R-C-F-O-N-I-R-A, that refers to Rancho
2 Cucamonga, Fontana, Rialto. Again, as I noted, this
3 border here, this is based on the community of interest
4 submission that we'd received asking for this Northern
5 portion to be kept in a district with the Northern
6 communities, separate from the rest of Rancho Cucamonga,
7 this border of Rialto where it follows the 10. And then,
8 of course, another request that we had received was for
9 Fontana and Rialto to be kept together. That's not
10 wholly accomplished, but substantial portions are kept
11 together.

12 Shifting again to the East, this district is on the
13 next page. It's on page 93. This is called SBHIGRED, so
14 this is San Bernardino, Highland, Redlands. Let me just
15 take a look. There was a Commissioner request in a
16 prior -- or a version of this -- a similar visualization,
17 a request to remove Grand Terrance and incorporate that
18 into a Riverside district. I was able to do that here,
19 which we had also received community of interest
20 testimony about.

21 Shifting South now, again, onto the next page, 94,
22 into Riverside, this next district is called JURRIVCIT,
23 as in Jurupa/Riverside city. This is on page 94, as I
24 said. And these divisions here in Riverside are
25 following the neighborhood boundaries as I was able to

1 find them from a Riverside City official neighborhoods
2 map, and as was requested by Commissioners.

3 Shifting to the East, also on the next page, this is
4 MORPEHEM. This is another district in a -- by the way,
5 let me just pause. All these districts I've been
6 showing, which are very strongly yellow, are districts
7 which are in potential VRA areas. This is also one of
8 those. This district can -- I previously presented a
9 similar visualization to this to the Commission. One
10 request that Commissioners made was that East Hemet be
11 included in that district, so I've added that in.

12 And there was also a question from some
13 Commissioners in a previous meeting about whether we had
14 been incorporating the public testimony or community of
15 interest input that requested for Moreno Valley, Perris,
16 and Hemet -- or Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet, and San
17 Jacinto -- to be kept whole in a district. And so this
18 would be an example of where that's incorporated into a
19 district.

20 Continuing North and to the East, this is a -- we'll
21 have to -- oh, we'll have to jump here. This is to page
22 110, so this is the district in red. This is called
23 MORCOA, on page 110. So I'm showing here the entirety of
24 district, and then I'm just going to zoom in to the
25 Southwestern half just so that you can see the city

1 names, since that's where the population tends to be
2 concentrated.

3 So this primarily contains the Morongo Basin,
4 Northern portions of the Coachella Valley, which was
5 again, a Commissioner request. And then also, we
6 received some community of interest testimony requesting,
7 for example, that African American communities in
8 Beaumont, Banning, and Desert Hot Springs, be kept
9 together, which is something else that this particular
10 district is accomplishing. And this border -- well, I'll
11 get to that with the next district.

12 So moving to the next district, and again, I
13 apologize. You'll have to jump. This is on page 90, and
14 this is called S-E-C-A for Southeast California. This is
15 shaded in yellow because this is a district in a
16 potential VRA area. So you can see here that this
17 district takes in all of Imperial. And actually, I
18 received quite a bit of Commissioner direction on this
19 particular district, so let me just run through what I'm
20 doing here.

21 So the first piece of direction, of course, which
22 was incorporated into prior visualizations, was to
23 incorporate Imperial, as well as some tribal area
24 community of interest submissions that we'd received in
25 Riverside and Eastern San Diego, and that's certainly

1 being accomplished.

2 A second direction was for the border here in
3 Coachella to be adjusted so it took in Indio Hills and
4 Indio and did not include La Quinta.

5 Another direction was for this particular district
6 to continue North up into San Bernardino. It extends to
7 Needles, and then this portion up here -- actually, let
8 me just turn on reservations. It includes a reservation
9 up here.

10 And then another piece of direction that I received
11 from Commissioners was the prior configuration of this
12 district ended about here, inadvertently split this
13 reservation. That's no longer split. But another
14 Commissioner request was to actually extend it further
15 North and to incorporate -- and I'll zoom in here so you
16 can see -- to incorporate the reservation land here,
17 which I did.

18 And then another direction was with the Northern
19 Coachella Valley, to treat Whitewater as the -- kind of
20 this border to entering the Coachella Valley, so I'm
21 incorporating that here. And I believe that actually --
22 that was one where there was a lot to do. But I was able
23 to incorporate, I think, all of it. So if you don't like
24 it, you can tell me, but I was getting it all in there.
25 All right.

1 MS. ANDERSEN: Sorry. John, I do have a quick
2 clarification.

3 MR. O'NEILL: Yes, of course.

4 MS. ANDERSEN: And it's on the Eastern portion of
5 Riverside. You kind of dip up and then back down.
6 What's going on there?

7 MR. O'NEILL: Right here?

8 MS. ANDERSEN: Eastern, Eastern portion of
9 Riverside.

10 MR. O'NEILL: Oh, sure. So on the Eastern portion
11 here, that's --

12 MS. ANDERSEN: And you pop into -- yeah, so you go
13 up to San Bernardino and back down.

14 MR. O'NEILL: So this is just following a road, and
15 I can just turn on the roads. The direction was to
16 follow the road and --

17 Or Commissioner Kennedy, please correct me.

18 But I believe that there's a major water area here,
19 a river, and I'm capturing all of that. If you'd like to
20 make adjustments around here, and if I'm not accurately
21 capturing what you wanted me to be capturing, it's a
22 very, very low population area. It's fewer than 10,000
23 people, I would guess, here. And so moving that border
24 would be very easy.

25 MS. ANDERSEN: Yeah, I --

1 MR. O'NEILL: But what I'm doing currently is I'm
2 just following the road that's here.

3 MS. ANDERSEN: Okay, all right. Thank you.

4 MR. O'NEILL: So I just turned off the districts for
5 a moment, so I'm just following that road.

6 MS. ANDERSEN: Right. Now, I see it. Thank you.

7 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah.

8 MS. TURNER: John, do you have more?

9 MR. O'NEILL: Yes.

10 MS. TURNER: Okay.

11 MR. O'NEILL: I was just pausing to make sure that
12 I'd covered everything with that particular one.

13 MS. TURNER: Um-hum.

14 MR. O'NEILL: Actually, one other thing that I will
15 just note with this one is there's some flexibility here
16 with the Western side there. And so for example, Jamul
17 had requested to -- Jamul is down here -- had requested
18 to be with a more rural -- I apologize. There was some
19 community of interest submissions from Jamul requesting
20 to be included with a more rural district, and so I just
21 incorporated that, as well. But the exact boundaries
22 here beyond, where it was reflecting the tribal community
23 submission, is something where it would potentially need
24 to be adjusted to reach population equality. So if
25 Commissioners have specific direction there, that's

1 something that I would find helpful. Okay.

2 Moving back to Riverside, and then again, we're
3 going to discuss Riverside and shift into Orange, and
4 then get back down to San Diego again.

5 So looking here at the next district, which is on
6 page 109, this is called MENAREA (ph.); it refers a
7 Menifee. So it refers to a community of interest
8 submission that we had received called "Menifee and its
9 neighbors". And so the boundaries here on this district,
10 it does split a few cities, but I'm just following what
11 the community of interest submission suggested, with the
12 exception of where those community of interest boundaries
13 would have cut into cities that were being incorporated
14 in potential VRA area districts, this particular blue
15 district, this MENAREA district, just follows the
16 boundaries of that particular community of interest
17 submission.

18 And so one other thing that I'll just note here.
19 I'll talk about this a little bit later when I get down
20 to San Diego. But other Commissioner request I had
21 received was prior versions of districts here had -- in
22 Southwestern Riverside had reached into San Diego. And I
23 got a request to -- or a few requests to certainly not do
24 that. So that shapes where some of these districts are
25 that we're about to look at.

1 Moving to the Northwest, this is on the previous
2 page, 108. This is called Cleveland National Forest,
3 CLENATFOR. This is a district which presents a little
4 bit of a challenge. As you can see from the -- all these
5 areas in yellow, it's bounded by a number of potential
6 VRA district areas.

7 In a previous iteration of this that I presented to
8 the Commission, it reached North and included some of
9 these portions in Chino Hills or Los Angeles. I got some
10 strong responses from the Commissioners that that wasn't
11 something that you thought made sense. Some direction I
12 received was that it might make a little bit more sense
13 with some communities further South or with this
14 Cleveland National Forest.

15 I actually did present previously a version of the
16 district at the state Senate level that looked like this.
17 And I got some very enthusiastic responses from the
18 Commissioners that that did not make sense. But this is
19 an area where -- this is an area where I think it will
20 require a bit of work on the Commissioners' part,
21 hopefully. I'm happy to carry out whatever you're
22 requesting, but this is an area where it's just there's a
23 significant population. And it's difficult to draw it to
24 combine it with another district in a way that I think
25 necessarily makes sense or is consistent with some of the

1 direction I've received. So I'm just flagging that just
2 for -- constrained by the VRA districts and also by just
3 some of the other population considerations.

4 Shifting into Orange County now, and pausing just
5 for a moment. In approaching Orange County, we've
6 received quite a bit of community of interest testimony.
7 We received quite a few visualization requests from
8 Commissioners which could lend themselves to district-
9 sized visualizations. One challenge, though, that I ran
10 into was choosing a few of those inevitably winds up with
11 kind of some odd areas needing to be added to other
12 districts. And so I'll run through these districts, and
13 I'll try and point those out as they occur.

14 But I'll just note that down here with -- in the
15 Laguna area, that's an area where Commissioners have
16 raised some concerns. But I was still finding that
17 there's kind of odd pockets of population that need to be
18 added to other district-sized areas. And then especially
19 here along this Orange County Los Angeles border is
20 another area where I've ran into some challenges.

21 So starting off with on page 103 -- no, I apologize.
22 Starting off on page 102, a district here called
23 NOCCOAST, which is North OC coast. This is saying -- we
24 received quite a few community of interest submissions
25 about, as well as Commissioner requests. This is a

1 Assembly sized visualization reflecting a district that
2 might be on the Northern Orange County coast.

3 Shifting inland and turning to the next page, a
4 district called SANANANA (ph.), so this is Santa Ana and
5 portions of Anaheim. This is again an area where we'd
6 received some community of interest submissions
7 requesting Santa Ana be kept with portions of Anaheim, as
8 well as portions of Orange -- and let me just turn on
9 freeways here -- portions of Orange West of, I believe,
10 the 57 here.

11 One other thing which I'll just mention, with the
12 previous -- in a previous presentation, I had shown a
13 couple of potential configurations for this area. There
14 was a Commissioner request to incorporate community of
15 interest submissions in identifying the border, not only
16 here between Anaheim Hills and Anaheim Valley, but also
17 with this -- within Anaheim Valley, where there need to
18 be divisions. And so that's something -- I'll talk about
19 that when I get to a future district, but that's
20 something which I was -- I did take a look at and I did
21 incorporate. I chose a configuration which involved
22 splitting fewer of the community of interest submissions
23 that we'd received in this community here of Anaheim
24 Valley.

25 Shifting a little bit to the West, this district is

1 called GGWES, and this is on page 104. This is the
2 district in blue. This district largely corresponds,
3 largely captures, a lot of the community of interest
4 submissions that we had received, identified as Little
5 Saigon, or broadly in this area.

6 One thing I will note, which -- Cypress, for
7 example, wasn't included in a lot of those, but that's
8 included here for population reasons. The community of
9 interest testimony we'd received from Cypress often asked
10 for them to be included, for example, with Los Alamitos
11 or Seal Beach, but that wasn't possible in this
12 particular configuration because Los Alamitos was being
13 included with an L.A. district.

14 Let me just take a look real quick. Oh, and here,
15 you'll see that there is a split here with Santa Ana.
16 That's something I've mentioned before. That's following
17 a line which was included in a couple of those -- Little
18 Saigon, or this general area -- submissions. Okay.

19 Shifting to the North, this is on the next page.
20 It's called N-O-C, North OC. This visualization contains
21 the entirety of several cities. And then down here in
22 Anaheim, we'd received several submissions. Many of them
23 were from -- either identified as Little Arabia or from
24 individuals who were identifying themselves as associated
25 with the Arab American Civil (sic) Council.

1 And so in this area, one thing I just want to note
2 to the Commission, I did keep the Anaheim portions of
3 those communities of interest whole. But one thing
4 I'd -- one request I had received from the Commission
5 previously was to keep Stanton whole and with this
6 Southern district. So where those communities of
7 interest reached into Stanton, I did not include that
8 population. But just flagging that as one area where I
9 was splitting those.

10 Continuing to the next page, there was some error in
11 the transcription, this should be LAOSB, so Los Angeles,
12 Orange, San Bernardino. In this area -- so with the
13 prior visualization, I had received direction to
14 include -- here let me just go soft a little bit --
15 include Tustin with Yorba Linda, Villa Park, portions of
16 Orange to the East, as well as some of these forest
17 mountain portions.

18 There was also a request to include Placentia, but
19 as I mentioned, for population reasons, that would being
20 needed to be included with this Northern L.A., Orange
21 Country border district. This district also includes
22 these portions of Los Angeles, Walnut, Rowland Heights,
23 Diamond Bar, and Chino Hills.

24 We'd receive community of interest testimony
25 requesting that those communities in Los Angeles County

1 and Chino Hills be kept together. And also some
2 community of interest testimony requesting all those
3 communities be kept with Northern Orange County District
4 as well.

5 Okay. Shifting South, this is on the next page,
6 107, this is Irvine, so a prior visualization -- a
7 similar visualization had included Irvine, and also had
8 extended further South to include Aliso Viejo and Laguna
9 Niguel. The Commissioners asked me not to do that. I
10 didn't, but I still wound up needing to include Laguna
11 Woods and Laguna Hills for population.

12 And contrary to some community of interest testimony
13 that we had received requesting to keep Tustin, North
14 Tustin with Irvine and keep those whole, as you saw in
15 the previous district, I wound up needing to split those
16 and that was for population reasons.

17 Another request with this general area, that I'd
18 received from Commissioners was to include Lake Forest
19 here into this district with Irvine. And that's
20 something that I was able to do.

21 We had also received some -- there is also some
22 question of splitting Irvine or keeping it whole. We had
23 received some community of interest testimony requesting
24 that we keep Irvine whole. So this also reflects that
25 request.

1 Okay. So shifting further to the South, we're
2 looking now a page 101, this is SOCNSD, so this refers to
3 Southern Orange County, Northern San Diego. And this is
4 a district in red, and again, that's page 101.

5 One thing I'll actually just note as we're getting
6 into the border of Orange County and San Diego. With the
7 potential VRA districts on the Eastern side here of --
8 here, let me just turn off roads for a moment, so it
9 loads faster.

10 So with the potential VRA districts here on the
11 Eastern side of San Diego, and with Commissioner request
12 not to go up into Riverside from San Diego too much, or
13 (indiscernible), just given the way that the population
14 is distributed, and the requirement to be drawing,
15 marginally equally populated districts, or for
16 visualizations, I wound up creating a district that
17 stretched from Orange County into -- from San Diego into
18 Orange County, in all three levels.

19 And so if that's something which Commissioners would
20 like to see something different, just note that that
21 would likely just require splitting this tribal area, and
22 not including that with the VRA district, or just in some
23 other way drawing from San Diego up into Riverside. So
24 just noting why that would up happening in all those
25 maps, because I know we had also received some requests

1 to potentially treat this Orange County/San Diego border
2 as a hard border in a visualization. Okay.

3 So looking specifically at this visualization we had
4 since -- I'd previously presented some similar sorts of
5 visualizations in this area, requests that I had
6 received -- and I'll turn the streets back on here --
7 requests I had received were to drop Laguna -- to drop
8 Laguna Beach, here, up in the North, exclude that from
9 this districts, which I did. And to include Rancho
10 Mission Viejo Hill instead, which is, here, what I'm
11 circling; to remove Vista, which is down here in the
12 South, and to include Fallbrook and Bonsall.

13 And also in other iterations that like somewhat
14 similar like to this, to not include Temecula, or extend
15 further North to include other populations. So that's
16 what's happening with this visualization.

17 Moving to the South, this is on the previous page,
18 it's called VISSMESC, so Vista, San Marcos, Escondido,
19 here we received a number community of interest
20 submissions requesting Vista, San Marcos, and Escondido
21 be kept together, as well as some requesting Vista, San
22 Marcos, Escondido, and Valley Center.

23 And so Valley Center here is split, and that's based
24 on -- there's some tribal lands here, which are included
25 in Valley Center, and so that was incorporated into the

1 community of interest submission.

2 Moving to the West, and this is on page 97. This is
3 a Blue district, it's called SD Coast, this includes --
4 this is a coastal district stretching from Carlsbad in
5 the North, South to Coronado. We did receive some
6 community of interest testimony here, for example, from
7 someone in Encinitas requesting that, Encinitas, Del Mar,
8 Solano Beach, and also other coastal beach areas be kept
9 together.

10 One thing I'll note is that they were asking that
11 the coastal portions of Encinitas be kept, and Encinitas
12 be split, that's not something that happened here. And
13 then one Commissioner request that I had received, based
14 on prior visualizations, was that Rancho, Santa Fe, and
15 Fairbanks Ranch be included into a coastal district, as
16 opposed to a more inland district. And so that is
17 something which is done here with this visualization.

18 Moving to the South, and a bit East, this is a
19 poorly named visualization, I'm realizing, since I mixed
20 up West and East as I was naming it, so I apologize.

21 This is on page 99, this is a Blue district, and
22 this is called West SD City, and it captures an Eastern
23 portion of San Diego City.

24 Yes, so this is -- this is where this is, it's
25 partially incorporating some community of interest input,

1 but I want to flag that for the Commission. So here in
2 the North with Poway, we did receive some submissions
3 requesting that it be kept with, for example, some of
4 these portions of San Diego. And to an extent I did,
5 although you'll notice that it is somewhat included in a
6 couple different districts up North here.

7 Down in the South with El Cajon, with Rancho San
8 Diego, with some of these communities, we also received
9 some community of interest testimony asking that they be
10 kept together. And so to an extent that's happening, but
11 the thing I'm flagging here is that many of the folks in
12 this community were saying, please don't then, keep us
13 with this Northern area. They were asking to be kept
14 more with Southeastern San Diego City, City Heights area,
15 but just as the Assembly level, just given the way that
16 the population is distributed, it's not actually possible
17 to include all these folks with all the placed they
18 wanted to be included with, while maintaining that kind
19 of population equality.

20 So these folks did want to be -- many submissions
21 asked that this community be together, many submissions
22 asked this community be together, but some submissions
23 asked that these do not be together, so that might be
24 something that needs some fixing.

25 Okay; shifting, again, back one page, to page 98.

1 This is San Diego City. There was a Commissioner request
2 to keep Miramar base whole. I'll note that that's
3 happening, but I'll also note that there another
4 Commissioner request to keep Miramar whole, and with --
5 well actually, no. I think this is right. I think this
6 is the one where I got it right.

7 There was another district where I needed to include
8 it with the portion. There were some questions of where
9 the primary facilities were, and so there was a
10 preference there. So I think this one managed to capture
11 that.

12 So this district includes some community of interest
13 submissions we had received referring to the Mesa area,
14 the Convoy District, some other Commissioner direction
15 I'd received asking for some of these communities,
16 Convoy, Linda, Mesa, to be kept whole. And it also
17 includes most of a community of interest identifying
18 with -- some are identified as San Diego's LGBTQ+
19 community down here in the South.

20 Moving back two pages, to page 96; this is a
21 district visualization called SESDCITY, the border here,
22 you'll see it, it cuts through a number of cities,
23 essentially the border is largely defined by
24 overlaying -- we received quite a community of interest
25 submissions from this area. It is essentially just

1 overlaying about, I'd say, twenty of those submissions,
2 and identifying the outer span of those areas.

3 And then here in the South, it was defined by the
4 borders of National City and Bonita being included in a
5 potential VRA district. One thing I'll just note, this
6 district is colored in yellow, but this is shaded in a
7 lighter yellow. This isn't an area that was, as far as I
8 know, and VRA attorneys are always welcome to correct me.
9 But this wasn't an area where I received direction to
10 draw this as a -- as a potential VRA district.

11 So by and large, quite a few communities of interest
12 submissions here, many of them kept whole, with the
13 exception of the Southern border, where it was going into
14 potential VRA district areas.

15 And then the final district that we're going to look
16 at here in San Diego, it's on page 112, so this is on the
17 very last page. This is called CHUVISAN -- Chula Vista,
18 San Ysidro, received a few community -- I received a few
19 Commission requests to modify previous visualizations
20 here. So you'll see that this includes Imperial Beach,
21 this includes Bonita, and then we had received community
22 of interest submissions requesting the district,
23 essentially, including all of this as well as Paradise
24 Hills.

25 And so this includes some portions, although not all

1 of what some of the community of interest submissions
2 that we had received were, that defined what Paradise
3 Hills might be. And this is colored in yellow, because
4 this was an area that the VRA attorneys had identified as
5 a potential VRA district area, or Assembly.

6 All right. Chair, that's all that I have.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Well, that was quite a bit. We
8 appreciate it, and I appreciated the readout in the
9 manner that you read out. I see hands right away, which
10 is good, and exiting. We're going to go with
11 Commissioner Kennedy, followed by Commissioner Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And thank
13 you John, for all this work. Again, I think in general
14 terms, this is really a great point that we've reached,
15 there are some issues to address, but I think we're in
16 pretty good shape.

17 First of all, on places like Barstow and Needles,
18 where you're cutting right at the city line, but there
19 are low population areas nearby. I would really like to
20 see the city sphere of influence included with the city,
21 so you have what are called disadvantaged, unincorporated
22 communities around some of these places like Barstow and
23 Needles, and you can -- you can easily find maps
24 including shape files, I think, of those areas online.

25 If you just like, search Barstow DUCs it'll take you

1 to a page where you can get the shape file for the
2 disadvantaged, unincorporated communities surrounding
3 Barstow. Likewise for Needles, and all of these other
4 places.

5 So I would just encourage or like to instruct
6 mappers, where possible, to include the entire sphere of
7 the influence, particularly of these isolated cities.

8 Second of all, on Grand Terrace, Grand Terrace, you
9 know, may be one of those things that will take a while
10 to work out. I will want to hear more from the community
11 in Grand Terrace as to how they feel about this. My hope
12 was that we could find a way coming through Riverside
13 County to link Grand Terrace with Loma Linda and
14 Redlands.

15 That was the -- the real objective, was to link them
16 with Loma Linda and Redlands, rather than so much linking
17 them into a Riverside-based district. So I really do
18 want to hear from the community in Grand Terrace whether
19 they would prefer the way it is now, or incorporated into
20 that larger district that includes Bloomington, Colton,
21 San Bernardino, Loma Linda, Woodlands, et cetera.

22 Next, if you could go down to Mead Valley. Yeah.
23 You know, I'm looking at the population figures to -- in
24 the visualizations to the left, and the visualization
25 that Mead Valley is currently in. I looked up the

1 population in Mead Valley, and I'm wondering if you need
2 Mead Valley and Good Hope for VRA purposes, because those
3 two might go better in the visualization to the West.
4 That's kind of like the 215 Corridor --

5 MR. O'NEILL: It might be possible -- could I
6 respond to that?

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sure.

8 MR. O'NEILL: It might be possible to, but I would
9 say -- I would find it challenging to comply with the
10 guideline I received from the VRA attorneys, if I wasn't
11 including Mead Valley and Good Hope in that district.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Then next is Cabazon
13 and White Water, and I -- you know, I understand what the
14 thinking was but it -- it ends up being very odd to
15 have -- I mean, what I was saying was, if there was a
16 need to cut going into the Coachella Valley that, yes,
17 White Water was a good place to cut. But by extending
18 the visualization up and around, and then back down to
19 include Banning and Beaumont, it ends up being very
20 awkward for White Water and Cabazon.

21 And so you know, my main concern right there was,
22 let's not split the Morongo Band lands as happened in
23 2011 at the Senate level. If we can keep the Morongo
24 Band lands whole, then I think it would make better sense
25 to include Cabazon and White Water in the Morongo Band

1 lands in that lower seaway visualization.

2 And I do realize that you might end up having to
3 pull some population from elsewhere, but we can -- we can
4 look at that once you figure out what the impact of
5 including Cabazon, White Water, and Morongo lands would
6 make to that.

7 I think I had one more. Can we go to Los Alamitos?

8 MR. O'NEILL: Commissioner Kennedy, I apologize.
9 I'm blanking on where that is. Where would you like me
10 to go?

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Los Alamitos, I think it's in
12 Western Orange County. Commissioner Akutagawa, help.

13 MR. O'NEILL: Oh. Los Alamitos, I'm so sorry. I
14 was thinking Los Flores. All right, we're good.

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Again, if there's been
16 COI input asking that Cypress and Los Alamitos be
17 together, and the Harbor Gateway visualization is over,
18 and Garden Grove West is under, and I looked up the
19 population of Los Alamitos. It looks to me like we could
20 shift Los Alamitos from the Harbor Gateway visualization
21 to the Garden Grove West visualization.

22 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah. That's certainly a possibility,
23 there's not a lot of population in Los Alamitos and
24 Rossmoor.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right, right. Okay. Thank

1 you.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

3 Commissioner Fernández, followed by Commissioner
4 Akutagawa, please?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And you did
6 address this, John, in terms of 96 and 112 -- no, not
7 112, I forgot where I was.

8 Anyway, Lemon Grove and National City, there were
9 quite a few communities of interest to keep those
10 together, but you did explain that because of VRA right
11 now they're split. But I did notice from the
12 congressional that you've combined them. So thank you.
13 I didn't want to -- I wanted to make sure we let
14 everybody know that.

15 And then my other question was on page 103, and this
16 is probably more for David Becker. I notice right now,
17 it's not a VRA consideration, and I'm just wondering if
18 it's because of the Gingles, because it is -- the Latino
19 CVAP is fifty-six percent.

20 MR. BECKER: John, Can you put the Field Assembly
21 Districts overlaid on this, please?

22 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah. Give me just one moment. So
23 the Assembly district 69 is what the former district
24 virtually was.

25 MR. BECKER: Yeah. It does look like -- it does

1 look like White crossover is quite high in this area.

2 And can you -- can you just confirm what the Latino CVAP
3 is?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: 56.1.

5 MR. BECKER: 56.1? Okay. I mean, it's -- again, if
6 it's 56.1, regardless of whether it's a VRA district or
7 not, it's -- you know, it's a very strong, obviously,
8 Latino and community of interest district, yeah. It just
9 might not be required to be drawn by that way by the
10 Voting Rights Act.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right. I have
14 several -- I'll start with some questions, and then also
15 some direction. Just starting, I guess we could just
16 stay on what we were just on, which is the Santa Ana,
17 Anaheim, I'd just like some clarification.

18 John, I think you mentioned that you did take note
19 of the COI testimony from the -- particularly the Arab-
20 American community. There is a Little Arabia in the
21 Anaheim area. I thought I heard you say, though, you had
22 to split it. Did I hear you correctly?

23 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah. And I'm just putting those on,
24 just very quickly. Just a couple examples, so you can
25 see here in purple and green, and I'll zoom in, it

1 largely comprises Anaheim, most of it's in Anaheim City.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

3 MR. O'NEILL: So looking here, just looking at the
4 one in green. But there are portions that go into
5 Stanton, and then looking at this, in purple again, this
6 comprises a different portion of Anaheim, but it does
7 include the same portion of Stanton. And this one
8 includes Buena Park, but that wasn't included in this
9 particular district.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I think I ask
11 because I know that as a community in Orange County,
12 there are oftentimes, they're a growing community, but
13 they're oftentimes also marginalized, as well, too. Is
14 there a way that we can include them, at least the area
15 in its entirety without throwing off everything?

16 MR. O'NEILL: Certainly, there's other populations
17 and adjustments that could be made, if the Commissioners
18 would like me to keep those, Little Arabia, and
19 communities of interest whole, that would be certainly
20 something I could take a look at, and I imagine that
21 could be done. This was purely just a -- I'd received
22 prior direction to keep Stanton whole with Garden Grove,
23 so.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, yes. I think, right,
25 we've tried to take care of other communities of

1 interest. I think this is one that we should, at least
2 try, to see if there's flexibility to be able to ensure
3 that they stay in one district. I think that that
4 would -- I think that that would be good.

5 I think, could we go to then, since we're at the
6 Garden Grove, Westminster, the Little Saigon area. I
7 know that -- I've read through some of the testimony that
8 we received about Little Saigon. I think what is
9 reflected is reflective of the core of the Little Saigon,
10 Vietnamese community. I do acknowledge that there are
11 small pockets where the community has grown further out.

12 I do want to ask, though, in terms of the placement
13 of Cypress, it sounded like you took in Cypress for
14 population numbers. I know we also got some community of
15 interest testimony about Costa Mesa, also being an area
16 in which there's a diverse Asian community, most likely
17 also inclusive of some of the expansion of the Vietnamese
18 community.

19 If we were to swap out Cypress and instead insert
20 Costa Mesa would that throw -- one, is that a VRA kind of
21 district that we're looking at in terms of the Little
22 Saigon area? And then would it impact the VRA if any --
23 if at all? And would it also throw off the numbers?
24 Because right now I see that we're -- that district is
25 about 2.53 percent under the deviation.

1 MR. O'NEILL: From a population standpoint, Cypress
2 is about 50,000, where Costa Mesa is about 112,000.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh.

4 MR. O'NEILL: So you would have that --

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: What if we were to split
6 it? I think that there was also in the COI testimony we
7 received about Costa Mesa, there were some boundaries
8 that were also noted as well, too.

9 MR. O'NEILL: Just continuing from a purely
10 population perspective, I can certainly take a look at
11 Costa Mesa, and check. I don't know off hand what the
12 populations would be of a split Costa Mesa, but I could
13 certainly take a look at that. But actually that's a
14 good point.

15 Costa Mesa is one of those other areas where it is a
16 fairly central location at the center of a number of
17 different potential districts or configurations, coastal
18 Irvine, Tustin, Santa Ana, and then as you're noting
19 here, a potential Little Saigon area. So that's another
20 area where it prevents -- presents a bit of a challenge.
21 But I'll take a look at what community of interest
22 testimony we have regarding splitting Costa Mesa, and
23 which of those potential other districts Costa Mesa might
24 want to go with.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, because Costa Mesa is

1 kind of in an interesting place, it is a -- it is a very
2 mixed kind of area. The closer you get to Newport Beach
3 there are, I would call it more affluent pockets, where
4 you may not -- and you may not realize that you're moving
5 from Newport Beach into Costa Mesa, or vice versa. So I
6 think perhaps looking at some of that COI testimony, plus
7 other COI testimony might be helpful on that.

8 And I know that that, also I want to acknowledge
9 that that does conflict with what Commissioner Kennedy
10 also suggested about perhaps moving Los Alamitos into
11 this district with Cypress. I would be of the
12 perspective that it would be better to actually move
13 Cypress out of the district, and move in that portion of
14 Costa Mesa, and so speaking about --

15 MR. O'NEILL: Commissioner Akutagawa?

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

17 MR. O'NEILL: I'll just say one thing, a quick
18 comment.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, yes.

20 MR. O'NEILL: So one potential, and I'll have to
21 take a look at all the ripples, but one potential effect
22 there is, if this Little Saigon takes from Costa Mesa,
23 and splits that, this coastal district needs a bit more
24 population which would potentially mean, I could include
25 Laguna Woods and Laguna Hills with it, which would

1 resolve that.

2 And then this Irvine District would potentially be
3 able to move more, or take in more, of Tustin, both North
4 Tustin include that.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. And actually that --

6 MR. O'NEILL: And this would wind up, Placentia
7 would potentially be able to get there. So you may have
8 spotted the trick to fixing many of the challenges I was
9 running into there.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That is great. Because
11 that was going to be one of my next directions, is to see
12 if there's some way to include all of Tustin with all of
13 Irvine; and that Laguna -- Laguna Hills with Laguna
14 Niguel together being as part of that coastal district.

15 So okay, great. I'm glad that I was able to help
16 out in that way; and that, you could move Placentia also
17 into that district Yorba Linda because that would nr
18 better.

19 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah, yeah. That's about 50,000, so
20 that would be -- it's about 50,000 that we're moving in
21 each spot.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

23 MR. O'NEILL: It's not going to be perfect, but I
24 think that might actually --

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That is awesome.

1 MR. O'NEILL: It's a problem I was grappling with.

2 So thank you for solving it.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. All right, well,

4 great.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Well, before we solve it.

6 Can I just ask a clarifying question about your

7 justification for removing Cypress?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I mean, for me, I guess one

9 is I think about the populations that are in the -- that

10 Garden Grove, Westminster community. The Cypress

11 community, one, I think there is a social economic

12 difference. I think there's also -- they tend to be more

13 single-family homes. There are mixed incomes in that

14 area, but I think Garden Gove and Westminster tend to be

15 definitely much more immigrant-based, also much more of a

16 mix of renters, as well as working-class communities.

17 And then also because of the affinity of Cypress and

18 Los Alamitos, and also Rossmoor, so Rossmoor and Los

19 Alamitos do need to go together I believe. I know that

20 we've also gotten a lot of communities of interest

21 testimony, really, on both sides, being included with

22 Long Beach, but also being included with Orange County,

23 you know, it's going to be -- I think that's going to be

24 a really interesting place.

25 I mean, there's very passionate COI testimony on

1 that. So that was my logic for that, Commissioner
2 Sadhwani.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Where was it that you think
4 Cypress would go, with Buena Park?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: If it's possible I think it
6 would be better --

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Recommended (indiscernible,
8 simultaneous speech) --

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- it would either -- I
10 mean, it's like -- my belief is that they're better
11 aligned with Los Alamitos and Rossmoor, but then that
12 would throw off I think the Long Beach numbers. It could
13 go with Buena Park, I mean, I'm not like, oh, it must be
14 this way, but I'm just going by one COI testimony that
15 I've read, but also what I understand of those cities,
16 too.

17 I also want to comment on the South Orange County
18 areas. And this gets to that other particular area that
19 you were mentioning. You had said, and I want to make
20 sure that I understood, or I heard you correct on this.
21 You had said that if that South Orange County district
22 that includes Camp Pendleton, if you were to remove, I
23 think like Rainbow, Fallbrook, Bonsall, it would impact
24 the tribal lands in the other sections?

25 MR. O'NEILL: No. No, I apologize. I must have

1 been unclear. Let me, if I could just restate that. So
2 what I was noting was, we have here to the East a very
3 large potential VRA district, which includes Imperial,
4 and a number of tribal lands in Riverside and San Diego.
5 And so because we have that on the East side here in San
6 Diego County, and to the West we have the Pacific Ocean,
7 and to the South we have the border with Mexico.

8 That means that we have a population here within San
9 Diego, which needs to be drawn into some number of
10 districts, and so we with, let's say, one, two, three,
11 four, five, six, whole districts here, but then we have a
12 partial district which needs to go somewhere.

13 And so based on the direction I'd received from the
14 Commission to now go out into Riverside. I was just
15 noting that that meant that this district winds up going
16 into Southern Orange County, and so this border to the
17 East with this VRA district, incorporating these tribal
18 lands, if the Commissioners wanted some different
19 configuration here.

20 For example, for a district that didn't cross into
21 Southern Orange County, then that would just likely
22 involve some sort of reconfiguration here, of this
23 potential VRA district to enable reaching up into
24 Riverside County further to the East; or just the
25 Commissioners offering some other direction in terms of

1 including Temecula or some of these other areas in
2 Southwest Riverside.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I see. Okay. That's
4 helpful. Okay then, I'd like to maybe offer a couple of
5 suggestions then, or direction. I know that based on the
6 testimony, COI input testimony, Fallbrook is desired to
7 stay with Pendleton. I know that we also have heard and
8 have received testimony that South Orange County did not
9 want to cross over into San Diego, but I hear what you're
10 saying. So these are the hard choices.

11 I am wondering if Bonsall is better removed and put
12 with Vista, and Rainbow removed and put with Temecula.

13 Commissioner Sinay is disagreeing. Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I have some thoughts on that
15 area as well.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. All right then, let
17 me just finish one last thing, and this is on the North
18 Orange County area, which is the area that includes Brea,
19 Yorba Linda, all of that area there. Okay, on that one,
20 it is on page 106, and it says LAOCSB.

21 On that one is it -- tell me about Hacienda Heights?
22 Because we did receive quite a bit of testimony stating
23 that Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar,
24 Brea, all have very close relationships together. And if
25 we were to add Hacienda Heights could we then remove

1 Chino Hills? I don't see it as a bright yellow district,
2 so it's not a VRA district, so is there flexibility
3 there?

4 MR. O'NEILL: So I am -- I have the district shaded
5 for my region. I don't have the districts that Jaime had
6 drawn shaded, but we'd have to defer to her, or if David
7 is on the nose, which are the VRA districts. I believe
8 that that this district here to the left, this SSGV, I
9 think that that's a VRA area, but I'm not sure offhand.

10 So if there were possibilities I'd have to defer to
11 Jaime, or the VRA attorneys on whether Hacienda Heights
12 is needed for that particular district.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I'm wondering if
14 Hacienda Heights makes a difference in terms of the VRA?

15 I guess that's a question for David. Yeah.

16 MR. O'NEILL: One question that I would have is, if
17 we did do that, if Chino Hills were not included with
18 this particular district here, where would you like Chino
19 Hill to be included with?

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Could you put that into a
21 Riverside district?

22 MR. O'NEILL: Right here with Norco and Corona?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Or wherever you feel
24 that it would best belong.

25 MR. O'NEILL: Potentially. Assuming that this -- if

1 change were possible that's something that I could
2 potentially do.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Because I do know
4 that you have some VRA districts in the Riverside/San
5 Bernardino area.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Mr. Becker is on now, if it will help
7 Commissioner Akutagawa.

8 MR. BECKER: Yeah. You can go ahead and give those
9 instructions. I mean, I think this is likely to be an
10 area with a lot of cascading dominos that could affect
11 districts. So if you want to do that, note that the --
12 that district, that Riverside District with Norco in it
13 is, if I'm not mistaken, not a district that is designed
14 for protection of minorities under VRA.

15 So increasing Latino voting, the citizen voting age
16 population in that district, likely doesn't increase
17 Latinos' opportunity to elect, and could conceivably
18 decrease it in other areas that are protected under the
19 VRA, so just something to be attentive to.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Yeah. Yeah, I'm not
21 completely opposed to it. I think I'm just also trying
22 to think about the VRA -- or not the VRA, the COI
23 testimony that we've received about Hacienda Heights
24 being together with Rowland Heights. And I know that
25 they're a cohesive community in that direction.

1 One last one, I want to use -- this is about the
2 South Orange County inland areas that -- but the
3 Cleveland National Forest, and have seen very passionate,
4 also testimony about being separate from Riverside
5 County. And is there a way that we can separate that
6 portion of the Orange County, the -- all of that inland
7 portion, and adding it, you know, between the Irvine,
8 also that South County, OC, with the, I guess, Camp
9 Pendleton areas, so they could be incorporated into an OC
10 district instead of being as part of the Riverside
11 District?

12 MR. O'NEILL: So that'd be rather challenging, just
13 because there is -- there's so much population there. So
14 we had spoken previously about San Diego and the
15 population constraints coming up here.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

17 MR. O'NEILL: With Orange County then we wind up
18 with, I'd received direction here on the coastal district
19 in Anaheim, Santa Ana, Little Saigon, and then
20 potentially, this sort of Irvine District, so that's one,
21 two, three, four districts that we're looking at.

22 And then we wind up with this population here along
23 the Northern border, where we're abutting the number of
24 Los Angeles County VRA districts. And then this portion
25 here to the Northeast where we're abutting several, San

1 Bernardino, Riverside County, VRA districts, and so these
2 communities (audio interference).

3 But if for example, we have a district here, a
4 district here, in some configuration, we wind up with
5 about, let's say, fifty to sixty percent of the district
6 here in Riverside, and then maybe -- actually might be --
7 may be thirty to forty percent down here.

8 So this population could either be included with
9 somehow here in Riverside, but we'd wind up splitting
10 along -- they might be splitting along the 15 to get
11 there. But it just winds up with some odd configurations
12 here, just in terms of we have these harder boundaries of
13 the VRA districts. And there are potential, you know,
14 ways to move those boundaries, but it's still going to
15 wind up being about the same amount of population in
16 those areas.

17 So this is an area which is fairly challenging, and
18 I certainly did see all the same community of interest
19 testimony, and I certainly heard from the Commissioners
20 asking and expressing your concerns rather strongly at
21 the last meeting about this -- jumping over this border,
22 and preferring not to do that.

23 But that's an area where I think just given the
24 population constraints it's tricky figuring out where to
25 go.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, because I think we're
2 looking at mountains like that.

3 MR. O'NEILL: Right.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That really also -- I mean,
5 it's some of the same kind of -- similar testimony to
6 what we're hearing around, you know, the Eastern Sierras
7 as well too, and access to an elected official.

8 If you were to incorporate that portion that is on
9 the other side of the Cleveland National Forest, would it
10 impact VRA numbers if they were to be incorporated into
11 some of those districts in the Riverside area?

12 MR. O'NEILL: Are you saying, like, Jurupa,
13 Riverside City, or --

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

15 MR. O'NEILL: Yes, that would -- I would not be able
16 to meet the guidelines I'd received from the --

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I see.

18 MR. O'NEILL: -- VRA attorneys, while also
19 incorporating those areas.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I see. Okay. I'm also
21 wondering then in terms, if you were to incorporate in
22 Chino -- Chino Hills, would that also throw off your
23 numbers as well, too?

24 MR. O'NEILL: So Chino is about 100,000 people. You
25 know, that might actually work well. I would need to

1 check the numbers exactly because I need to confirm how
2 much population here. I think we'd still wind up with
3 maybe about 100,000 people here, because Mission Viejo
4 alone I think is about 93,000.

5 But incorporating Chino Hills, for example, into
6 this Riverside District would, for example, free up
7 Mission Viejo. There are these other communities but
8 they're much, much less populated. So it might be
9 between 50- and 100,000 people still.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And could they perhaps be
11 incorporated in with the Anaheim Hills, Orangevale,
12 Valinda districts?

13 MR. O'NEILL: Yes. Yeah, so if I were making that
14 sort -- that's why we'd be including it. That's the
15 other direction I received from the Commissioner.
16 Certainly.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, because I'm seeing
18 that the Irvine District is already about two-and-a-half
19 percent over deviation, so it doesn't look like you could
20 add there.

21 MR. O'NEILL: Right. But I mean, those will all be
22 shifting around as we're making other changes.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So maybe they could
24 also incorporate in some of those smaller communities
25 along the inland South county?

1 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah, I get -- so incorporating Chino
2 Hills into this green Riverside District would certainly
3 get us about half to two-thirds of the way there.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

5 MR. O'NEILL: I mean, if I went up North into -- if
6 I went up North into this Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights
7 area, that would potentially get us all the way there,
8 but I think that's something the Commissioners have
9 previously seen, previously weren't such a fan of.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Thank you.

11 MR. O'NEILL: Certainly.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Okay, beautiful. We have up next
13 Commissioner Sinay, but the moment would be lost if we
14 did not acknowledge Commissioner Akutagawa's -- reaction
15 from the mapper, and for sure she's due a: make your
16 mapper merit medallion, because I think it's the first
17 time we've heard on the mapper, say yes, they love that,
18 let's do it. So we don't want to miss this moment of
19 celebration.

20 Commissioner Sinay, followed by Commissioner
21 Kennedy, and Commissioner Sadhwani.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. So I would
23 like us to start with our anchor community in San Diego,
24 which is our VRA community at the bottom. And just a
25 reminder to all of us that our VRA communities are our

1 anchor communities in all counties, and that we can move
2 things around, maybe, but that there is a -- that VRA is
3 the second. I think that one looks good, and especially
4 since it's zero percent deviation with only fourteen
5 people, so kudos to you, John.

6 And I wanted to go -- from there I did have a
7 question to my colleagues where I wanted to just check in
8 on how we're feeling about the tribal lands. You know, I
9 personally am very excited that we're -- we are, you
10 know, being aware of the tribal lands, and keeping them
11 together, especially in an area like San Diego, and
12 Riverside, and Imperial County, San Bernardino, where
13 there are so many.

14 But since that is one of the area -- one of the
15 elements that we have given to John that's constraining
16 him, I just wanted to check in with my colleagues to see
17 how we all are feeling about the tribal lands.

18 So anybody has thoughts on that one?

19 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, Commissioner Kennedy has
20 thoughts.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Go ahead.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: That was a thumbs-up. I have
23 another issue, but I didn't want to interrupt. I just
24 want to give my thumbs up.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Thumbs up from Commissioner Anderson

1 to you.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Thumbs up from Commissioner Anderson
3 as well. Anyone else on tribal lands? I feel lucky.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: What does the thumbs up mean
5 though?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, just that it's not a
7 vote, it's just that we should continue with that
8 recommendation to the line drawers that we want to keep
9 the tribal lands together.

10 CHAIR TURNER: We are in agreement. And it was just
11 a general consensus, yes, we like that. And Commissioner
12 Fernández, though, before you move on, had her hand as
13 well.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, just quickly. And
15 especially with the tribal lands, the populations are not
16 that high.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So I would offer to keep
19 them together, because if you split them it's not -- I
20 wouldn't see it having a significant impact to a
21 different district, versus them being together. That's
22 how I'm looking at it. Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I mean them being
24 together is something that they -- gives them a voice,
25 collectively, and to be able to say that it's one of the

1 anchors of this district, gives them strength, VRA and
2 tribal.

3 I did have a question, and you're in the right spot
4 for my question. John, did we -- I know that that's Palm
5 Springs in that little L-shaped in the pink, right there,
6 yeah. Did we cut up some tribal lands there because of
7 other COIs, right?

8 MR. O'NEILL: Right. So in this area, the border
9 here follows Palm Springs. These highlighted in brown
10 are presumably reservation land or tribal areas. They
11 weren't included in that -- that COI submission that the
12 Commission directed me to take a look at for potential
13 tribal lands. They also weren't included in the
14 direction to go up to --

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

16 MR. O'NEILL: -- here, to I think the Morongo
17 reservation.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, and I think Commissioner
19 Kennedy -- I mean, my understanding from that area is,
20 it's Palm Springs -- some of the tribal areas there are
21 more in the urban parts -- in the city parts of that area
22 and have -- so I don't know if it would make sense to
23 move in to include those or not.

24 So I just wanted to make sure that you got your
25 direction you wanted on the tribal lands. And then, can

1 we -- I also see Camp Pendleton as one of the anchors of
2 San Diego, so if we could go to Camp Pendleton.

3 The way this is set up right now, Dana Point, San
4 Clemente have nothing in common with Fallbrook, Rainbow,
5 and Bonsai. The way the districts has usually run has
6 been going along the coast -- you know, going down to
7 Carlsbad and Encinitas. If we could move for -- yeah, I
8 don't know, with all the moving that happened in Orange
9 County, if Dana Point and San Clemente can be absorbed
10 into Orange County. If not, I do want to put it --
11 remind everyone that we did receive input about Rainbow,
12 Fallbrook, Bonsai, Oceanside with Camp Pendleton, but
13 that was -- as CalMatters brought up, that was a
14 political -- it started with a political candidate, and
15 it continued that same day with others. On the whole, a
16 lot of the feedback we have got is that Fallbrook,
17 Rainbow, Bonsai does feel connected with Escondido,
18 Valley Center, and Vista.

19 So I've got a few changes now. Now, I've got to --
20 I've been trying -- it's hard, because you jump around --
21 the numbers jump around, so I apologize.

22 So here's where I was thinking, was Camp Pendleton,
23 Oceanside, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach, and Rancho
24 Santa Fe. And those are all costal, because Camp
25 Pendleton is costal. Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach,

1 and Rancho Santa Fe -- well, okay, let's not put Rancho
2 Santa Fe in there, because I think you have it in a good
3 way. Well, okay, it can be there, with -- they're all in
4 the same school district, along with the other purple one
5 that's right underneath Rancho Santa Fe.

6 MR. O'NEILL: Fairbanks Ranch. Commissioner Sinay,
7 could I just --

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

9 MR. O'NEILL: -- respond to that? So two things.
10 One is just -- just with a few of the subsequent
11 visualizations with Congressional or State Senate, where
12 this is a larger district, I -- I was able to
13 incorporate --

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

15 MR. O'NEILL: -- some of the guidance that you'd
16 previously provided about including some of those coastal
17 communities with this particular district --

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, up here.

19 MR. O'NEILL: -- with Fallbrook -- Fallbrook,
20 rains -- Rainbow, this area -- those are heavily
21 populated --

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

23 MR. O'NEILL: -- so that could potentially be
24 included with other districts fairly easily. But up
25 here, this portion that's included in Orange County -- if

1 you prefer or Commissioners prefer to remove portions of
2 this district or some San Diego district that's in Orange
3 or -- or in another county, that's perfectly fine, but
4 that population would need to be made up from either
5 Orange County or from Riverside County, just --

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I would say that Dana Point,
7 San Clemente have more in common with Encinitas,
8 Carlsbad, and Oceanside than they do with -- so, I'm okay
9 keeping that North part. I was thinking to the COI
10 testimony that we had heard from Orange County. Again,
11 as the CalMatters article -- some of that testimony along
12 the coast is political as well, but as we know, there's a
13 lot.

14 So I'm okay either way. I also know that we did,
15 you know, wherever possible, just grab the unincorporated
16 land as well.

17 So do you feel like you have enough for that area?

18 MR. O'NEILL: So here with -- with Rainbow,
19 Fallbrook, this -- this area? That's perfectly fine. I
20 could -- I could make those changes. With the other
21 changes that you'd requested, though, for Assembly
22 specifically, I -- I wouldn't be able to make those
23 changes --

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Go all the way down.

25 MR. O'NEILL: -- to this district --

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

2 MR. O'NEILL: -- right?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, that makes sense.

4 MR. O'NEILL: Because this is heavily populated.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

6 MR. O'NEILL: I would need to be giving it
7 population from somewhere else in San Diego, and this
8 is -- this is not heavily populated.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

10 MR. O'NEILL: If you wanted changes up here with
11 Orange County, we'd either need to make adjustments here
12 to the East, which shifts around the population in all
13 the San Diego area to take population -- more population
14 from Riverside, for example. Or for -- in this cluster
15 of cites, if we gave up a particular city to then take in
16 some other Orange County cities or to move into Riverside
17 County and take some -- some population from --

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. Okay, so let's not worry
19 about all of that. I mean, can we just go further? If
20 we could go down to the page 99, West San Diego Vity,
21 which is really East San Diego -- how did you -- how
22 was -- El Cajon has been split, and it looks like La Mesa
23 has been split as -- oh. Yeah. So El Cajon has been
24 split. So one of the complaints we're getting is that La
25 Mesa's been split three times.

1 MR. O'NEILL: Right. So the -- the boundaries
2 here -- this was just defined by a number of community of
3 interest submissions that we had received, so this was a
4 number of folks in Southeast San Diego city or Paradise
5 Hills or La Mesa submitting -- or actually, I think also
6 some City Heights submissions.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

8 MR. O'NEILL: So this was just the overlay of a
9 number of different community of interest submissions,
10 which were equivalent in size to an Assembly district.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Could I suggest that, as much
12 as possible, we keep La Mesa together, and then shrink
13 out El Cajon?

14 MR. O'NEILL: Yep. That'd be certain as to (audio
15 interference).

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just because La Mesa's a really
17 small town. I mean, the -- city, sorry. The former
18 mayor used to give me -- when I first moved here, he
19 would give me a business card that was, like, really
20 tiny, to remind us of how tiny his city was. But I want
21 to just respect La Mesa and Lemon Grove, just kind of --
22 so that's what I would recommend. I understand that the
23 immigrant -- the refugee community -- immigrant community
24 is moving further and further East, and we do have a
25 strong immigrant -- Middle Eastern immigrant community in

1 El Cajon, but just to kind of balance it out for the
2 Assembly. That would be great.

3 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah. With -- with these borders that
4 are wholly contained within San Diego, there's a fair
5 amount of flexibility there, and I can certainly keep an
6 eye more on the -- the city boundaries there with that
7 particular --

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

9 MR. O'NEILL: -- visualization.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. And then, I wanted
11 to fly over now to the West side, to Coronado. So this
12 is another visualization we can't move around too much,
13 right, because of the Northern -- this whole coastal
14 part, or --

15 MR. O'NEILL: So the constraints here would
16 essentially be these potential VRA districts in yellow.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

18 MR. O'NEILL: And then, to the North, just that
19 there is some sort of a Northern district that's going to
20 extend into another county, just because we need to do
21 that, because we need to draw --

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

23 MR. O'NEILL: -- equal population districts. But
24 these -- these district -- or these visualizations here
25 within San Diego County proper, I did certainly make an

1 effort to try and reflect Commission direction I had
2 received or -- or communities of interest, but --

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

4 MR. O'NEILL: -- you would have a tremendous amount
5 of flexibility here if -- if you had a different
6 conception or if the Commission had a different
7 conception of how these districts' visualizations should
8 be organized. So as long as it's within, for example,
9 these five, or affecting a little bit of this one, but
10 trading equivalent population, that wouldn't have a
11 significant ripple effect elsewhere, and that wouldn't
12 conflict with these potential VRA districts here to the
13 South or to the East.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. And then, did we -- I
15 know you said this to me three times. Bonsai and
16 Fallbrook are still staying with Camp Pendleton, or did
17 we -- can we move them in with Escondido?

18 MR. O'NEILL: If the Commissioners would like that
19 to be included in this district here to the South, that
20 would be straightforward.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

22 MR. O'NEILL: This district would then need to take
23 up just a little bit more population from -- it would
24 probably come either from Vista or from Carlsbad, and it
25 would likely involve splitting them, just because those

1 two cities are much larger in population --

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

3 MR. O'NEILL: -- than these communities.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would probably go into
5 Carlsbad over Vista.

6 MR. O'NEILL: Okay. That would be fine.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I'm sure we'll hear from
8 Carlsbad --

9 MR. O'NEILL: Yep.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- but -- and then, on
11 Coronado, I'm just trying to -- this one's felt a little
12 strange looking at it. I mean, I think you did a great
13 job in listening. This was what we said, kind of a whole
14 coastal, but Coronado usually likes to be -- I was just
15 trying to figure out an anchor with downtown San Diego
16 and the West San Diego City, and Coronado usually
17 considers themselves kind of anchored to downtown San
18 Diego. There is -- the Coronado bridge connects them.

19 So I don't know. If we connected Coronado to
20 downtown San Diego, I would then move -- because I know
21 it's -- I wrote it down somewhere, how much Coronado --
22 Coronado's 20,000 people, so we're still over. I get
23 that. And then, we're under on that costal.

24 My thought on the costal was you can move --
25 continue to move East on the 50 -- along the 56. You

1 know, just --

2 MR. O'NEILL: Just to -- just to clarify. So
3 you're --

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

5 MR. O'NEILL: -- thinking here, this Northern
6 portion?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. You could take --

8 MR. O'NEILL: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- that --

10 MR. O'NEILL: Yep.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- yeah, to make up for --

12 MR. O'NEILL: Yep.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- for that other --

14 MR. O'NEILL: Yep. That's right.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- that other piece.

16 MR. O'NEILL: And then -- so just to clarify. So
17 here, down in the South, we have Coronado, which would be
18 potentially about 20,000. You're asking also that a
19 downtown area here would be included in this SD City. Do
20 you -- it -- which would be necessary, just to make sure
21 the district's contiguous, as well.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

23 MR. O'NEILL: Do you have a Western boundary here
24 or -- or a dividing line that you would particularly
25 think would be effective or --

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That's a great question, since
2 I didn't even notice that -- I thought it was already
3 part of that. That district's over, right?

4 MR. O'NEILL: But I mean, don't worry about the
5 population deviations. It's that -- that will be
6 adjusted with the --

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, I mean --

8 MR. O'NEILL: -- with making the changes that you're
9 requesting.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- I kind of feel like if that
11 whole boundary could move to the West, you know, and take
12 the whole bay, the North Bay area.

13 MR. O'NEILL: You're saying this?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: All the way over to the coast.

15 MR. O'NEILL: Just to clarify -- so you're saying --

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So from the 8 to the --

17 MR. O'NEILL: -- with SD City, specifically?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. If SD City -- because
19 right now, all this is part of the coast, right?

20 MR. O'NEILL: Yep. Yep.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So if you just kind of took the
22 8 all the way over.

23 MR. O'NEILL: Okay. Yep. I can certainly take a
24 look at that. And then, in the North, you're thinking
25 the costal district would extend East to pick up this

1 Northern portion?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. And you could even, I
3 mean -- just total creativity here.

4 MR. O'NEILL: Um-hum.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You can go the 50 -- you know,
6 kind of stop at the -- go down the 52, and I'll figure
7 out what makes that City of San Diego district, and then
8 take what you need going East from the 56. Does that
9 make sense?

10 MR. O'NEILL: Yep. Okay. Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right. I think that is it
12 for me. Thank you very much for your patience.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
14 We're at 2:00. We have a lunch break coming up, and
15 Commissioner Kennedy, you have an option of starting now
16 or until we come back, whatever you desire.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Chair, I think I can do this
18 quickly, so I'll go ahead.

19 Thank you. First of all, thanks to Commissioner
20 Sinay for noticing the issue with the Agua Caliente lands
21 South of the Palm Springs city limits. I have checked
22 the Agua Caliente tribe's GIS page, and those are tribal
23 lands, so those would need to be in the same district as
24 Palm Springs.

25 Second of all, just asking John and Andrew Amorao to

1 check for any community of interest input about the
2 possibility of splitting Chino Hills. I recall that
3 there are some -- I mean, it's not an entirely homogenous
4 community, and you know, if there is any community of
5 interest input that would support splitting Chino Hills,
6 I would say, you know, let's look at it. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Ray, did you -- I'm sorry.
8 Commissioner Kennedy, did you say you wanted to keep the
9 Agua Calientes with Palm Springs, or move them in the
10 other direction?

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: They would have to be kept
12 with Palm Springs, because most of Palm Springs sits on
13 Agua Caliente lands. I mean, if you're coming in Highway
14 111 from the 10, you see a big sign that says now
15 entering Agua Caliente Indian Reservation, so you know,
16 we would have to take, essentially, all of Palm Springs
17 out. And that's a nonstarter.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That's what I thought.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. So that's a
20 nonstarter. We'd need to bring those tribal lands --
21 Agua Caliente tribal lands in to that visualization, the
22 MORCOA. And if you need to check on the tribal lands,
23 just go aguacaliente.org/GIS.

24 MR. O'NEILL: Just very quickly on that, there's
25 27,000 people here in the Palm Springs/Cathedral City

1 portion of that, and there's 200 people here in this
2 portion in yellow.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right. Perfect.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Make it work, John.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thanks.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Make it work. Andrew, are you
7 there? Andrew Amorao?

8 MR. AMORAO: Yeah, I'm here.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Did you have --

10 MR. AMORAO: Yeah --

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- information about -- go
12 ahead.

13 MR. AMORAO: Yeah, so, I just identified one COI
14 mentioning Chino Hills, that there are vast physical
15 barriers in regards to Chino Hills State Park where the
16 Tres Hermanos acreage is. So it sounds like this
17 particular COI that was submitted, that that would a
18 natural boundary, if Chino's -- if Chino Hills were to be
19 split up. But for the most part, the COI that we have
20 received have set -- you know, it appears that Chino
21 Hills would like to be together, whole, if -- you know,
22 to the extent possible.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. We are up against
24 a lunch break, Commissioners, and yesterday we had a
25 thirty-minute lunch break. Did that work for you, or do

1 we need longer? Beautiful.

2 Okay, so it is now 2:24, because we have options,
3 always, and we will be back at 2:54, after lunch. Thank
4 you. We're at lunch.

5 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:24 p.m.
6 until 2:54 p.m.)

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you so much, and welcome
8 back from lunch. We're, at this point, wrapping up our
9 comments in regards to Southern California, and we have
10 Commissioners Toledo and Sadhwani up next. Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Chair. With that,
12 I was giving a little bit of thought about the tribal
13 entity in Palm Springs area. And I'm just thinking, I
14 absolutely support keeping the tribe together, and I
15 believe in this district, we were trying to keep all of
16 the tribes together -- all of the various tribes
17 together. But I'm also just -- for me, it would be more
18 important to keep that specific tribe together and not
19 split it up, and if we needed to put the tribal land that
20 is split into the non-VRA area, rather than potentially
21 impact and dilute the Latino vote in the VRA district.

22 So that would be -- I mean, just balancing all these
23 things out, I think that would be something that I would
24 be supportive of as well, if we need to do it.
25 Obviously, Assembly districts are smaller. I think we

1 can do more of what we want to do in the larger districts
2 with the State Senate and the Congressional district, but
3 I think we're really constrained by population and other
4 issues, so I wouldn't want to constrain the line-drawers
5 in the VRA district. But we definitely want to keep the
6 tribe together -- that specific tribe together. Thank
7 you.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Very helpful. Thank you.

9 MR. O'NEILL: Can I ask just a clarifying question,
10 just very quickly?

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, sure.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Certainly.

13 MR. O'NEILL: So I just wanted to state my
14 understanding of what the Commissioners have asked me to
15 do, which is, I believe, consistent with Commissioner
16 Toledo in this specific area. So right here, we have a
17 tribal, which crosses into Palm Springs, and what I'll be
18 doing is incorporating it with this district or a
19 district that includes Palm Springs, so this area is not
20 split.

21 To the North here, we have some other tribal lands,
22 which were previously split in the visualization, and
23 Commissioners had asked me to keep it whole in this
24 particular visualization with the district to the South.
25 What I've been hearing today, and this is what I just

1 wanted to confirm, is yes, do keep this area whole, but
2 now be keeping it whole potentially with the district to
3 the North or this, you know, Beaumont, Banning, to Desert
4 Springs -- Desert Hot Springs sort of area.

5 And then in terms of -- with this SECA district,
6 it's going to continue to incorporate a number of tribal
7 areas, particularly down in San Diego and here along the
8 border of Riverside and San Diego, but that border will
9 likely be closer to what it was in previous
10 visualizations on the -- on the Western side, as opposed
11 to reaching farther North to incorporate some of those
12 populations?

13 I just wanted to state that, just in case there were
14 any Commissioners who -- who disagreed with anything that
15 I had said in my interpretation of the Commissions'
16 instructions, if that's all right.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Do you want to respond, Commissioner
18 Andersen?

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I do want to -- I just want
20 to clarify. So the tribal area around the Palm Springs
21 will go with the Palm Springs. And then the line will be
22 drawn essentially, correct, just -- then the -- by
23 Cabazon and I can't remember the other town -- that area,
24 essentially just short of that, will then go North. And
25 the line will be drawn essentially right there; is that

1 correct? You're not going to draw the line further --
2 further South?

3 MR. O'NEILL: So the -- the previous visualization
4 had the district line -- the -- the line further South
5 about here?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

7 MR. O'NEILL: If the Commission would prefer that
8 that line is, say, here?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. That -- that was my
10 understanding is -- and Commissioner Kennedy, I'm not --
11 oh, there's Commissioner Kennedy -- I'm -- I'm --

12 MR. O'NEILL: So --

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- getting nods yes.

14 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

16 MR. O'NEILL: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

18 MR. O'NEILL: And just very quickly just to give a
19 little bit of context for the Commission, in terms of
20 population, there's not a lot of population here, so
21 population-wise that is probably fine. The only spot
22 where that might introduce a constraint is just if we
23 have -- continue to have this potential VRA district
24 abutting another VRA district, all these districts in
25 yellow, means that we'll just have this -- this area in

1 population, which we'll then need to make sure it's
2 balanced with whatever is in Los Angeles. And then this
3 area here, North -- Northern Riverside and -- and San
4 Bernardino. But --

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

6 MR. O'NEILL: -- I think that should be fine.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

8 MR. O'NEILL: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So it just be the small,
10 essentially adding the back tribal area North and also a
11 little amount of -- of the tribal area into those two
12 areas into the more -- MORCOA.

13 MR. O'NEILL: Yes, thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

16 Commissioner Sadhwani.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. Thank you. I
18 initially raised my hand in response to some of the
19 direction that Commissioner Akutagawa was giving around
20 Costa Mesa. She had suggested removing Cyprus from a --
21 a -- a community with -- or a district with that Garden
22 Grove, Westminster neighborhood and instead adding
23 Costa -- Costa Mesa. I just really -- I -- that's --
24 didn't work for me. It didn't work based on most of the
25 COI input testimony that we've heard.

1 And -- and so I'm -- I'm certainly open to looking
2 at other options for the -- I mean -- I -- I think in
3 particular it's that Little Saigon region. I don't think
4 Costa Mesa is it. We've heard a lot of testimony that
5 links Costa Mesa with Irvine and Testa.

6 I specifically remember a mom calling in over the
7 summer talking about, like, driving her kids to --
8 between school and soccer practice and the -- the
9 connectivity between those -- those areas. So I -- it
10 really didn't feel like the right move.

11 And I think in general, you know, as I was thinking
12 about it, there's a lot of places where I'm hearing
13 potential direction being given and in what seems like
14 pulling out neighborhoods that may be a little bit more
15 Asian from potential VRA districts. And I -- I -- I
16 wanted to just name that, as Commissioner Turner often
17 refers to, I want to name that, because I don't think
18 that we need to think about Asian and Latino communities
19 as being in opposition to one another.

20 And I think we've heard -- heard similar things
21 around Cerritos and Artesia as well as Hacienda Heights.

22 And I'm going to point out perhaps my -- and my
23 direction on this piece is, are there other ways to think
24 about the VRA districts that don't cut up some of the
25 Asian-American coin testimony that we've received.

1 And thinking further, this goes back to Los Angeles
2 county to some extent but -- but still fairly related --
3 sorry, John, I know this isn't your area, but right on
4 the cusp of your area here -- we had received some ideas
5 last week when we were getting map, you know, map ideas
6 from folks about a VRA district that would maintain --
7 that would be a Latino VRA district but that could still
8 maintain the Asian-American communities of interest
9 testimony that we received. And we received a lot of it
10 from that Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar
11 area including Walnut. So I wanted to point the mappers
12 to that. That was specifically testimony that had come
13 from Asian-Americans advancing justice in API AMEMSA
14 testimony that we received last week. They -- it's what
15 they refer to as district 57, East San Gabriel Valley.
16 And just thinking about whether or not that could be an
17 option for us so that we can meet our requirements under
18 the VRA without splitting some of this key community of
19 interest testimony that we've received. Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you for that,
21 Commissioner Sadhwani.

22 John, do you have any reaction? And if not, we'll
23 move to Commissioner Toledo.

24 MR. O'NEILL: I would have trouble reacting just
25 to -- to those specific recommendations because just

1 as -- as Commissioner Sadhwani did note that it does
2 apply to a number districts in Los Angeles, which I'm
3 much less familiar with than the specific VRA
4 requirements in those areas, which I'm also much less
5 familiar with them, unfortunately.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think -- but this is
7 something we can look into and --

8 MR. O'NEILL: Of course.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and talk with VRA
10 attorneys about.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, and I think -- I -- if
12 I may, I think in this area in particular, this South Los
13 Angeles County region, I understand that from a process
14 perspective we have mappers that are in different
15 regions. But this is a region that's ultimately
16 connected. And I think we're getting to that point
17 whereas we're putting together and stitching together the
18 map, I think we're going to need greater connectivity
19 for -- between the mappers to -- to really think through
20 these areas.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Absolutely.

22 Commissioner Toledo.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I -- I wanted to concur with
24 Commissioner Sadhwani and -- and -- and bring up --
25 highlight also the -- the MALDEF map. The MALDEF map is

1 map number 38 that also references this area as very
2 similar to the Asian-American map put forward. And just
3 to take a look and see how -- and I recognize it's two
4 different line drawers doing this, but how do -- how
5 do -- if -- if there's a possibility to -- to create a --
6 a district that does promote the VRA and -- and secures
7 the Asian-American communities together while also
8 advancing Latino and -- and hopefully coalition
9 opportunities for those two communities to work together
10 that would be -- that would be -- I think that would be
11 excellent. Thank you.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And I -- and I certainly
13 think as we move forward that we'll have -- I know the
14 mappers are working in close conjunction with each other.
15 And I think as we move forward, we'll be able to have
16 them in the same place, kind of like, we started out with
17 Kennedy and Tamina and I think Kim is not too far. You
18 know, they're all accessible and right here, so they're
19 hearing the information. And we will continue to have
20 them work together as -- as we work on one map.

21 Commissioner Sinay.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just building on that, I don't
23 want us to forget the regional -- the regional -- the
24 group -- the regional groups that submitted maps as well.
25 So for Orange County they -- they -- they worked really

1 hard on creating a coalition map in Orange County with a
2 lot of the -- so I just don't want us to put all the
3 weight on the state groups, but also remember that there
4 are some regional groups in, you know, in Orange County,
5 Inland Empire, as well in the Central Coast that
6 submitted.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

8 Okay. We're going to -- believe it or not, if there
9 aren't any other comments in general for Assembly, we're
10 going to move to our Congressional maps. I'm sorry --
11 yes, to our Congressional maps. And I just told the line
12 drawers we're ready for Senate maps, but actually --
13 won't go on record as saying I lied, but I just was
14 mistaken -- Senate maps.

15 MR. DRECHSLER: Okay. We will just need a couple
16 minutes to change over to -- we'll -- and Chair, you want
17 the Senate maps?

18 CHAIR TURNER: No, I keep doubling -- I wonder if I
19 really want that, because I mean -- I mean Congressional
20 and I've said Senate twice. I wonder what I really mean.
21 I mean Congressional.

22 MR. DRECHSLER: Congressional.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Congressional. We want --

24 MR. DRECHSLER: Okay.

25 CHAIR TURNER: -- Congressional maps.

1 MR. DRECHSLER: Great. We will just need a couple
2 minutes to transition to the Congressional maps.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

4 MR. DRECHSLER: Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Chair, quick question. Are
6 we starting in the South? With the --

7 CHAIR TURNER: We're starting in same order. So
8 we're starting with ACE. So we all have visualizations
9 that was received.

10 And so if we'll pull those out and start looking
11 through, recognizing that there are some changes that
12 we've recently made through our Assembly districts, some
13 things that we promised we'd probably be able to address
14 in Congressional maps that we could not address with the
15 Assembly. So we look forward to that conversation now as
16 we move into this next area.

17 MR. MANOFF: Chair, would you like to go to break
18 for five minutes?

19 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Yes. We'll take --

20 MR. MANOFF: All right.

21 CHAIR TURNER: -- a five-minute break.

22 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 3:13 p.m.
23 until 3:25 p.m.)

24 CHAIR TURNER: So good afternoon, and welcome back
25 from our lunch break. I'd like thank you all for -- all

1 the Commissioners and for all of the Californians that
2 are continuing to call in and give us live feedback real-
3 time, we appreciate that.

4 And I'm excited to announce that we're going to move
5 now to our Congressional maps. We're starting back at
6 the top of the state.

7 And Commissioners, I just want to remind you that
8 for the discussions that we've had for the Assembly
9 districts, if we were not able to accomplish something in
10 the Assembly, our mappers have already taken that into
11 consideration and placed it where they need it or where
12 they could in either Senate or Congressional districts.
13 So you'll see some of that. So where we've given
14 direction before we don't -- they -- they have assured us
15 and assured me that they have it, so we don't have to go
16 into great detail that we've already shared, we still
17 have that information.

18 So we're going to go now into our Congressional
19 district starting with Tamina.

20 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Good afternoon, Commission.
21 Welcome to Congress.

22 We are starting with NORTHCOAS, which is page 9.
23 The visualizations for this section are actually
24 correctly numbered in pages. So we're going to be going
25 from page 9 to page 22 in this section.

1 Starting with page 9 is NORTHCOAS. NORTHCOAS takes
2 Del Norte County, Humboldt County, Trinity County,
3 Mendocino County, and Lake County.

4 Siskiyou County is split to take in the Karuk tribal
5 lands and unite them with their lands in Humboldt County.

6 Sonoma County is split at its Southern end for
7 population. And it does not include Petalume -- Petaluma
8 or Temelec. Petalume (sic).

9 The next visualization is page 10, YOLOLAKE.
10 YOLOLAKE encompasses all of Marin County and all of Napa
11 County, the cities of Petaluma and Temelec and the 35
12 corridor for Sonoma County.

13 And in Solano County, the cities of Dixon,
14 Allendale, Hartley, Vacaville, Fairfield, Green Valley,
15 Suisun, and unincorporated areas to the South, the
16 district -- to the South of the county, sorry. This
17 visualization does not include Benicia and Vallejo.

18 Going to page 11, this is OAKLAMORI. Starts in the
19 North with Contra Costa County at Rodeo. Comes down the
20 80 Freeway through Hercules, Bayview, Tara Hills,
21 Montalvin Manor, El Sobrante, Richmond, North Richmond,
22 San Pablo, Rollingwood, East Richmond Heights, and El
23 Cerrito. Does not include Kensington. Includes Albany,
24 Berkeley, Emeryville West of Oakland, Piedmont, and
25 Alameda City. Oakland is split, and is the only city

1 split in this visualization.

2 We'll go to page 12. Page 12 is NORTHCONT -- or
3 North Contra Costa. And this visualization starts in the
4 North in Solano County with Vallejo and Benicia, and then
5 crosses the bridge to unite them with Martinez and Contra
6 Costa County, takes the top of the four corridor in Vine
7 Hill and Clyde, takes Concord and Clayton. Then comes
8 South through the 680 corridor through Pleasant Hill and
9 Reliez Valley and Saranap, keeps Lafayette, Orinda, and
10 Moraga together. And then comes into Alameda County
11 taking the hillside area of Alameda County and the
12 Eastern section and hillside of Oakland.

13 Next one is page 13. CONCORDTR, which is so named
14 because it used to include Concord, does not anymore.
15 This visualization starts at Baypoint and follows the
16 Highway 4 through Pittsburg, Antioch, Oakley and Bethel
17 Island to the Northern and Eastern borders of the county.
18 Going down through Oakley, Knightsen, Brentwood,
19 Discovery Bay, and Byron. The 680 corridor is also
20 continued here with Walnut Creek, Shell Ridge, Castle
21 Hill, Alamo, Diablo, Blackhawk, Danville, Camino
22 Tassajara, San Ramon, and Norris Canyon. Includes all
23 the other unincorporated areas to the East of Contra
24 Costa County. And then comes South into some
25 unincorporated areas of Alameda County to take the City

1 of Dublin, Pleasanton, and the unincorporated Hill area
2 of Alameda County above Oakland.

3 Next is page 15. And this is GREATERED, or Greater
4 Eden. And this visualization has San Leandro, Castro
5 Valley, Ashland, Cherryland, San Lorenzo, Fairview, Union
6 City, a small area of unincorporated Alameda County over
7 here, Fremont, and Newark. And there are no city splits
8 in this visualization.

9 Next page is page 16. This is CUPERTINO, which does
10 have Cupertino; Sunnyvale; and Santa Clara; parts of San
11 Jose, including the downtown, various neighborhoods; East
12 Foothills and Alum Rock, and Milpitas. San Jose is the
13 only city split.

14 Next is page 17. SANTA CLAR starts in Redwood City,
15 comes down through Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto,
16 Atherton, Woodside, West Menlo Park, Portola, Palo Alto,
17 Stanford, Mountain View, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills,
18 and Loyola. And then South to Saratoga, Campbell,
19 Fruitdale and Burbank, Cambrian Park, Los Gatos, Monte
20 Sereno, and Lexington Hills. And there are also no city
21 splits in this realization.

22 Going to page 18. This is GREATER SA and Mateo. And
23 this starts in San Francisco. So I will put on the San
24 Francisco neighborhood layer. So the areas of San
25 Francisco which is -- are part of this visualization are

1 Parkside, Lakeshore, Oceanview, and the Southern half of
2 Twin Peaks. This visualization then includes Daily City,
3 Brisbane, Colma, South San Francisco, San Bruno,
4 Millbrae, Pacifica, Burlingame, Hillsborough, San Mateo,
5 Baywood Park, Highlands, Belmont, and San Carlos on the
6 East. And then on the coastal side: Pacifica, Montara,
7 Moss Beach, El Granada, Half Moon Bay, La Honda, Loma
8 Mar, and Pescadero.

9 In Santa Cruz County this visualization includes
10 Boulder Creek, Brookdale, Lompico, Zayante, Ben Lomond,
11 Bonny Doon, Davenport, Felton, Scotts Valley,
12 Pasatiempo, and Santa Cruz. And there no city splits in
13 this visualization.

14 Page 19 -- well, aside from San Francisco, I should
15 say. I'm sorry. San Francisco is split in this
16 visualization.

17 Page 19 is NORTHSANEM, which used to be San Mateo,
18 and now is the remainder of San Francisco with the
19 exclusion of Parkside, Lakeshore, and Oceanview
20 neighborhoods and the Southern half of Twin Peaks
21 neighborhood.

22 Page 20 is MIDCOAST. We'll zoom out just so you can
23 see the whole thing for a minute. This is the MIDCOAST
24 visualization.

25 So we'll start North in Santa Cruz County. In Santa

1 Cruz County we have Capitola, Pleasure Point, Live Oak,
2 Soquel, Seacliff, Aptos, Day Valley, Corralitos, Rio del
3 Mar, La Salva Beach, Aptos Hills-Larkin Valley, Amesti,
4 Interlaken, Freedom, and Watsonville, and Pajaro Dunes.
5 This visualization then encompasses all of San Benito
6 County whole.

7 In Monterey County we have Potrero, Las Lomas, the
8 other half of Aromas that is in Monterey County,
9 Prunedale, Elkhorn, Castroville, Moss Landing, Salinas,
10 Marina and Seaside, Beronda (ph.), Del Rey Oaks,
11 Monterey, Pacific Grove, Del Monte Forest, Carmel-By-The-
12 Sea, Carmel Valley Village. Down the 101 corridor from
13 Prunedale, Salinas, Spreckels, Trawler (ph.), Gonzalez,
14 Soledad, Greenfield, King City, and Pine Canyon, San
15 Lucas, San Ardo, and Bradley, Fort Hunter Liggett, and
16 Lockwood.

17 In San Luis Obispo County this visualization
18 incorporates Cambria, San Simeon, Oak Shores, Lake
19 Nacimiento, San Miguel, Paso Robles, Templeton,
20 Atascadero, Garden Farms, Santa Margarita, Creston,
21 Wesley Gardens, and Shandon. And there are no city
22 splits in this visualization.

23 Page 21 is SOUTHCOAS. SOUTHCOAS starts in San Luis
24 Obispo County at Cayucos through Morro Bay and Los
25 Osos -- Los Osos, California Polytechnic State

1 University, San Luis Obispo, Los Ranchos, Avila Beach,
2 Pismo Beach, Arroyo Grande, Oceano, Grover Beach, Los
3 Berros, Blacklake, Callender, Woodlands, and Nipomo. And
4 continues Eastward to the county line and Southern --
5 South to the county line.

6 The visualization then incorporates all of Santa
7 Barbara County.

8 The visualization also includes the islands South of
9 Santa Barbara County and -- and the islands that are
10 associated with Ventura County.

11 And then in Ventura County the visualization takes
12 Ojai, Meiners Oaks, Mira Monte, Oak View, and Ventura.
13 And there are no city splits in this visualization.

14 And lastly is page 22. This visualization takes the
15 Northern half of Ventura to the county lines and the West
16 and East. Keeps together the Port Hueneme, Oxnard, El
17 Rio, Saticoy, Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Piru. This
18 visualization also includes Camarillo, Somis, Moorpark,
19 and Simi Valley, Santa Susana, Santa Rosa Valley,
20 Thousand Oaks, Casa Conejo, Oak Park, and Lake Sherwood.
21 This visualization does not include Bell Canyon, but does
22 include Agoura Hills and Westlake Village in LA County.
23 And there are no city splits in this visualization.

24 That concludes this set.

25 CHAIR TURNER: All right, Tamina. Thank you so

1 much. Okay. Commissioners, waiting on the hands to go
2 up. I see a couple. Okay.

3 Commissioner Fernandez followed by Commissioner
4 Toledo.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

6 Tamina, did you go over page 14? That one's the
7 SCALRATRACY, or is that not part of this one?

8 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: I completely missed that one.

9 CHAIR TURNER: I don't think she did.

10 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Nope, I might have missed that one
11 too. Let's do that one right. I apologize.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

13 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: SCALRATRACY starts in Alameda
14 County with Sunol and Livermore, and the unincorporated
15 areas East and South to the county line. Then takes
16 Mountain House and Tracy in San Joaquin County. Come
17 South into Santa Clara County taking the Southern half of
18 San Jose -- sorry, San Jose City, and including Morgan
19 Hill, San Martin, and Gilroy, and all unincorporated
20 areas to the South and East county lines. The city split
21 in this visualization is in San Jose.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Tamina. If you
23 could just -- you're -- it was perfect where you were at
24 the bottom of that.

25 And I do -- because I'm going to forget to say this,

1 I want to thank all of the line drawers. Absolutely
2 wonderful job. I love the visualizations in terms of
3 including the extra information on the side, which is so
4 helpful. So thank you so much. I know it was a lot of
5 work and I just really appreciate it.

6 My only comment on this one and the bottom one is
7 Gilroy. Gilroy's more of a farming-type community and I
8 was wondering -- but I also think it's -- what was the
9 population on that one, like 50,000 or something like
10 that. 59 -- oh, almost 60,000. I wasn't sure if we
11 could include that with the one below because that's kind
12 of -- yeah, with Hollister. Again, it's going to -- has
13 the ripples effects, but that was my only comment for
14 this one. That was good.

15 Pardon?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I agree.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. And Commissioner
18 Sinay apparently agrees as well, so.

19 And I just wanted to go to number -- page 10 and
20 again, I think this one is one that I might wait until
21 Kennedy, or if Kennedy's going to take my comments from
22 the Assembly and maybe implement it to -- do I need
23 repeat everything or --

24 CHAIR TURNER: No, we don't need to repeat
25 everything.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Focus.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So can we just see -- can I
4 just see that one really quick, on 10? Yeah, the
5 yellow -- can you zoom in on the Yolo County? I was
6 trying to see what parts were included for Yolo. It was
7 a little bit small for my glasses.

8 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yolo County is actually not
9 included in this visualization.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh.

11 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: It used to be.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think that's what --

13 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- threw off. Okay.

15 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: I apologize. It used to be. It
16 is no longer included --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

18 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: -- in this visualization.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'll just wait for --
20 Kennedy, I'm coming and you knew it, but that's okay.
21 I just love you guys. You're doing great. Thanks.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo.

23 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, thank you, and I also
24 appreciate the architecture. I think it's getting there.
25 For the North coast region, starting with the Humboldt,

1 going all the way down. I think the question comes back
2 to Lake County. I think Lake County would be better
3 served with Napa, and that's what the community of
4 interest is coming in if it's possible. And potentially
5 adding Marin to -- instead of, like, adding Marin into
6 the North coast region -- or portions of Marin,
7 especially the coastal portions. And if we need
8 population moving some of the wine region out of the
9 North coast district and putting it in with this wine
10 district that we've been trying to create. Does that
11 make sense?

12 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes. I also have a Senate
13 visualization that has almost exactly the configuration
14 you described. So you can -- we'll see that later on
15 today --

16 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I think that would be helpful.
17 I think if --

18 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: -- or tomorrow.

19 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, yes.

20 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Whenever we see that, but yes,
21 noted. Thank you.

22 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate it.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fernandez, I'm sorry,
24 were you finished? You had more?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I'm sorry. Is that a

1 dollar? I left my hand on -- all right.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Commissioner Toledo read my mind.
4 So we need not dwell on Lake County.

5 Let's take a look at Oakland. So looking at --
6 let's take a look at page 12, so NORTHCONT. So we have
7 Vallejo, Solano -- I'm sorry. Vallejo, Benicia, and then
8 into Contra Costa County, Lafayette, Orinda, Moraga, and
9 then into West Oakland. That just seems like an odd mix
10 to me, and I'm wondering what would happen if we rotated
11 it counter-clockwise. And so take out Oakland -- West --
12 East Oakland there and then add Western Contra Costa
13 County down to San Pablo. So Rodeo, Hercules, so on down
14 to San Pablo. That would make somewhat more sense to me.

15 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Okay. Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Maybe. One other comment, so I
17 think the Oakland -- the boundary you're using I think
18 from Berkeley down is this city boundary, and we had a
19 comment about this earlier. Actually, I'm wondering if
20 it might be better if we actually used the county
21 boundary there, which is a little bit to the East of the
22 city boundary. And go through Redwood Regional Park and
23 so -- and so forth. The county boundary between Alameda
24 and Contra Costa.

25 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: This does use the county boundary.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: This --

2 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: This is the county boundary.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. Okay.

4 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: This little red line over here.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: I couldn't quite see. Okay. And
6 that is it.

7 Oh, I did have one more general question. So for
8 the Congressional districts -- of course, we'll have to
9 get more -- much closer to a zero deviation. I'm just
10 wondering if the line drawers could give us a little
11 sketch on that's going to look later in the process? How
12 we're going to do that shaving to get down close to zero?

13 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: It's going to be picking is what
14 it's going to be. Maybe picking more than shaving. So
15 you know, as we get closer, obviousity, we'll -- we can
16 narrow down the deviation before we start live line
17 drawing. Hopefully, quite a bit, but that's what we're
18 doing, live line drawing, right? It's just get closer
19 and closer and then it -- you know, I don't know.

20 We'll have to confer with your council to see
21 whether you're drafts have to be perfectly populated or
22 whether it's okay to have some level of deviation for the
23 Congress. But it's a pretty time consuming process
24 because you're essentially -- really -- literally picking
25 census blocks, having the calculator out sometimes, and

1 figuring out, you know, what adds up to deviations of
2 just a few people.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: I will need a really detailed
4 sense of neighborhoods, even street by street.

5 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Unfortunately, this is the problem
6 with equal population, you know. This is a real trade
7 off because that's where your neighborhoods and
8 communities of interest go -- you know, take the back
9 seat, because equal populations is your first criteria.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa followed
12 Commissioner Anderson.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I'd like to just ask
14 some questions. Starting with the North coast map, I
15 noticed that Siskiyou -- it looks like it's split; is
16 that correct?

17 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes, Siskiyou is split to take the
18 Karuk Tribal lands and unite them with Karuk Tribal lands
19 in Humboldt.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I see. Okay. All right.
21 Okay. So clarification on that. Thank you.

22 I was originally going to suggest, I guess, putting
23 all of the -- like we did with the Assembly map. Putting
24 all of Siskiyou together with that corner from Humboldt
25 and then perhaps, you know, would it make sense to add

1 back all of Sonoma so that it's also all in one district,
2 and I don't know if that alone, or is that too many --
3 does that throw off the population numbers?

4 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: I could definitely try it to take
5 out this part of Siskiyou and the part of Humboldt County
6 which as the Karuk lands, and then since I'll taking Lake
7 County out of here, to take in the rest of -- oh, then
8 there's Marin. I'll take a look at it. I'll figure it
9 out.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think I only ask because
11 I think some of the community of interest testimony also
12 talked about some of the challenges of getting from Del
13 Norte and Humboldt into Siskiyou and so just being
14 conscious of that. But I also want to respect the -- you
15 know, keeping the tribal lands together, but it seem like
16 in the Assembly visualization it had less impact, I
17 guess, to just take a portion of that. That small
18 quarter of Humboldt, or they may also disagree too, so.

19 Okay. There's one other one. This is the one
20 that's Concord. You know, I know that these are the
21 tradeoffs that you need to make. It's just interesting
22 because I notice that Concord was included with the
23 Contra Costa -- Delta communities in the Assembly
24 visualizations, but in this particular one, Concord --
25 I'm assuming for population -- was removed from the Delta

1 district in this particular case. And then also all of
2 the -- I guess communities in Contra Costa, which
3 includes Danville, San Ramon, Dublin, and Pleasanton.

4 And perhaps Commissioner Yee or Commissioner
5 Anderson may be able to speak more to this, but my sense
6 was that Concord is very much aligned with the -- kind of
7 that -- you know, that, kind of, group of cities from
8 Walnut Creek down to San Ramon, Danville, Dublin,
9 Pleasanton.

10 And does that just throw off the numbers? Because
11 it looks like it's minus 4.99, so --

12 CHAIR TURNER: If the Commissioners from that area
13 want to comment, because I notice Concord is in within
14 Martinez, and Chilcoot and some of those areas, Pleasant
15 Hill.

16 Thoughts?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yeah, I'll jump in. Yeah,
18 Concord, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, those are all the
19 same. Martinez is sometimes separate because a little
20 further North and more -- it's hillier. It isn't as built
21 up. It isn't as -- it's a little more rural. The
22 Concord, Pleasant Hill -- actually, La Mirada, that whole
23 area, Walnut Creek -- I would actually draw the line --
24 Alamo, Danville, is the line that I would come separate
25 those. Alamo, Danville, San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton,

1 Livermore that's more of the tri-valley.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So perhaps --

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Tri- --

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Walnut Creek should go
5 with -- I mean, it's already an odd mix already, because
6 you've got the very affluent La Mirada, you know, Moraga,
7 Orinda --

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Walnut Creek.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- Walnut Creek areas and
10 then you have it also with, you know, communities like
11 Martinez or -- I mean, Vallejo, Benicia --

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: (Indiscernible, simultaneous
13 speech) --

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- Martinez, yeah, they're
15 very much industrial. Probably more working class, so
16 it's -- I know these districts are really big, so these
17 are the, you know, interesting accommodations that we'll
18 probably be seeing more of, but -- okay. I just wanted
19 to comment on that.

20 I have one more that I wanted to ask about. I'm
21 sorry? Oh, yes.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Are you moving on, Commissioner
23 Akutagawa?

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I'm moving on, but it
25 looks like -- I'm sure.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Right before you move -- sure.
2 Go ahead.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: One of the -- just sticking
4 to that one. I'm sorry can't figure out if I have to
5 wear my glasses or not wear my glasses.

6 We did get some good visualizations from the
7 community maps that were shared with us, and it was more
8 going -- you know, circling around the bay versus going
9 North and South. And I know that we've got that -- the
10 hill that we want to respect.

11 Is that what you call it, Commissioner Fornaciari?

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Respect it.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Respect it. Was it the
14 hill? But we don't want to cross that certain line, but
15 if it's possible now to go, you know, to, kind of, take
16 that middle -- the Concord -- Concord, Clayton, Walnut
17 Creek going South towards Orinda. And then Martinez and
18 Pittsburg, Antioch, Benicia, you know, all of -- going
19 around up there so it's kinda of taking -- hopefully I'm
20 making sense. But it's going along the water to the
21 more -- the more industrial parts and working class
22 neighborhoods and then keeping the more affluent, middle
23 class neighborhoods together -- front and center.

24 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Where would I add population from
25 up here? Yeah, so when we did this before the population

1 you'd have to do is split Stockton.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yeah, because Concord
3 doesn't have enough population, right? If you move
4 Concord South and then you move the rest of the community
5 around --

6 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: If you move Concord South you
7 would lose Dublin and Pleasanton from here. And then you
8 would have to change 1, 2, 3.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: I mean, I'm not -- can I --

10 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Concord's a 150,000.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Oh, so you're saying if you
12 move Concord and -- well, okay. Move Concord into the
13 blue, but then take the blue at the top and keep
14 following the bay towards to Crockett. To the left.

15 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Until Vallejo, or all the way
16 toward -- you'd like to create a Highway 4 coming across
17 this way?

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yeah. Thank you. I forgot
19 about the 4.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay, are you
21 suggesting that we split -- no, not a city, maybe
22 separate Pinole, El Cerrito, Albany, all going that
23 direction?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Hmm.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That was like one of the --

1 yeah, when we were looking at -- we had all of the
2 community maps that was one of the ones that both
3 Commissioner Yee and I were like you know, they took a
4 creative way of looking at that whole area.

5 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: I'll see if I can find it.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yeah, but I think
7 Commissioner Fornaciari wanted to build on what I was
8 saying.

9 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay. May I just ask?

10 CHAIR TURNER: One moment. Oh, go ahead, a line
11 drawer --

12 MS. MAC DONALD: May I just please ask if they're --
13 if you can point us to that visualization, because we're
14 just kind of counting up numbers and it doesn't really
15 work in our heads right now.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. And staying on this same area
17 with hands, we do have Commissioner Anderson also that
18 wanted to comment on this area, and maybe others. And
19 then we'll also get to Commissioner -- whoever you were
20 referring too. Who'd you say?

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Fornaciari.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Anderson, did you want
23 to comment on this?

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yes. Yes, I do. I do see
25 we need to reconstruction of the architecture of the

1 plans in this -- in East Bay, because what we in the
2 green area -- I don't know what that one's called.
3 Basically there is the West Contra Costa School District
4 and that consists of El Cerrito, Richmond, San Pablo,
5 Pinole, Hercules, and a bunch of unincorporated areas,
6 which are El Sobrante, Tara Hills South. So that area
7 and Kensington. That is a school district, so I'd like
8 to keep that area together.

9 And then North of that I would like to do with what
10 Mr. Sinay (sic) was talking about. So if we look back at
11 the map, essentially just above Pinole, we would cut that
12 and go across the 4. Martinez -- don't put Concord in
13 it. Bay Point, Pittsburg, Antioch, all the way out to be
14 Bryon, Discovery Bay that whole area. If you want to
15 include Vallejo and Benicia in that to make population I
16 would do that.

17 So coming down in the green, Kensington goes back
18 in. We cut some population out. I think we need to
19 actually -- if we want to keep the City of Oakland
20 together we cut -- well, Alameda -- it's a little tricky
21 in there in terms of population dropping this down a
22 little bit, because you can't put Oakland with Orinda,
23 Moraga, Lafayette, they have nothing in common. School
24 districts are different. Where they shop, you know,
25 there's a whole ridge of mountains there and you can only

1 go up and over a few times, but you certainly don't do
2 that for shopping. You certainly don't do that for
3 schools, for where you get your groceries, none of that
4 sort of thing.

5 And then I would -- since you've chopped a bunch of
6 the blue area, then continue down gathering from Concord,
7 Pleasant Hill, La Mirada, probably down -- I don't know
8 population wise down to Alamo to get enough of what
9 you've gotten. And then from -- if you have to cut, you
10 know, from Danville going South to include Livermore to
11 grab more population in that area. So I would do a total
12 reconstruction there.

13 And if you need to cut into the GREATER -- GREATERED
14 to get population, I would do that and it would shifting
15 around the Bay. Because I think we've broken up a lot
16 of -- it -- while this looks nice, it sort fits -- we've
17 broken up a lot of communities and who are similar
18 interests, similar economic status. We've kind of mixed
19 up them all up here, and I really think we need to do
20 some reconstruction. Thank you.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Are there any other comments on this
22 particular area? Commissioner Fornaciari, Commissioner
23 Toledo.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: My comments would be
25 fairly similar to Commissioner Anderson's comments. My

1 thought was to just shift things North along the East Bay
2 and in trying to keep -- you know, trying to respect that
3 ridgeline as best you can. I think this -- you know, I'm
4 huge not a fan of this SCALRATRACY thing. You know, not
5 a fan.

6 And I know that, you know, you've got population
7 issues, but I'm, kind of, hoping if you can shift
8 everything to the North then you can mess around from
9 Contra Costa County down through Eastern Alameda County
10 and hopefully make it work.

11 I just want to point out one thing. We heard an
12 awful lot of testimony from the tri-valley as a community
13 of interest. And we do not respect the community of
14 interest in of any of our maps at this point. So I'd
15 like to see us -- see if we can work on that. The tri-
16 valley is Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, and
17 Danville, and the unincorporated areas.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Toledo, you wanted to
19 comment on that same area?

20 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, same area.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Uh-huh.

22 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Just I had serious concerns
23 about splitting Oakland, especially with the feedback we
24 received from the Black Census and Redistricting Hub.
25 And they did provide some visualizations that might be

1 helpful in thinking through some of these issues, as well
2 as equity California -- Equality California rather.
3 Especially around the East Bay area and the LGBT
4 interests as well. So those are -- you know, think --
5 thinking through those things as well. Then I concur
6 with Commissioner Fornaciari and Anderson on their
7 comments as well. Thank you.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Isra, are you going in the same area?
9 Yes, please. I mean, Commissioner Ahmad.

10 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah. Thank you, Chair.
11 What was the phrase used, additive, but not
12 repetitive.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Agreed with Commissioner
15 Toledo's comments.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Awesome. Commissioner Akutagawa,
17 were back to you.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Wow. I just
19 wanted to comment on how that looked. Okay.

20 Actually, Commissioner Fornaciari mentioned it, the
21 SCALRATRACY, I wanted to just clarify or question on that
22 one. I mean, you know, going from Livermore, Tracy, all
23 the way down to Santa Clara does seem rather odd, and I
24 do want to, I guess, clarify or ask, you know, why -- I
25 know that we've gotten mixed testimony around San

1 Joaquin, but there has been quite a bit of testimony
2 about trying to -- with the exception of Mountain House
3 and Tracy that did not receive any love -- you know, to
4 keep San Joaquin together as much as possible. I guess,
5 is there a reason why instead of going South down to
6 Santa Clara why we couldn't go East into San Joaquin
7 and/or -- I know, Stanislaus has also really asked to be
8 kept together as much possible, so.

9 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: The reasoning was that Mountain
10 House and Tracy actually did get a lot of love from
11 Livermore, and they said to go East along the 580 and
12 keep them together with that -- this area of Eastern
13 Alameda County. Second reason is that this visualization
14 goes all the way down -- there's no one who lives here.
15 This entire area. So if you want to take any more
16 Southern population then you are coming into San Benito
17 County.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: We can't just go East -- or
19 do we have to go too far East to get the population
20 that's needed?

21 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: If you were trade out Mountain
22 House?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, if you were to take
24 out -- even if you're -- well, I don't know. Would some
25 of the changes that were just suggested that may just

1 really, you know, reframe the calculus that you have to
2 look at in terms of the population numbers for this
3 SCALRATRACY visualization. But I am just wondering -- I
4 mean, I know that you got love from Livermore on this,
5 but can you go Eastward instead of going Southward?
6 Because going Eastward seems like it would make more
7 sense than going South.

8 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: They're very different
9 communities, and I guess to use Commissioner Anderson's
10 words, you know, you're mixing up a lot of different
11 communities that don't necessarily go together, so.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think the line drawers
13 want to make a comment.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, Karin.

15 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you so much for all of that
16 input. We have some clarifications, please. So we made
17 need to -- some prioritization here because we heard some
18 things that may not all work together. So if we could
19 just ask those, that'd be great.

20 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: Yes, thank you for all of your
21 ideas, and I would love to use as many of them as
22 possible, and so I want to repeat them to make sure that
23 I got them. And I would love a -- your ideas about what
24 priorities to keep together first. So for example, the
25 Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, up to San Ramon tri-valley

1 area was one that was discussed, which this area can
2 started there if that is your priority.

3 Keeping Oakland whole was also discussed, which can
4 be started there if that is your priority. Another idea
5 was to rotate out this section of Oakland on the East and
6 take Western Contra Costa County, which was a third. And
7 then another was to create a visualization that goes
8 along Highway 4 but does not take Concord into Pittsburg,
9 Bethel Island, and may require either some of Stockton or
10 some of Solano to make that population.

11 So if I could get a priority, like, Tamina start
12 with this -- try this one, then I'd appreciate it. Thank
13 you.

14 CHAIR TURNER: So Tamina, I'll interject. Let your
15 last priority be splitting Stockton into that area we've
16 received, so start there and work backwards. And then
17 also I wanted to -- as you're trying to get clarification
18 I wanted to understand too, the -- when you talked about
19 Oakland I think that was pivoting Oakland -- I forget
20 who --

21 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Yee.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee. So Hercules,
23 Pinole -- can you name the cities, what that pivot looks
24 like?

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: I suggested going down to the

1 border of San Pablo, but it just depends on population.
2 But I'm also mindful of Commissioner Anderson's comment
3 about the school district there, which is a big deal,
4 too, so not sure how to untangle that knot.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: I do have an idea if I --

6 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: -- can speak up? I would
8 like to start with Western Contra Costas School District
9 and go South respecting the ridgeline, and which -- and
10 until -- and usually -- unfortunately, that does tend to
11 cause a split in Oakland. And then from there continue
12 South respecting the ridgeline. Because usually you have
13 parts of San Leandro, Castro Valley, because those are
14 areas -- you really can't tell when you're going from one
15 area to the next area. And it also has a lot of
16 different -- you know, different populations of
17 immigrants who are all very -- well, they shop in each
18 other's areas and it's all sort of continuous.

19 I would go that way first, and then going -- so that
20 would -- I would say following -- respecting the
21 ridgeline. That will enable you to do the tri-city, and
22 going across the top of 4 I would also keep, but again,
23 not including the Western Contra Costa School District,
24 and going across that way. And then when you're saying
25 where do we get the population from if we take out

1 Livermore and Tracy, Gilroy.

2 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: So another one to put into the
3 priority list would be great. Thank you.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy, are you
5 weighing in on this conversation? Commissioner Kennedy.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I -- I
7 think what I was imagining in my mind's eye was that
8 Pittsburg, Antioch, Bethel Island, Discovery Bay, Byron,
9 et cetera would be in a more Delta-focused district and
10 that Walnut Creek to Sunol, and Pleasanton to Tracy would
11 be in a district just kind of as far as communities of
12 interest would make more sense to me. Just wanted to
13 toss that in there. Thank you.

14 CHAIR TURNER: I'll be your plus one there.
15 Commissioner Akutagawa?

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Can I move onto the
17 next --

18 CHAIR TURNER: Before we move, Tamina, I don't --
19 I'm -- I'm not certain I heard priorities. Are you good
20 with that?

21 MS. RAMOS ALLEN: I heard no priorities, Chair. If
22 you would please restate them, I'd appreciate it.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Exactly. Commissioner Kennedy, and
24 then we'll go back around again.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: You wanted me to restate what

1 I said?

2 CHAIR TURNER: Yes. And then have Commissioners
3 respond to that because there was a couple of head nods
4 but not certain if we got it all the way around.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. So what -- what I was
6 imagining in my mind's eye was something that would start
7 in Pittsburg or Antioch and go to Bethel Island,
8 Discovery Bay, Byron, and then cross the San Joaquin
9 County line, Sacramento County line, Yolo County line
10 just to come up with a -- a Delta-focused district.

11 And then would have from Walnut Creek to Sunol or
12 wherever on that corridor along with Pleasanton to Tracy
13 on that corridor together in a district. So basically
14 splitting what is currently the Concord TR -- the blue
15 district -- and -- and taking that in two different
16 directions, one being a Delta-focused community of
17 interest and one being the -- the Tracy to Pleasanton and
18 Walnut Creek to Sunol and wherever.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Toledo?

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: For me, I think my first
21 priority -- and it's diff -- maybe similar -- is to keep
22 the Oakland area whole --

23 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- and then it would be
25 this -- secondarily, this what I see as a Richmond --

1 like, really, it's Vallejo across to the Delta, the
2 Northern area that Commissioner Kennedy is talking about,
3 and then keeping the Tri-City community whole as was
4 presented by the community of interest area. So one,
5 two, three. I'm not sure if my colleagues agree, but I
6 just wanted to throw that out there.

7 CHAIR TURNER: I like it. Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I -- I would also
9 support those priorities as well, too, and -- and I --
10 hopefully, some of the other suggestions.

11 Perhaps it would be that East Bay kind of
12 urban/suburban/rural/semi-rural kind of -- I think the
13 talked about equestrian pursuits and other things like
14 that could include, you know, that other remainder of
15 maybe Concord to Walnut Creek. I don't know if it's
16 going to be too much, but I trust that the line drawers
17 will do it.

18 CHAIR TURNER: So before you move, let me just do a
19 quick poll. Commissioners Sadhwani, Yee, were you still
20 wanting to comment on this area, or you have other areas?

21 Okay. Yes, Commissioner Yee, I hear. I didn't see
22 Sadhwani or even Anderson. Commissioner Yee?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, I support Commissioner
24 Toledo's priorities. Also, it's a Tri-City -- I think
25 tri -- I mean, Tri-Valley.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Tri-Valley.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: That is the Tri-Valley area.
3 Tri-City I think is Fremont, Newark, Union City.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa, you
5 want to finish or go to your next area?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I don't know if
7 Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Sadhwani also
8 wanted to --

9 CHAIR TURNER: I asked. They did not respond.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No. Mine is for this area.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, it is? Okay. I didn't see your
12 head nod or move or anything different. Commissioner
13 Anderson, you, too? Okay. Then you're ahead of
14 Commissioner Sadhwani. So Commissioner Anderson,
15 Commissioner Sadhwani, I apologize. Please go.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Thank you. I,
17 unfortunately, don't quite agree with Commissioner
18 Toledo. And while yes, I like to keep -- I like the idea
19 of keeping Oakland whole, because of where it is, then
20 you have created other districts that don't fit.

21 Western Contra Costa School District is not at all
22 like Eastern Con -- Eastern Con -- Eastern Contra Costa.
23 And if you put that area, and if you cut, like, say --
24 you know, say Emeryville, Oakland, then Berkley, Albany,
25 Kensington up North goes where? You know, it doesn't.

1 Where we usually had -- you know, again, this is
2 historically, you tend to go from the western Contra
3 Costa respecting the East Bay hills going South. It does
4 put a line usually somewhere in South Oakland or East
5 Oakland that goes with San Leandro and San Lorenzo. And
6 that's something where it's often been.

7 And the reason -- the reason why these areas have a
8 lot in common in because of it's all the -- the water
9 issues. You also have your East Bay MUD goes up and down
10 this -- this district. It's the transportation corridor
11 all the way because the I -- you know, I-80 goes through
12 Emeryville. You know, that's where they call it the Five
13 Lanes from Hell. It starts from Concord and goes -- not
14 Concord -- from Pinole all down -- on down into Oakland,
15 Emeryville and Oakland.

16 And if we separate those, so then you're going to
17 start to put parts of -- it -- it -- it -- then -- then
18 you're going over the hill. You're going over the East
19 Bay hills, which a completely -- and if we've heard
20 anything from parts of the public testimony, it's Arenda
21 Moraga (ph.) has nothing to do with Berkeley and
22 Emeryville and Oakland.

23 So I'd really -- I -- I think we could do as I --
24 the priority would be respect the hills going South
25 across western Contra Costa South. And then I do like

1 Commissioner Kennedy's idea. If we want to go
2 Martinez -- Vallejo, Venetia, Martinez, and Antioch going
3 out for a Del -- for a Delta area. And then I also agree
4 with Commissioner Kennedy going South from the
5 Concord/Pleasant -- Pleasant Hill all the way down to
6 Sunol. I -- I totally agree with that. I'd like to see
7 that as the -- the priorities. Thank you.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So you have two different
9 priorities to explore. Commissioner Sadhwani.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. This is in support of
11 Commissioner Toledo's comments, and I actually don't
12 think they're completely opposed to what Commissioner
13 Anderson is saying unless I'm misunderstanding the area.

14 But I think having Oakland serve as that anchor and
15 heading Northwards towards Berkeley and Emeryville as --
16 as kind of an anchoring district for this bay area region
17 in East Bay, and then pulling out Richmond, Vallejo, and
18 Veracruz (ph.) I know the line drawers had asked for
19 a -- an example or a page number. Black Census and
20 Districting Hub had considered something similar to this
21 on page 126 of their report, so just wanted to offer that
22 as something that we can think through. Thank you.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay? Oh. I'm sorry.
24 Commissioner Fornaciari then Commissioner Sinay.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I was going to say what

1 Commissioner Sadhwani said, so thank you.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Oh. Perfect. Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I support the two priors
4 and Commissioner Toledo.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner
6 Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I -- next map I'd
8 like to move onto is the greater -- I think it's the San
9 Mateo one. I think this one also poses a similar
10 challenge.

11 The inclusion of Santa Cruz in this is just a
12 little -- I mean, I see that it's a coastal district, but
13 you also have included again very different communities
14 in the Northern part -- well, South -- the Southern part
15 of -- of San Francisco, into Daly City, Burlingame, San
16 Mateo, you know, all of those cities up at that Northern
17 tip, and then you go down into Santa Cruz. And again,
18 along the coastline, some very different communities.

19 I think if you were -- one way to look at it is if
20 it excluded the South San Francisco and San Mateo County
21 areas then it might make sense, but right now, again,
22 very different communities, and -- and I think I'm just
23 trying to understand, you know, what some other options
24 might be in this, whether or not it's to remove Santa
25 Cruz, although, you know, I know it's going to throw off

1 the populations, but I'm just -- wanted to point that
2 out. I don't know if others wanted to comment on that.
3 I just have --

4 CHAIR TURNER: I -- I do. Can you drill down? And
5 where's Harbor Dunes? Is that it right with Santa Cruz
6 in this district?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. When she presented
8 it, it included all of Santa Cruz.

9 MS. RAMOS-ALLEN: Harbor Dunes is in the pink area
10 over here. This is the Santa Cruz County line.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Oh. I'm sorry. I meant the City of
12 Santa Cruz, not the county.

13 MS. RAMOS-ALLEN: Sorry. City of Santa Cruz is up
14 here, and is all in the blue area.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Could you go back up towards the San
16 Mateo area of where it's red with city?

17 I guess the question I would have is -- I mean, it's
18 not going to be ideal and -- and, you know, we can
19 discuss other alternatives, but I do wonder if we were
20 to -- if we were to take that Northern area that included
21 the San Mateo County, go into Redwood City, Menlo Park,
22 East Palo Alto, would that -- would that give enough
23 population to -- to -- to have the -- the -- the right --
24 to meet the standard deviation that would be needed for a
25 Congressional district, or would -- or if needed, could

1 we pick up more of the cities up in that area like
2 Atherton, for example. It's not ideal, but you know,
3 even, like --

4 MS. RAMOS-ALLEN: I can definitely try that. And
5 then Santa Cruz, you would like to put with this area?

6 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, because I think they have
7 more -- at least I -- I know that 17 corr -- you know,
8 Highway 17, I know that there's a lot of traveling
9 between. I know some of the -- the tech folks that work
10 in the valley also live at least, you know -- some might
11 live in that Scotts Valley area, too, so it -- it just
12 seems like it just makes more sense to group that
13 together than that entire -- I -- I know the coastline
14 issue, too, but I don't think it makes sense given that
15 Northern part.

16 And I guess I would just say maybe use your
17 discretion as to where you would cut off, you know,
18 that -- that -- that Northern coastline part. Does that
19 make sense or is that clear?

20 MS. RAMOS-ALLEN: Yes. I'm not exactly sure where
21 that line would be, but I will take a look.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, because you would
23 know the number -- the population numbers, so I don't
24 want to just say it should be this. Okay. Chair?

25 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Should I move on or --

2 CHAIR TURNER: Please.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Last one. I just want to
6 comment about Ventura. And on that particular one, I --
7 I -- I did see community of interest testimony that spoke
8 to West Lake Village, Agoura Hills, and Calabasas all
9 being very intertwined cities and regions, and so that
10 would be my only -- that would be my only ask is -- is if
11 we were to add Calabasas, given that it's a minus 3.48
12 percent deviation, would it tip it over too much?

13 I tried to look up a population number. I don't
14 think I found it unless I missed -- wasn't looking
15 correctly. Oh. It's 23,000. Yeah. So it actually
16 would bring it closer to the right number. Calabasas is
17 23,280, population. So my direction is I'd like to see
18 that added. I -- yeah.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Chair.

21 CHAIR TURNER: You're welcome. Thank you.

22 Commissioners, I don't see any other hands. We're going
23 to prepare -- we have five minutes to transition to
24 Kennedy for our next region, and we are scheduled for a
25 fifteen-minute break at 4:30, required break.

1 MR. MANOFF: Would you like to take your fifteen
2 now, Chair?

3 CHAIR TURNER: Absolutely. If we can do that, if we
4 can take a --

5 MR. MANOFF: Sure. Sounds good.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So back at 4:40.

7 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:26 p.m.
8 until 4:40 p.m.)

9 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you so much, and thank you
10 to -- again, to all of Californians that are calling in
11 and participating with us in this process.

12 I do want to let you know I am hearing those that
13 have elected not to use the -- the system and the tool
14 that is available and want to let you know that we are
15 going to open today for public comment in the middle of
16 this agenda item just for those that is waiting to get
17 through and -- and have comment on it.

18 So we're going to continue this conversation around
19 Congressional lines through 5:30, at which time we're
20 going to stop and open it up for public comment. And we
21 will close lines at 6:00, so if you get into the queue
22 before 6:00, we will take your public comment tonight.
23 So we will take your public through -- and answer
24 everyone that's in the queue that we can get to. So
25 lines will open.

1 Oh. I was being a mysterious caller without my --
2 my video on. Sorry. So we are going to open for public
3 comment. We're going to talk about Congressional lines
4 just a little bit more, and hopefully, maybe -- maybe it
5 can happen, we can get through the end of them by 5:30.
6 But at 5:30, we will start taking public comment.

7 Okay. So at this point, we are now in the hands of
8 Kennedy.

9 MS. WILSON: One moment as we get those page numbers
10 so we make sure everyone's on track. Okay. Hello,
11 Commission. Day two. We are going to be starting on
12 page 26 of the handout with the NorCal visualization.
13 This is not loading.

14 So to begin in the North, we do have this part of
15 Siskiyou cut off at about Eureka. I'll zoom in so
16 that -- Eureka -- so you can see there, keeping the Karuk
17 Tribe together.

18 Last time, we were told to -- that's why you're
19 seeing different variations to either have this portion
20 of Humboldt taken out to keep the Karuk Tribe together,
21 and we were just exploring the possibilities, and this
22 one worked, splitting Siskiyou in half here. And that is
23 why we did it that way, to keep the deviations at a good
24 place.

25 So here we have this part of Siskiyou, Modoc,

1 Shasta, Lassen, Plumas, Butte, Tehama, Glen Colusa, down
2 into Yolo without West Sacramento. This does separate
3 Sutter and Yuba from Butte, but given feedback from
4 yesterday, that is also something that you would like to
5 see.

6 Now, we will be moving on to page 28, this ECA,
7 Eastern California visualization. So here we do --
8 starting in the North, we have Sutter and Yuba kept
9 together. We have Sierra Nevada, Plaser, and El Dorado
10 kept together as well. Plaser does have a split within
11 the county separating Lincoln, Sheridan, Granite Bay,
12 Loomis, Newcastle, Auburn, and North Auburn from
13 Roseville and Rocklin.

14 And then moving down, we have Mono and Inyo kept
15 together and being populated by these counties in the
16 North rather than to the South. And the counties --
17 those counties would be Nevada, Plaser, and El Dorado
18 giving population down this way to Mono and Inyo.

19 Now, we will be moving on to page 30 into West
20 Plaser and Sacramento. Here we have Rocklin and
21 Roseville kept together in Plaser, and then coming into
22 Sacramento, we have Folsom, Gold River, Fair Oaks,
23 Orangevale, Citrus Heights, Arden-Arcade, Carmichael,
24 McClellan Park, North Highlands, Foothill Farms,
25 Antelope, and Rio Linda.

1 Now, we will be moving onto page 31, which is this
2 WESTSAC Sacramento visualization. Starting at the top,
3 we have Elverta. We add West Sacramento, the entirety of
4 West Sacramento. And the entirety of Sacramento is in
5 this visualization. It has no splits.

6 We also have Rancho Cordova, Mather, La Riviera,
7 Rosemont, Fruitridge Pocket, Lemon Hill, Parkway, and
8 Florin.

9 Now, we have page 32, South Sacramento/North San
10 Joaquin. So here we have Elk Grove in Sacramento, Ann
11 Vineyard, Wilton, Rancho Murieta, Galt, down to Lodi. We
12 keep Stockton whole as well as incorporating the Rio --
13 the delta community and the school district although it
14 does not go into Yolo to take Clarksburg but keeps down
15 in this tail of Sacramento, Walnut Grove, Isleton, and
16 Rio Vista.

17 Now, we are moving on to page 34, moving into
18 Stanislas, which is kept whole and then includes Lathrop,
19 Manteca from San Joaquin, Ripon, Escalon. Moving North,
20 we have the Eastern San Joaquin farming cities as well --
21 Farmington up to Dogtown.

22 Now, we are moving onto page 35, Merced to Fresno.
23 We have a split in Merced, however, we keep Merced whole,
24 again, Atwater, Chowchilla, Madera. And then moving into
25 Fresno, I'll zoom in so you can see that Old Fig Garden

1 West of 99 to the North in Fresno is kept together.

2 Now, we're moving into page 36, and we have Merced
3 to Curran. So this takes this western part of Merced
4 with Los Banos and Dos Palos. Then we have from
5 Firebaugh, Mendota, Viola, to Kerman are within this
6 Merced to Kern visualization. We keep Kings County
7 whole, and then we go down into West Bakersfield, not
8 splitting Shafter, keeping towns of La Cresta, Benton
9 Park, Cottonwood, Hillcrest, Potomac Park, Fairfax, down
10 to Arvin together. And these in yellow are the VRA
11 consideration districts. And so this one that I just
12 went over, Merced to Kern, is a VRA consideration
13 district.

14 Now, we will be moving on to page 37, which is
15 Fresno to Tulare. We'll move in here to see West Park,
16 Southwest Fresno, and Sunnyside down to Selma are kept
17 together as well as other farming towns of Caruthers,
18 Kingsburg, Fowler, Del Rey, Sanger and Reedley, and
19 Orange Code -- Orange Cove, these are all kept together
20 in this visualization, and into Tulare, it is split, but
21 it keeps Visalia, Tulare, Portville whole.

22 And our final one is on page 38, and this is Tulare
23 to Kern. I mean, my apologies. Tuolumne to Kern. And
24 this, I went back and forth of having it in this Eastern
25 California one or having it in this one, Tulare to --

1 Tuolumne to Kern.

2 I did find that we have Yosemite National Park being
3 kept together when these two counties are together in
4 this corner of Tuolumne and Mariposa to the Eastern
5 corner. There are parts of Yosemite in there as well.
6 So keeping that together is my reason for having Tuolumne
7 in this one that has Tuolumne down to Kern.

8 And then we have population from -- I'll zoom into
9 Fresno -- population from Northeast Fresno and Clovis,
10 and then populate -- population from what is in
11 Bakersfield, in this area. The Lake Isabella,
12 Ridgecrest, and this part of Kern that is not with the
13 VRA district whole. And that is all.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Kennedy. Commissioners,
15 now we'll have an opportunity to comment on the
16 Congressional maps that Kennedy just presented. I see
17 Commissioners Fernandez and Anderson.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So on 26, Kennedy,
19 that is the NORCA. If you can please drill down to the
20 Yolo end of it, please. I wanted to look at it a little
21 bit closer.

22 Okay. So I've already given these comments, so I
23 don't know -- for the Assembly, so I'm not sure if you're
24 going to take them. But I -- I want that blue area to go
25 all the way down to Rio Vista and include Dixon, and that

1 population isn't that much, but it -- it'll probably be
2 enough to throw you over.

3 So again, want it more with the rural -- rural
4 agricultural areas. And again, Rio Vista is part of
5 Solano as well, so I'd like to kind of keep that --
6 yeah -- there to Rubeson (ph.), then I can't remember
7 what you had, so you're going to go into the purple as
8 well all the way from Rio to Clarksburg, into the blue.

9 That's my only comm -- so that's going to affect
10 other maps, so I'm not going to talk about the other
11 maps. Is that okay, Kennedy? Cool. Okay. So then the
12 next one would be 28, and that is the ECA -- ECA. And I
13 just need to look at it a little bit closer because it --
14 where's that one? Can you drill into that one for me,
15 please?

16 MS. WILSON: Yes. Would you like it in the nor --
17 drill --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, wait.

19 MS. WILSON: -- closer to the North?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Which one is this one? I'm
21 sorry.

22 MS. WILSON: In ECA?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh yes. Yes. I'm sorry.
24 So similar to the comments with Assembly from Sierra all
25 the way to the end of Inyo is a six-hour drive. And I

1 realize there's other considerations with mountain
2 ranges, and I'm just trying to figure out how to not make
3 it so long.

4 I was thinking maybe East -- maybe go Tuolumne and
5 Mariposa, but then you'd have to do Inyo with Tulare and
6 Fresno. I -- I would really appreciate if you could try
7 to work with that. That's probably not enough
8 information, but it's kind of a guidance. Okay. Thank
9 you.

10 And then number 30. I may need to look at that one
11 real quick, too. That one is WPLASERSAC. Okay. So I'm
12 looking -- let me see. What was I saying here? I had my
13 notes here.

14 What I was thinking possibly is trying to rework
15 this -- this visualization with -- is it the next one? I
16 can't remember. But I was thinking of the Folsom and
17 then Rancho Murieta, which is right below it. If that
18 could go with the El Dorado Hills. And yes. And so we
19 would take that out and then we would bring in -- let me
20 think.

21 Can you move back up a little bit? Thank you.
22 Sorry about that. It'd be Granite Bay. Yeah, I think
23 I'm okay with that. And if you move -- I'm sorry. Can
24 you move down real quick? I'm thinking all over the
25 place. And so this takes it all the way -- I think I'm

1 okay with the rest of it.

2 And then I -- I'm warming up. Is that what -- is
3 that the new thing we're saying -- to 31. That's your
4 WESTSAC to SAC. And I'm warming up to that idea because
5 it does include West Sac but it also includes all of --
6 the rest of Sacramento, right? Okay. So I'm -- I'm
7 warming up to that.

8 I'm a little concerned with Vineyard and Elk Grove.
9 Elk Grove, I -- I did want to be included with
10 Sacramento. There is a high Asian-American community
11 that also is linked to, like, the Green Haven/Lemon Hill
12 area, so I'm going to see what the numbers look like once
13 you make those changes or work with it. And I think that
14 was it because 32 would be impacted by my very first
15 comments, so I'm not going to repeat that.

16 MS. WILSON: Thank you.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Kennedy, any clarifying questions?

18 MS. WILSON: No, those were good. Thank you.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful. Commissioner Anderson.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Oh. Thank you. Yeah. I'm
21 look at that ECA, and specifically right at the top,
22 actually. I still want to put Lincoln in with Rocklin
23 and -- which would take it out of the ECA. There's about
24 70,000 people or so in -- 72 or so. If you take Lincoln
25 out and put it with the Plaser, and considering how

1 Commissioner Fernandez is trying to rework a bit of that,
2 it might fit.

3 And then go down because then you've taken 70,000 or
4 so out of ECA. If you pop down to -- I'd like to add in
5 Tuolumne and Mariposa County, and that's -- that's 70,000
6 people. So let's -- show us the difference here one city
7 versus two counties.

8 And the reason why I want to put those in is because
9 Calaveras and Tuolumne are -- and then Mariposa, but
10 Calaveras of Tuolumne are the heart of the gold country.
11 They have newspapers together. They have radio stations
12 together. Their tourist board is back and forth, Senora,
13 Angel's Camp, you know, all of these cities and towns
14 work together -- they are the same community, and to
15 separate that would really be -- it would cause a lot of
16 problems for them.

17 The only issue I see here now is then the
18 Tulare/Kern then would need about 50,000 more people, and
19 I don't know if we could get that out of our little VRA
20 or, like, somewhere -- you know, I don't know how -- how
21 those numbers are. You know, sometimes it sounds 50,000
22 is huge, and sometimes 50,000 is not that many. So I --
23 I'd very open to where, you know, we get a little bit
24 more to make that happen. As I said, Tuolumne, Mariposa,
25 and up -- up to Amador -- Calaveras and Amador,

1 they're -- they're all sister counties.

2 MS. WILSON: I have a clar -- just a question for
3 you. Is it imperative to you that Tuolumne and Mariposa
4 stay -- stay together, or is it more Calaveras and
5 Tuolumne, if

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Well --

7 MS. WILSON: -- there was a choice?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: -- it's Calaveras and
9 Tuolumne, but then Mariposa's only 17,000. So Tuolumne
10 is the bigger county, so I -- I think you have the same
11 problem either way. And so -- but Calaveras and
12 Tuolumne, absolutely. I'd prefer all -- you know, with
13 Mariposa as well. And as I said, it's only 17,000. So
14 if you're able to solve the 50,000 with Tuolumne, you --
15 you probably -- you know, that's -- you're probably okay.
16 But yes. Calaveras and Tuolumne definitely need to be
17 together, please. Thank you.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee?

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. On the same district, I
20 just wanted to comment that although the North-South
21 orientation is, of course, a crazy amount of
22 difference -- distance -- crazy amount of distance from
23 Sierra all the way down to the bottom of Inyo, the
24 testimony we heard was that at least that is accessible,
25 whereas East-West is not even -- is not accessible at all

1 during the winter months. So even though it looks
2 shorter on the map, it's even worse. So that's one point
3 in favor of keeping the North-South orientation.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.
5 Commissioner Taylor.

6 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Good afternoon. If I can ask
7 the fellow Commissioners a favor so you can drag me
8 along, when we're making some of our choices and changes,
9 can we provide a little bit more context as to why so it
10 doesn't seem like it's a capricious decision or a
11 personal preference, but rather it's based on a criteria,
12 a population, something of the sort so that we know why
13 the changes are being made or what your line of reasoning
14 is. Thank you.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor. And
16 to help with that, again, we have staff that's standing
17 by. Occasionally we're hear something, and we're like,
18 no, I want to hold onto this, and there's something I
19 remember and not quite. I remember reading in some of
20 the 6,000 testimonies that we hear.

21 If that's the case, let's just ask staff to give us
22 a high-level overview of what they've heard to see if
23 that helps us know why we're trying to hold onto
24 something. And if not, then perhaps we can begin to make
25 some concession based on what's needed for our maps and

1 our numbers.

2 I just wanted to make a general -- I put my hand up
3 to make a general comment, and -- and it's one of those
4 things that's noise in my mind, so I'll say out loud.
5 When we are trying to create districts from a geography
6 standpoint of what is accessible, I just want to name
7 aloud that my experience is the greater number of
8 Californians do not drive to their elected official's
9 office.

10 And so I almost feel like that's a fallacy that we
11 keep operating behind. They -- they don't. They don't
12 drive to the places. Very few, actually -- people
13 actually show up. And when they do, it's only for
14 certain occasions a couple of times a year.

15 So it seems like a lot of our conversation is being
16 decided around what's easily accessible to elected
17 officials, and some of that is a -- a elected official
18 issue as to whether or not they make themselves, whoever
19 they may be, accessible to the people that repre -- that
20 they represent and showing up in their areas.

21 So I just wanted to name that as a general
22 conversation for our last few days and as we go forward
23 to consider is that really something that should be a
24 priority as we're trying to design these districts.
25 Something certainly to be aware of.

1 I've mentioned it another way by stating that
2 something that has long mileage is not necessarily
3 synonymous with time because there are short distances
4 that also take a long time to get there. So just -- just
5 wanting to name that for the good of the echo system for
6 everyone all the way around, my thoughts.

7 Commissioner Taylor, do you have more?

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa?

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh. Almost pushed the
11 wrong button there again. I -- I -- I think I just
12 want -- I -- I mean, I guess this is one of those I don't
13 know if there's anything that could be done about it.

14 You know, Sutter, Yuba, and Butte have been very
15 clear about, you know, their -- their regional
16 cooperation, and it's a little odd to have them in this
17 kind of what I guess what I would call the Eastern
18 Sierra -- excuse me -- COI. Or not COI, but this
19 visualization.

20 I was trying to look at some of the other maps,
21 like, if you were to move that out, like, what would be
22 then the impacts to it. Unfortunately, not as much
23 flexibility, I saw, so I just wanted to ask this
24 question. Given what Commissioner Fernandez just also
25 asked about, would that rework your population numbers in

1 a different way, or does that increase the numbers?

2 Like, I'm thinking, like, if you were to remove Yolo
3 Coun -- Yolo County and -- and if you added in, I think,
4 Yuba and Butte. And I do understand that Butte is rather
5 large. I was really surprised to see how large it was.
6 I thought it was -- but it has quite a bit of population,
7 I know, and it's probably not going to make up for Yolo.
8 I mean, it would probably way overtake Yolo.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They're about the same.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: They're about the same?

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. Yolo and Butte are
12 about the same.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: About the same?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Population.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) County.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I -- I -- I was trying to
18 think about that. And I do agree with what Commissioner
19 Turner said about, you know, the -- you know, most people
20 not driving to their elected officials' offices, but
21 there are people who do want to see them, and you know,
22 unfortunately, sometimes maybe some of them don't get out
23 quite as much as their -- their constituents would like
24 to see, and I think that's what we've been hearing a lot
25 is that there's a belief that if -- if the -- if the --

1 their -- their -- their districts were a little bit more
2 concentrated, they might perhaps see their elected
3 officials a little bit more, but I don't know. You know,
4 I think it ultimately depends on who they choose to
5 elect.

6 But -- but with that said, I -- I also want to
7 support what Commissioner Anderson was asking about with
8 the inclusion of Mariposa and Tuolumne, and -- and I
9 think they all see themselves in fairly, you know,
10 cohesive ways, although probably there's still somewhat
11 of a split between these Southern Eastern Sierra counties
12 and the Northern Eastern Sierra counties, but I think
13 because of the access issues, I think they all want to be
14 together. Thank you.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
16 Commissioner Sinay.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. I was hoping
18 you could ask staff to look at what we have regarding
19 Trinity. I was just reading one of the comments we
20 received, and they made us aware that Trinity, Shasta,
21 and -- Tehama -- Tehama? Thank you. Are all in the same
22 community college district, and it would be -- and I
23 wanted to -- I felt like we have gotten different --
24 anyway, if you could just ask staff what we know about
25 Trinity that would be great.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Jose? Is it you?

2 MR. EDUARDO: Hi, Commissioners. Yes, I can -- I
3 can see what input Trinity has given. That's not my area
4 that I covered, but I will do my best to look up.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. And while you're -- just flag
6 us when you are ready, Jose. I'll move on. Do you have
7 others, Commissioner Akutaga -- was that Commissioner
8 Akutagawa? Okay.

9 Commissioner Anderson?

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yeah. Thank you. Yeah, it
11 was about back -- you know, the -- the reasons why I
12 might have -- maybe I was a little quick on why I was
13 saying the items that I was talking about. And when I
14 was talking about removing Rocklin, then it occurred back
15 to me with -- this is from the ECA.

16 I do agree that -- with Commissioner Akutagawa, Yuba
17 and Sutter are a little unusual to have because those --
18 while they do also have water issues and into the
19 mountains, they are more rural and farming with -- and
20 with Butte. And I was thinking if those were removed and
21 did some -- little bit partial of Yolo went down to the
22 delta community we're trying to draw, if we added --
23 rather than taking Lincoln out, if we added all of Plaser
24 County, and I think population-wise that might be a
25 trade-off.

1 And the reason there -- and so that's what I was
2 thinking, or you know, one, to keep the county -- the
3 entire county together. But then what I wanted to say
4 about this because it keeps on coming up about distance,
5 Mono, Inyo, up to the gold country, and it's actually --
6 it's not distance that's their issue. It is a -- it's
7 the Sierras. It's they have the fire issues. They have
8 the water issues in terms of -- also, it's a recreational
9 area. It's a soc -- it's the economic driver of this
10 area.

11 And the reason why Inyo and Mono have more in common
12 and want to go up with Alpine as opposed to over the
13 crest is because Fresno and Tulare, while they also have
14 some, you know, mountainous areas and things, they also
15 have large sections of the valley, and the people who
16 tend to run everything with Fresno and Tulare are more
17 valley-focused where Inyo, Mono -- and that's why they
18 really have a lot in common with Mariposa, Tuolumne,
19 Calaveras going North.

20 And it -- it is a -- it's the fire district area.
21 It has -- it's an economic interest. And particularly
22 again, most of these areas have huge numbers of land in
23 their county which does not belong to the county. And so
24 that's -- that's an item that, at a Congressional level,
25 is big. And that's why I'd kind of like to see these

1 counties be together in a Congressional district, for
2 their economic reasons. Thank you.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Fornaciari?

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So just a process thought
5 I would like to offer. Our mappers are working real hard
6 here and have -- have brought us something that, you
7 know, and this is a challenging problem. But you know,
8 I'm going to pick on Commissioner Anderson here a little
9 bit.

10 You just -- you just suggested adding 100,000 to the
11 red district without a way to map through probably six
12 districts to get back to, you know, even, and --

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: You know what? I did take
14 out the same -- about the same amount that I
15 (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, you -- you suggested
17 adding all of Plaser County and Tuolumne and --

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: And taking out Yuba and
19 Sutter.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh. I guess I missed -- I
21 guess I missed that part. I apologize. But I mean, in
22 general, that was one example. I missed. I apologize.
23 But -- but there have been other examples, and I just --
24 you know, I think we need to -- at the -- you know, I
25 know we're still at a high level her, but I just -- I

1 hope this helps, but if we can kind of try to close the
2 loop as we're taking people out, we're going to get those
3 people back.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Thank you. I -- I am going
5 to respond because that is something I am trying --
6 trying to do. Again, I took areas out, put areas in, and
7 I know again then where is the area -- where do we take
8 areas out of the NORCA, and it would be from Yolo.

9 So we can rearrange -- we're still trying to draw
10 that delta area so it can re -- it can grab some -- a
11 little rearranging in the Sacramento area Mr. Fernandez
12 was also hoping to maybe do a little rearranging in, and
13 so that's where -- that was the only nebulous thing I
14 wasn't specifically say, okay, take it out from here and
15 rearrange that, but I oft -- I try to do that because I
16 know how hard it is for the poor line drawers. And so I
17 thank you.

18 MR. EDUARDO: Commission -- Chair?

19 CHAIR TURNER: Yes. You have it?

20 MR. EDUARDO: Yes. I am --

21 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

22 MR. EDUARDO: I have some input available for you --
23 you all. And so -- and Ashleigh is here to jump in, too,
24 but the communities of Shasta, Trinity Glen, Tahama, and
25 Lake, we received a handful of input where they would

1 want to be placed together for -- and one of their
2 concern is the coastal natural resources, higher
3 education, farming, fishing, sustainable forestry, and
4 they consider it -- themselves small, independent
5 communities. And they are very -- they follow -- they
6 respect the boundaries of the Trinity River, which --
7 which is brought up in a handful of community input.
8 Ashleigh, do you want to jump in?

9 MS. HOWICK: Yes. I will just add that I have also
10 seen some COI input suggesting to put Trinity with Shasta
11 and Tehama because they share a community college
12 district. However, we've also gotten COI input that
13 watersheds from Trinity lead into Del Norte and Humboldt
14 County, so I've seen both.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And I forget, that was
16 you, Commissioner Sinay? Okay. Thank you. I just have
17 questions. Can you just name for me -- I was trying to
18 keep up with hands -- how many splits are there in Fresno
19 County, and where are they?

20 MS. WILSON: So here we have four splits in Fresno.
21 The first one is in the VRA district, which on this
22 line -- I'll follow it here -- does not include Raisin
23 City but takes in Kerman and Biola to the West.

24 And then we have our second one that goes into
25 Tulare keeping the Southwest of Fresno, West Park over to

1 Selma and these farming communities of Reedley, Sanger,
2 Del Rey, Fowler, Easton, Caruthers over to Orange Cove
3 together into Tulare.

4 And then we have our third one moving into the City
5 of Fresno, which includes Old Fig Garden Northwest of the
6 99 and keeps that community together and separate from
7 our last split, the fourth, which keeps Northeast Fresno
8 and Clovis together with the Eastern part of Fresno going
9 out to the mountains.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So there's a four-way split
11 for the county and Fresno itself. Fresno City is whole?

12 MS. WILSON: Yes.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Great. I don't have any
14 direction. I wanted to see that, and I'll follow up with
15 it later. Also can you show me San Joaquin County and
16 show me how many splits are in San Joaquin County? And
17 wait. Before you pass it, I think Merced is still -- is
18 Merced still split?

19 MS. WILSON: Yes, Merced is split in two. No city
20 splits, but the county is split.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. And then keep going up,
22 please.

23 MS. WILSON: And then in San Joaquin, we have three.
24 We have this upper western corner keeping Stockton, Lodi
25 together. Then we have this third one that makes kind of

1 a backwards "L" shape keeping Lathrop, Manteca, and the
2 Eastern farming communities together. And then the third
3 comes from taking Mountain House and Tracy out of San
4 Joaquin and districting it to the West.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Kennedy, do we currently have
6 any of the Central Valley counties whole, or in with --

7 MS. WILSON: Stanislaus is whole.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Once we get into live line-
9 drawing, I'll -- I'll -- I'd like to come back to some of
10 these areas and see what we can do to not have them split
11 so many different times. Thank you. Commissioner Sinay
12 and then Commissioner Akutagawa.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I asked about Trinity just
14 because staff kind of -- kind of confirmed what I was
15 feeling is that Trinity -- if we -- it's only 16,000. I
16 understand that. But if you need some wiggle room at
17 some place, Trinity can either go with the coast or go
18 inland, depending. I still believe that as much as --
19 that Siskiyou, if we could keep it all together it would
20 be ideal.

21 And then on the splits, this is something I've been
22 thinking about for a long time. It's been really easy
23 for us to say keep counties together, keep big -- you
24 know, keep little cities together and stuff, but we are
25 going to have to do splits at some time, and ideally, in

1 my mind, sometimes a 50/50 split is -- you know, a
2 county -- you know, instead of just taking some for
3 population, it feels better if two counties kind of are
4 50/50, you know, they're sharing that.

5 And so I know you have loved to hear this last --
6 two weeks ago versus hearing it now, but we're learning.
7 So I just wanted us to think about we are going to have
8 to split. There's no way around -- around splitting it
9 because the sizes, the different -- and so -- and -- and
10 we may want to start thinking more how do we creatively
11 want to move lines so the splits are shared among two
12 counties.

13 I agree. I think -- well, San Diego County is split
14 so many county, but it's a huge county so it's never
15 really occurred to me that it wouldn't be split. But --
16 but just that idea of if it's going to be between Orange
17 County and San Diego, how do we make it so it's 50/50?

18 You know, so just thinking about that. Others may
19 have other ideas, but just it's time for us to stop --
20 you know, we were saying don't split, don't split, and
21 that was great for visualization, but now we're getting
22 closer and closer to reality, so now we need to think,
23 okay, if we split, this is what I'd like to see.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay, which
25 is exactly why I just lifted that in the air because what

1 I don't want is by the time we get to the central
2 California area, we're splitting counties three, four,
3 and five times to keep other surrounding counties whole.
4 And so I named that. Don't have a specific direction
5 now, but I will want to come back to this as we move
6 forward. Commissioner Akutagawa?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I -- I -- and -- and
8 I guess on that note speaking about the Central Valley,
9 I -- if I can ask everyone, I'd like to go to page 38,
10 which is the Tuolumne/Kern visualization.

11 And I know we spoke about this in relation to the
12 Assembly map, and I know that it was going to be
13 challenging to do because of the numbers. But I -- I --
14 first off, I want to just ask a question maybe for
15 clarification and understanding. That is a -- a
16 potential VRA district. I see that it's in bright
17 yellow. But we do have significant COI testimony, you
18 know, really saying that Three Rivers is part of Visalia.

19 If -- if we were to try to grab that in -- I know
20 we're -- we're -- we're kind of slightly over, you know,
21 is there other adjustments, you know, that can be made?
22 And I -- and I'm asking this only because it's a VRA
23 district and I'm -- I'm a little concerned about saying,
24 can we just take this part away?

25 But if we were to grab Three Rivers, and I think I

1 tried to look up the -- the actual city numbers on that
2 one, but I don't see it showing up. One, would it throw
3 off the standard deviation so much that we would have to
4 have find somewhere else to perhaps move? Secondly,
5 would it throw off the VRA -- the potential VRA
6 consideration? Okay. All right.

7 MS. WILSON: And I was, you know, in those meetings,
8 and I heard everyone from Three Rivers, and it hurts to
9 split that COI. And that's why, in the Senate, you know,
10 they are kept together. It is -- it does drop the CVAP.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Okay. That -- I
12 just wanted to ask that for clarification because, yeah,
13 when I read those, I'm like, can we find a way? Okay.
14 Thank you.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
16 Commissioner Yee and Fernandez.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Just a quick note about
18 Fresno. I believe the current visualization actually
19 does split the City of Fresno a little bit. The North --
20 in the Northeastern part of it a little bit to the right
21 of Highway 41 to Clovis. I think that's part of Fresno
22 also, so that part is split.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Okay. We are going to go
24 to public comment at -- in seven minutes.

25 Commissioners -- Commissioner Akutagawa, you have

1 more? Commission -- okay. Anything else on this map
2 before we move to our Los Angeles area?

3 Okay. Jaime? Commissioner -- Commissioner
4 Sadhwani --

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

6 CHAIR TURNER: -- quickly.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No, I know we're about to go
8 to public comment. I feel like it would be helpful maybe
9 to do that rather than moving on and kind of leave Los
10 Angeles for tomorrow. And I think it would -- mentally,
11 I think, be a better break for me. I -- I -- I feel like
12 I have additional thoughts on the -- the Central Valley
13 region, and I'm looking forward to the public comment on
14 it.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So we'll take -- okay. So
16 we'll get ready to go to public comment. Please, we want
17 to remind the community that our lines will close at
18 6:00, but indeed, we will take everyone that is in queue
19 before 6:00. I do see hands up and people lined up and
20 prepared. Excited about that. We have a natural break
21 we'll let you know that we are required to take, and I'm
22 not being a good steward over the break times, Kristian,
23 so if you're remind me.

24 MR. MANOFF: Our next break is at 6:10, Chair.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So yep. It'll be after the

1 line are closed, but we will still get to everyone that
2 is in the queue that we can.

3 MR. MANOFF: And give us just a moment. We are
4 joined by our comment moderator, and we will get ready to
5 take comments. Just a moment here.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So while we're waiting for the
7 comment moderator, I guess what I want to say is we'll
8 take everyone that we can. I can't promise that I'll get
9 to everyone because I don't know if I'll fall asleep on
10 you at some point, and I want to be alert and ready to
11 hear your comments. We'll take as many as we can. And
12 keep in mind that --

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I am here --

14 CHAIR TURNER: -- you can continue --

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- Chair, I apologize.

16 CHAIR TURNER: -- to give us public comment on our
17 tool at any point, and we will be taking additional
18 public comment at the end of our session.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Am I -- can you hear me,
20 Chair? This is --

21 MR. MANOFF: Yes, we can.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- Katy.

23 MR. MANOFF: Yes, we can.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Awesome. All right.

25 Kristian, the one thing I do not have is the new meeting

1 ID number.

2 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Found it. All right.
4 I'm resourceful. Here I am. We are ready? You're just
5 waiting on me, correct?

6 MR. MANOFF: Yes. Go ahead with the instructions,
7 please.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Got it. In order to
9 maximize transparency and public participation in our
10 process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment
11 by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided
12 on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When
13 prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on the
14 livestream feed. It is 83289935025 for this meeting.

15 When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply
16 press the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you will
17 be placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment,
18 please press star nine. This will raise your hand for
19 the moderator.

20 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a
21 message that says, the host would like you to talk and to
22 press star six to speak. If you would like to give your
23 name, please state and spell it for the record. You are
24 not required to provide your name to give public comment.

25 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream



1 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
2 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, the alert for
3 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn
4 down the livestream volume.

5 And we will be having two-minute increments, a
6 warning at one minute and -- and thirty seconds.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We'll do a warning at thirty
8 seconds and --

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: thirty seconds --

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and fifteen seconds.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- and fifteen seconds.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And that warning will sound
13 something like this: thirty seconds, fifteen seconds.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
15 have caller 8818. One moment. Sorry. 818, if you will
16 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
17 pressing star six. The floor is yours.

18 MS. KING-TINGLE: Good evening. My name is Bernice
19 King-Tingle. That's T as in Tommy, I--N-G-L-E. I'm on
20 the Board of Directors at Mountain House Community
21 Services District, and my comment is brief. Mountain
22 House must be written in with Stockton, Lathrop,
23 Brentwood, and other communities that rely on delta for
24 their water source like here in Mountain House. We get
25 our water from Clifton Forebay, and we would like to be

1 zoned in with communities that are in the delta
2 communities. Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now we will have caller 1251. And up next after
5 that will be caller 266. Right now, we will have caller
6 1251. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
7 pressing star six. The floor is yours.

8 MR. HALLDIN: Thank you. Thank you. My name is
9 Phil Halldin, H-A-L-L-D-I-N. I serve on the Rocklin City
10 Council in Plaser County and was calling in to urge you,
11 and I've -- I've heard your comments about splitting
12 counties, and I understand that you -- you're going to
13 face some tough decision, but you know, Plaser County is
14 a county with about 400,000 people, and when it comes to
15 Senate Assembly and Congressional districts, if at all
16 possible, to keep our county together.

17 Particularly what -- what we refer to as South
18 Plaser, Rosehill, Rocklin, Lincoln, Granite Bay, that
19 area. We do just about everything together, and we are a
20 distinct economic area from the Sacramento County region.
21 We share school districts, a community college district.
22 We have a independent water agency that serves these
23 areas. And -- and the Plaser County area is definitely a
24 distinct community of interest that we would urge you to
25 keep -- keep together in the maps for the various seats

1 that you're going to be drawing maps for -- for.

2 Our council, on Tuesday, voted to send a letter, so
3 you'll be receiving an official letter from the city with
4 our -- our encouragement in that direction. I appreciate
5 all the work you folks are doing and the difficult task
6 that you have. And again, if at all possible, to keep
7 Plaser County, and we are untied in many things in the
8 county. But if -- if that's not completely possible,
9 keep the western part of the county where most of the
10 population is together. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 now we'll be going to caller 2668. And up next after
13 that will be caller 2887. Caller 2668, if you will
14 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
15 pressing star six. The floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. So my name's Isaiah.
17 I'm a first-generation college student from Cal State
18 Bakersfield, and I know how it's important that we keep
19 communities of interest unified, and I'm concerned that
20 the Commissions' current visualization of the Assembly
21 lines are dividing Bakersfield that's not really unifying
22 our community interests, which especially for our farming
23 and agricultural communities. And I just don't think
24 it's a very, you know, logical way to exclude the City of
25 Shafter in the Southern Bakersfield section.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up
2 next, we will have caller 2887, and after that will be
3 caller 3196. Caller 2887, if you will please follow the
4 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The
5 floor is yours.

6 MS. KERR: Thank you so much. Thank you,
7 Commissioners, for your continued hard work and good
8 service in support of --

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You are unmuted --

10 MS. KERR: -- all of our --

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- and the floor --

12 MS. KERR: -- communities.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- is yours. You may
14 want to make sure that your phone is not on mute.

15 MR. MANOFF: We can hear you. It's okay. We can
16 hear you, caller.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You are now unmuted
18 again.

19 MS. KERR: Okay. Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You may want to double-
21 check that your --

22 MS. KERR: Thank you, Commissioners --

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- phone isn't on mute.

24 MS. KERR: -- for your hard work. My name is Megan
25 Kerr. I'm on the Board of Education, the Vice President

1 of Board of Education for the Long Beach Unified School
2 District, and I'd like to read a letter from our --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'm sorry. Caller --

4 MS. KERR: -- superintendent of schools.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- 2887, we are not
6 hearing you. You are --

7 CHAIR TURNER: Katy --

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- unmuted in --

9 CHAIR TURNER: -- Katy, we hear her.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- the meeting. Oh.

11 Well, never mind.

12 MR. MANOFF: We are hearing you, caller. We're
13 going to restart your time.

14 MS. KERR: Thank you so much. My name's Megan Kerr.
15 I am the Vice President of the Board of Education in the
16 Long Beach Unified School District, and I'd like to read
17 a letter from our Superintendent of Schools.

18 Dear Commissioners, on behalf on the Long Beach
19 Unified School District, we write to say thank you for
20 keeping our school district whole in your map
21 visualization. Earlier this year, we wrote to express
22 how important to us to keep LBUSD together, and we thank
23 you for taking our feedback into account with these
24 visualizations this week.

25 LBUSD supports nearly 70,000 students from Avalon,

1 Long Beach, Signal Hill, and Lakewood with education from
2 pre-K to high school. Our students are diverse with 58
3 indenti -- 58 percent identifying as Hispanic, 12.6
4 percent African-American, 12.5 percent white, 7.4 percent
5 Asian, 4.3 percent two or more races, 3.2 percent
6 Filipino, 1.2 percent Pacific Islander. We also have 14
7 percent of our students who are English language learners
8 and 63 percent who come from families that are
9 socioeconomically disadvantaged and need specialized
10 support.

11 We know you'll hear a lot of feedback in the coming
12 weeks about visualizations statewide, but as you do,
13 please keep the Long Beach Unified School District as
14 together as possible. We need to have representative
15 elected by our community so that they can be responsive
16 to the children and young adults we serve. Having access
17 to local lawmakers who will be responsive to our needs
18 for funding and support is critical to us.

19 Thank you again for all of your time, and
20 congratulations on your release of your statewide visu --
21 visualizations that support students in our region.
22 Sincerely, Dr. Jill Baker, Superintendent of Schools of
23 Long Beach Unified. Thank you so much.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I
25 apologize for my own malfunction. Up next will be

1 calling 3196, and after that will be caller 3220.

2 Caller 3196, if you will please follow the prompts
3 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
4 is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. My name
6 is Christian, and I just want to thank you for this
7 opportunity to night to give public testimony. I'm also
8 a resident of Long Beach like the caller before me, and I
9 know you've been hearing a lot from our community, but I
10 want to thank you for listening to our feedback, and I
11 think it's really important and reflected in the maps
12 that you've been discussing this week.

13 I think these updated visualizations are such an
14 improvement for our city over what this Commission has
15 been looking at previously, and I'm really grateful that
16 you and your staff and the line drawers have really taken
17 our input to heart.

18 First and most importantly, these maps for Congress,
19 Assembly, and Senate all keep Long Beach largely
20 together, but to my mind, they also place us with
21 neighboring communities and cities that really makes
22 sense and really reflect how we think about our greater
23 area. Communities like Bellflower, Signal Hill, Los
24 Alamitos, these are all places that I drive through on a
25 daily basis, that I think about when I'm going out to

1 eat, to go see a movie back in the before times, and also
2 to just shop and spend time with friends and family.

3 I know that we've only had the chance to hear your
4 discussion for the Assembly districts in my area, and
5 there's some variation between the three maps in
6 different districts, but my community really supports
7 what you're looking for our area, and I hope you'll end
8 up adopting lines that are really similar to what's
9 before you this week. I also want to appreciate that you
10 have a number of considerations and different variables
11 and voting rights considerations --

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- that make this such a
14 challenging and difficult process, but I know that you've
15 been listening to our feedback, and it's been reflected
16 in the work you've -- you've done so far, and we're just
17 so, so grateful that you've been hearing us and it's
18 reflected in what you're doing. Thank you so much for
19 all of your hard work and for the chance to speak to you
20 this evening.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
22 right now we will have caller 3220. And up next after
23 that will be caller 5178. Caller 3220, if you will
24 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
25 pressing star six.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can you hear me?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. The floor
3 is yours.

4 MR. SABLER: Very good. My name is Don Sabler
5 (ph.). I'm a 35-year resident of Yolo County and a
6 member of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. I'm very
7 heartened by the conversations that I've heard at the
8 last meeting and during the course of your conversations
9 today.

10 However, the visualizations, I think, have failed to
11 capture the community of interest that I know to be in
12 place in Yolo County. Eighty-six percent of the
13 population of Yolo County lives in the four incorporated
14 cities. We are indeed a rural county with a strong
15 agricultural economy. That economy is linked far more to
16 Solano County than to Plumas County or Alpine or up in
17 Shasta and Tehama.

18 So we are very disturbed and concerned to see a
19 Congressional district that has Yolo County as an
20 appendage attached to the Southern tip of a district for
21 Congress that would -- that would really exclude much of
22 our community of interest.

23 We share an air quality basin with Solano County.
24 We work actively on transportation corridors along
25 Interstate 80. I chair the Capital Corridor Passenger

1 Rail Service that provides a rail from Auburn to San
2 Jose. That's the -- we are much -- we're part of the
3 Sacramento Area Council of Governments in the six-county
4 capital region. We are in the community college district
5 that served by Solano County in Winters.

6 There's just no way that the community of interest
7 Yolo County has would go all the way up into that area.
8 The delta, if you live in Clarksburg, you look across the
9 river and you see Sacramento County. You don't look
10 across the river and see the City of Reading. We are a
11 part of the area --

12 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

13 MR. SABLER: -- in the Sacramento region. We're not
14 a part of that other area.

15 The Assembly district, by the way, is really
16 disturbing. You split the Winters School District, and
17 it splits the Davis School District by excluding El
18 Macero and Winters from the Assembly --

19 MR. MANOFF: Time.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All
21 right. Now, we will have caller 5178. And up next after
22 that will be caller 5597. Caller 5178, if you will
23 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
24 pressing star six. The floor is yours.

25 MR. WONG: Hi. My name is Jon Wong. That's J-O-N.

1 And W-O-N-G. I am a resident of Oakland, but I'm from
2 San Diego, California.

3 First, I want to agree with Commissioner Toledo and
4 Commissioner Yee's directions in terms of a Congressional
5 map for the East Bay. I have some good news. I was
6 poking around today with a districting app and it seems
7 like we can have a district that goes along the I-4 --
8 sorry -- the State Route 4 corridor all the way from San
9 Pablo to Discovery Bay and including Vallejo and
10 Valencia, a second Congressional district that goes from
11 Concord to the Tri-Valley, and then another district that
12 goes -- keeps Oakland intact and goes up to Richmond.
13 Richmond may need to be divided, but I really support
14 direction.

15 I also wanted to briefly mention from my own
16 hometown to please keep North inland San Diego City as
17 whole as possible including Rancho Bernardo, Rancho
18 (indiscernible) Ranch, and Sabre Springs. And in
19 particular, in the Congressional district visualization
20 for the district, it seems like my home birth community
21 in Rancho Bernastino (ph.) is split. That's ZIP code --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MR. WONG: -- 93129. If you can make sure that that
24 community is kept whole by going South of the 56 and
25 keeping Rancho Bernastino intact, that would be great.

1 Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 right now we will have caller 5597. And up next after
4 that will be caller 5944. Caller 5597, if you will
5 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
6 pressing star six. The floor is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
8 I'm calling from the San Pedro/Wilmington area, and I
9 just wanted to say thank you so much. You've hit a home
10 run with our neighborhood. A huge congrats to your staff
11 and the line drawers for all this hard work. I know it
12 must be intense. The State of California is one big
13 puzzle to piece together, and at least for my region and
14 my neighborhood, you've got it right.

15 The San Pedro and L.A. Gateway area are super tight-
16 knit communities. We feel connected to the cities that
17 are North of us. We've spent decades building
18 relationships with our neighbors along that 110 corridor,
19 and again, I just want to thank you for creating a
20 district that goes from San Pedro and heads North.

21 We absolutely should remain in the districts with
22 our cities like Carson, West Carson, and those L.A.
23 communities. I'm in love with this current map. Please,
24 please continue to keep this configuration and support
25 our communities. Thank you very much.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Right now we
2 will have caller 5944. And up next after that will be
3 caller 7199. Caller 5944, if you will please follow the
4 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The
5 floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. Yeah. I'm a
7 Bakersfield resident. Just wanted to comment on the --
8 the current county map that extends North through the
9 mountains. It seems pretty unwieldy, not very
10 representative of this area at all. And especially if
11 you look at the Bakersfield area and how the lines have
12 moved from the previous Congressional district maps, they
13 actually moved the line quite a bit North to Stockdale
14 Highway, which cuts West Bakersfield in half.

15 That really is one whole community. It's -- it's
16 much more similar to itself than it is to the neighboring
17 district which -- which just picked it up in the latest
18 visualization. So I would say if you guys could look at
19 that and kind of reset the line to where it was and not
20 split up West Bakersfield.

21 That Cal State Bakersfield is a university there
22 that is right on the border of that line, and you're kind
23 of splitting up a really big university community, and
24 just culturally, it just doesn't make a lot of sense.
25 Also, I'm not really sure it makes sense to have

1 Bakersfield or any part of Bakersfield connected to all
2 these mountain communities, foothill communities. We
3 really -- and especially to have it go into Clovis or
4 West Fresno, we really have no connection to those areas
5 at all.

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And they -- they probably
8 feel the same way about this area. I know that there's
9 VRA considerations with the neighboring district, but if
10 there's some way to --

11 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- you know, accommodate
13 that, I think that would really be best because the
14 lines, especially in Bakersfield, just really don't make
15 any sense right now. Also I'd like you to consider, too,
16 that Bakersfield and East Kern are not --

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
18 right now we will have caller 7199. And up next after
19 that will be caller 4047.

20 Caller 7199, if you will please follow the prompts
21 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
22 is yours.

23 MR. MURRAY: Hi. Thank you so much for hearing me
24 tonight. My name's Mike Murray (ph.). I'm from Rocklin,
25 and I apologize if there's any background noise. I'm at

1 my daughter's soccer practice right now. And on her
2 soccer team, there's actually girls from all over Placer
3 County. They play games in Roseville, Rocklin, Lincoln,
4 Loomis, Granite Bay. Our hope is clear, please keep
5 Placer together when it comes to the redistricting.
6 Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now we will have caller 4047. And up next after
9 that will be caller 5820.

10 Caller 5047, if you will please follow the prompts
11 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
12 is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you so much. My
14 name is Anne. I live in Acton, California, and I wanted
15 to start by thanking you for what appears to be a hard-
16 won generosity of spirit with one another, that you know
17 different parts of the state need very different
18 testimony, and yet it has been a pleasure to listen to
19 you try and find a way forward that works for most of the
20 people most of the time.

21 That said, in the Assembly district, the Antelope
22 map is amazing. We feel very heard that Acton is a tiny
23 rural town just South of Palmdale, and you have included
24 us with the other rural communities around us and with
25 the Emerald Valley, and we appreciate that so much.

1 The other observation that I had that may just be
2 appropriate for not just our area, is it appears
3 sometimes you get conflicting testimony where one group
4 of people say, yes, we must be with these others, and
5 then the others say, well, no, we don't want to be with
6 them.

7 And I would just encourage you to look at both
8 geography and socioeconomic status when you try and work
9 your way through those. As part of a community that has
10 very poor services and very poor education, I really feel
11 we're better served when we're grouped with other
12 communities like that than with some of our wealthier --

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- neighbors. So --
15 so thank you so much. I -- I want to encourage the line
16 drawers and -- and the Commissioners in your task. We
17 appreciate you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
19 now, we have caller 5820. And up next after that will be
20 caller 7296.

21 Caller 5820, if you will please follow the prompts
22 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
23 is yours.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yeah. Hi. My name is
25 Josh. Born and raised and currently live in the Central

1 Valley, specifically the City of Fresno.

2 I wanted to call and say while we in our community
3 are very appreciative that you guys mention the
4 importance of VRA districts in the Central Valley, a lot
5 of us still think it's lacking in the valley and how far
6 you guys are doing it, specifically in the City of
7 Fresno.

8 A lot of the community in the City of Fresno really
9 believe there should be a Congressional seat that is
10 mostly Latino in the City of Fresno. The fear is that
11 the current Congressional visualization separates the
12 Latino communities in Fresno, specifically South of Shaw,
13 which goes East to West. South of Shaw is currently
14 separated into multiple districts.

15 Splitting up the Latino communities is harmful to
16 their interests, and really makes it difficult for them
17 to elect a member of Congress that represents them and
18 their values. And there really is a big opportunity for
19 this Commission to draw really an anchor -- an anchor
20 district that mostly is Latino in the City of Fresno,
21 again, South of Shaw that unites them, and I really
22 believe the Commission should do that.

23 Right now, the City of Fresno is drawn into too many
24 seats, and like I have said and I will reiterate, that
25 does kind of hurt the Latino vote, and you guys have the

1 opportunity to make a VRA seat that's an anchor in the
2 valley in the City of Fresno. Not only the Hispanic
3 community, but additionally, a lot of those African-
4 American communities in South Fresno are being broken up.
5 So --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- just to finalize, I
8 appreciate what you guys are doing, but we ask that the
9 City of Fresno South of Shaw is kept united as a VRA
10 district to represent the communities of color of there
11 so their voice can be heard. Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
13 now, we have caller 7296. And up next after that will be
14 caller 0405.

15 Caller 7296, if you will please follow the prompts
16 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
17 is yours.

18 MS. KITAMURA: Hi. This is Deena Kitamura, senior
19 staff attorney with Asian Law Caucus. I'm also part of
20 the AAPI and AMEMSA (ph.) Redistricting Collaborative. I
21 think you for taking public comment today. I have some
22 comments about LA and Fresno. I'll start with Fresno.

23 Nearly all of our COIs are split in Fresno at every
24 level of government, but particularly at the Assembly
25 level. And at the Assembly level, a large portion of our

1 COIs are in a district with Clovis, which not where they
2 want to be because much of our COIs are from low income,
3 immigrant, and refugee communities.

4 Now, on to L.A. As a director of Little Tokyo
5 Service Center testified, there is a historic Japanese-
6 American COI that extends from Gardena, Torrance, and the
7 area just East of Torrance. The visualization split them
8 at the Senate and Congressional level. Regarding West
9 San Gabriel Valley, the core of the AP -- AAPI COI
10 includes Monterrey Park, Alhambra, Rose Meade, San
11 Gabriel, and extends to Temple City and other areas of
12 West San Gabriel Valley.

13 At all levels, they should be in West San Gabriel
14 Valley-based district, and that is not the case at the
15 Senate and Congressional levels. At the Senate level,
16 they are split. And at the Congressional level, the core
17 is with Gateway cities, not with other West San Gabriel
18 Valley cities.

19 And I know you've heard that the core of the AAPI
20 COI in East San Gabriel Valley is in Rolling Heights,
21 Hacienda Heights, Diamond Bar, and Walnut. Hacienda
22 Heights is separated out at every level of government, or
23 at least all three levels of government that I've seen.
24 And the Senate configuration connects Walnut, Rolling
25 Heights --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MS. KITAMURA: -- and Diamond Bar to South Orange
3 County, an area that has very little to do with East San
4 Gabriel Valley. And with Chinatown, the community's
5 definition of L.A. Chinatown is different than what you
6 have drawn, and we've provided a shape file to you.

7 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

8 MS. KITAMURA: It extends just West of the 110, and
9 it's cut at the Assembly and Congressional visualization.
10 And that's it for today. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
12 now, we will have caller 0405. And up next after that
13 will be caller 4111.

14 Caller 0405, if you will please follow the prompts
15 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
16 is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you so much.
18 First, I'd like to thank everybody there, the
19 Commissioners for doing the job -- for serving, and for
20 the support staff which is very valuable.

21 I'm calling in regards to the visualization AD
22 Menifee area 1027. We -- we do feel like -- like you
23 have been listening to us. In the past, the makeup had
24 been -- the last ten years have been attached to San
25 Diego County, which basically left it without

1 representation.

2 And with -- with -- with over 100,000 in population,
3 we thought it was kind of an injustice for them. So I'm
4 glad to see that you have brought it up to Riverside
5 County again. And we really like this visualization, so
6 we hope that you don't change it, specifically because we
7 feel like a whole community now.

8 In regards to the -- the -- the Cleveland National
9 Forest 1027, also, visualization, I do agree with some of
10 the Commissioners there that were suggesting that Ranch
11 Santa Margarita and areas of Orange County do not belong
12 in this area. With the mountain, not only does -- not
13 only does the mountain separate us, but the -- the only
14 way to reach them is through a toll road, which basically
15 means that anyone -- or we have to go through Ortega
16 Highway, which is kind of a --

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- risky -- very risky
19 highway, so if -- if -- if at all possible, I would like
20 us -- I would like you to consider possibly spread --
21 spreading that AD towards the East, if possible, but I do
22 understand that we need to make some concessions
23 somewhere. So first and -- and lastly, I would just like
24 to ritr -- iterate -- reiterate that we appreciate you
25 listening to us and please understand that. Thank you.

1 CHAIR TURNER: And just a quick reminder, our line,
2 the queue, will close in four minutes.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.
4 Up next we have Caller 4111, and after that will be
5 Caller 2931.

6 Caller 4111, please follow the prompts to unmute at
7 this time by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

8 MILES: Thank you. My name is Miles, and I am also
9 from Long Beach. I am a member of our local LGBTQ+
10 community, and I wanted to specifically thank Equality
11 California for their involvement in this process, and
12 also their presentation to the Commission last week. In
13 the visuals that they submitted, they identified Long
14 Beach as an LGBTQ+ community of interest. That's
15 important to protect in this process, and I really agree
16 with them.

17 Long Beach has a large, diverse, and vibrant LGBTQ+
18 community. It's both historically significant and an
19 important group when it comes to political representation
20 today. We also have a large impact in LGBTQ+ history.
21 We were one of the first cities to offer trans-inclusive
22 public benefits, people partnership rights, and we have a
23 perfect 100 score from the Human Rights Campaign as an
24 inclusive LGBTQ+ community.

25 I personally thank you for listening to these

1 concerns and keeping our community whole and the maps
2 that you are reviewing this week. We're so grateful to
3 see these visualizations that keep Long Beach together
4 and place us in districts with similar cities on our
5 borders. Most importantly, I wanted to thank you for
6 ensuring that LGBTQ+ voices and people are protected.
7 We're looking forward to seeing our community continue to
8 be protected as the Commission moves forward with the
9 maps in the coming week, and again, I just want to thank
10 you for the opportunity to speak and for all your
11 support. Good night.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up
13 next, we have Caller 2931, and after that will be Caller
14 1940.

15 Caller 2931, if you will please follow the prompts
16 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
17 is yours.

18 MS. KAI: Hello, my name is Flora Kai. I'm
19 concerned with the way my community of Little Saigon has
20 been draw. First, you pitch a minority community against
21 another by moving Little Saigon into Anaheim and Santa
22 Ana, and now you want to be Costa Mesa, Tustin, Buena
23 Park allowed into our area. Not only are this far away
24 as listen to us, and in some areas, you jump over a city
25 to give us one of -- of both. They are social -- social

1 economy different from us. The district has now crossed
2 over with our school.

3 We don't travel to this area for any type of culture
4 celebration, and we actual are much farther away for us
5 to drive to school district in Garden Grove, Westminster,
6 Huntington Beach, West -- West Center and Los Alamitos
7 have been crossed over, which is all the city. Our
8 chil -- our children -- our children play together in
9 (indiscernible) Park. We have star and celebrations that
10 we share the city battery and a library next door to each
11 other. Also so -- also so economy is similar, so I don't
12 understand why the continued push to draw no community of
13 interest toward us.

14 What is the hidden agenda? I thought you said you
15 would listen, but it's not looking like it at all.
16 Please don't split our Committee and what would be the
17 last forty years --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MS. KAI: -- together at the park. Thank you for
20 let us speak and thank you for all your listen.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, and up
22 next, we have Call -- Caller 1940, and after that will be
23 Caller 6311.

24 Caller 1940, if you will please follow the prompts
25 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor

1 is yours.

2 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is
3 Patricia, and I've lived in Marin County for fifty-two
4 years. The visualizations as they appeared yesterday for
5 the AD and the -- and -- and the CD, the -- the Senate
6 district were -- looked good. they looked like, you
7 know, similar to what -- what we have now.

8 Where things went off the rail a little was the
9 visualizations for the -- for the Congressional district.
10 I have not heard any testimony in the hours and hours
11 that I've attended meetings of people in Marin County say
12 they wanted to be moved Eastward. I don't even -- I
13 don't understand what kind of community of interest
14 you're seeing with that East -- Eastward movement. All
15 along -- all the testimony I've heard from Marin
16 residents is that we need to remain with the coastal
17 North coast as a continuous coastline and protecting that
18 coast.

19 We need good federal and we need good state
20 representation. We have the Golden Gate National
21 Recreation Area here, the Point Reyes Seashore. These
22 need to be protected, and they will -- will be best
23 served by staying with the coastline. There is
24 absolutely no community of interest, as I say, going
25 East.

1 And then yesterday at the end of the AD discussions,
2 I heard it mentioned again by two Commissioners that,
3 well, if we need to, let's move Marin down into San
4 Francisco. Marin is not an urban commune -- community.

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: We are mostly rural.
7 We have eighty percent open space. We have all of this
8 national recreation area, and the Highway 37 that was
9 also discussed as a corridor is very low-population, and
10 to nip part of us off just to --

11 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

12 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- create that kind of
13 visualizations just doesn't make any sense. Please keep
14 us in a coastal region. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 up next --

17 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, and our lines are now
18 closed just so that we know. Thank you. Go ahead,
19 Katie.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, I apologize. Thank
21 you, Chair.

22 All right now, we have Caller 6311, and up next
23 after that will be Caller 0469.

24 Caller 6311, if you will please follow the prompts
25 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor

1 is yours.

2 MS. COLE: Thank you. My name is Robin Cole. I am
3 a resident of Tracy, California. My family has lived
4 here for over 40 years.

5 In the past, we have been part of the Bay Area
6 district, which is the current drawing that puts us with
7 two other counties, San Joaquin, Livermore -- San
8 Joaquin, Alameda, and San Jose -- or Santa Clara. We've
9 been part of the Bay Area district before, and we've
10 always felt as an afterthought. The Altamont Pass is a
11 dividing line between the Bay Area and Tracy, Mountain
12 House, Manteca, and points East. It makes a difference.

13 Our community of Tracy, Mountain House, Manteca has
14 created a strong, cohesive, blended, suburban, rural, and
15 agricultural community. We share common values. We
16 share water resources, which we do not with the Bay Area.
17 We share South County Fire Authority as our fire
18 district. Those are not shared with the Bay Area. We
19 have worked together to create a shared economic
20 development plan, and we have a shared transportation
21 development plan with ACE and Valley Link.

22 It does not make sense to pull Tracy and Mountain
23 House into a Bay Area district when our values and our
24 community is in San Joaquin County. Please put our
25 community back into a San Joaquin County district. Thank

1 you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 now we have Caller 0469, and up next after that will be
4 Caller 1647.

5 Caller 0469, if you will please follow the prompts
6 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello, my name is
8 Fahjid, and I'm calling from the Santa Clarita Valley
9 area, and again, wanted to thank, like, everyone else,
10 all of your hard work that you're putting in -- into this
11 very difficult task of -- of redistricting. One thing
12 we -- I did notice is that Santa Clarita's both state of
13 Santa Ana Assembly district as well as Congressional
14 districts have shifted quite a bit with -- with these
15 changes, and the lines have moved South where
16 traditionally we've been lumped in with communities to
17 our North and East, which are more reflective of our
18 population density, our common interests, and with cities
19 that we normally collaborate with on a lot of issues, you
20 know, for example, schools, economic issues, and fire
21 hazards and distance from the Basin in terms of -- in
22 terms of transportation, and it -- mixing us with
23 communities South of the Newhall Pass, which are closer
24 to the LA Basin and San Fernando Valley or Sun Valley,
25 will make us less represented in -- in government, and I

1 urge you to please keep us -- keep Santa Clarita Valley
2 and its surrounding cities further mixed in with other
3 communities to the North and East where we've
4 traditionally been part of and we continue to
5 collaborate. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
7 now, we will have Caller 1647. If you'll please follow
8 the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star six.
9 The floor is yours.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, can you hear me?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, thank you. I didn't
13 think I'd get called.

14 I waited all day to see the Los Angeles
15 presentation, and I guess that's going to tomorrow. I'm
16 a 36-year resident of Culver City, and I believe it's
17 time to move Culver City to the Westside cities, and that
18 was in earlier maps, and it's changed recently.

19 We've -- I've never felt represented, myself, and
20 neither have my neighbors in our Congressional district
21 or our Senate district. We are kind of the outcasts of
22 the area. We have more in common with the Westside
23 cities job-wise, commercial interests, more common --
24 more in common with their -- with the Westside cities.
25 We're also a member of the Westside city councils -- city

1 governments, so I hope you reconsider the current maps,
2 there, and move us to the Westside cities. I would like
3 to feel represented someday, so I hope you take this into
4 consideration. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now, we have Caller 5701. If you will please
7 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing
8 star six. The floor is yours.

9 Caller 5701, you are unmuted.

10 ALEXANDER: Hi, good evening, Commissioner Turner
11 and other Commissioners. My name is Alexander. I am
12 calling from the City of Fresno, and I'm calling to
13 express some grave concerns over the current
14 visualizations for the -- these visualizations at the
15 Assembly, Senate, and Congressional levels.

16 These visualizations do not take into consideration
17 our large Latino population, and there's been a lot of
18 talk of respecting the VRA districts and trying to do
19 something to ensure that Latinos are adequately
20 represented up and down California's Central Valley, and
21 we feel that these visualizations totally ignore that,
22 and they also ignore large Asian and African-American
23 populations within the City of Fresno, and they have not
24 taken into consideration of -- of the advocacy and
25 opinions that have come forth about ensuring that North

1 Fresno and Clovis remain communities of interest.

2 It seems that all of the community of Fresno, much
3 of the City of Clovis and other areas that were supposed
4 to be their own communities of interest have been lumped
5 together and therefore have ensured that Latinos are not
6 the majority in any one of the local districts, so we
7 would urge you to reconsider the way the current
8 visualizations are drawn. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 Chair, we are at 6:10.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Katie. I appreciate that.
12 So then we do need to take our required break.

13 I'm going to ask those that are in the queue to
14 please not hang up. Please stay there. We will get to
15 as many as we can in the time that we have left, and we
16 will be back at 6:26. Thank you.

17 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 6:10 p.m.
18 until 6:25 p.m.)

19 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you and welcome back for break.
20 We are going to con -- and thank you for hanging in there
21 with us. We are waiting with bated breath to hear
22 exactly what you have to tell us that will help us draw
23 these lines appropriately, and so Katie, we are right
24 back into our public comment, please.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Wonderful, Chair. Thank

1 you so much. Right now, we will have Caller 4606, and up
2 next after that will be Caller 8277.

3 Caller 4606, if you will please follow the prompts
4 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
5 is yours.

6 ROBIN: Hi, thank you, and thank you for your
7 service. My name is Robin, and I live in Bakersfield,
8 California, and I wanted to talk about the latest
9 visualization that I saw.

10 They really split our town almost in half.
11 Bakersfield is in itself a community of interest. We're
12 con -- we share the same superintendent of schools, for
13 example. We share the same postal service. We share the
14 same university and schools, and yet, the latest
15 visualization basically cut the university area almost in
16 half and really split the town of Bakersfield itself.

17 We are a community of interest with Shafter,
18 McFarland, Delano, Arvin, Lamonte. We share industries
19 of oil and agriculture. We share, as I indicated, the
20 superintendent of schools.

21 Right now, the concern is that my neighbors across
22 the street, across College Avenue in Bakersfield,
23 California are part of CD 21 and I am part of CD 23.
24 That should not be the case when we share the same
25 schools, the same postal service, the same water service,

1 and essentially everything. I shouldn't walk across the
2 street and be in a different district, so I would
3 encourage you to keep Bakersfield and its surrounding
4 communities together. We have absolutely nothing in
5 common with areas of San Bernardino County and areas of
6 the other side of --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 ROBIN: -- the Tehachapi Mountains. We don't -- at
9 the end of the day, Bakersfield and the other
10 communities, we share even Costco. We do not travel or
11 shop or share anything on the other side of the Tehachapi
12 Mountains, so I would --

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

14 ROBIN: -- encourage you to keep Bakersfield
15 together. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
17 right now, we have Caller 8277, and up next after that
18 will be Caller 4051.

19 Caller 8277, if you will please follow the prompts
20 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
21 is yours.

22 DAVID: Hello, this is David calling in from Fresno,
23 and I have some concerns about the way the map for the
24 Assembly and Congressional districts are for my
25 neighborhood, all the way East Fresno are drawn.

1 Well, you know, our area of Fresno is more linked to
2 Clovis than any other part of Fresno, to be honest. It's
3 just easier to do shopping there, and we're right on the
4 border, the area of Fresno that's really East of the
5 airport, but yet in the Congressional and Assembly
6 district, we are not combined with Clovis. In fact, the
7 most troubling, the Assembly district goes all the way to
8 the state line with Nevada and includes Barstow, and
9 really, we don't share anything in common with Barstow,
10 not that I'm aware of.

11 I think a better split would be to combine with the
12 areas East of the airport in Fresno with Clovis, and the
13 Highway 180 to the South is --is a better natural cutoff.
14 I think that applies to both the Assembly district and
15 the Congressional district, and I hope when the lines are
16 updated that you consider that because that's really a
17 big Assembly district to represent, you know, just that
18 portion of Fresno combined to go all the way to the
19 Nevada border, includes San Bernardino County,
20 (indiscernible) County, and everything in between. That
21 doesn't sound like we get much representation. Plus,
22 you'd really be taking the -- the Assembly district and
23 the Congressional district we are currently represented
24 and changing our neighborhood, and I believe one of the
25 considerations is try to have as least disruption as

1 possible, and to have two different representatives, I
2 think that sounds very disruptive.

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 DAVID: Thank you so much for your time.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now we will have Caller 4051, and up next after
7 that will be Caller 9399.

8 Caller 4051, if you will please follow the prompts
9 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
10 is yours.

11 MS. UNYIST: Hello, can you hear me?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

13 MS. UNYIST: Hi, my name is Maribelle Unyist (ph.),
14 and I'm with the Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance,
15 and I live in Riverside, and this is in reference to
16 visual state Senate district Southwest Riverside, 10/27,
17 PDF page 55, and we are not in support of the -- of the
18 map.

19 We do appreciate including Temecula in the state
20 Senate, but I don't recommend that Temecula be in the
21 state Senate that Riverside and River Valley and Perris.
22 Just looking at the tally for this district, it's 49.81.
23 It doesn't hit, like, the -- the majority of people of
24 color, particularly Latino, so just the voting-age
25 population, so we're not in agreement. TODEC, LULAC,

1 Planned Parent, various groups are nonsupportive of this
2 map the way it is, so we would like Riverside City, Hoopa
3 Valley, Millville, Perris, San Jacinto, good level -- I'm
4 sorry, Good Hope and Revel (ph.), (indiscernible),
5 Lakeview, Woodcrest, Highgrove, Mead Valley, Homeland,
6 and Green Acres, and if there's room, we could definitely
7 support Lake Elsinore. It's similar to, like, Perris,
8 but we want those communities together.

9 We're not similar to Temecula or Murrieta or
10 Menifee. We are different, and so what brings us
11 together is, you know, the -- the Freeway 215, 210 -- I'm
12 sorry, 215 and 60. It's the universities, the school
13 districts. We're connected to the California Baptist
14 University, you know, communities connected to the 91,
15 and we have cultural events as people of color, African-
16 Americans, some Latino concentration within both cities,
17 same cultural centers, all we get the good stuff, but
18 yeah, please --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MS. UNYIST: -- we -- we also see that there's a
21 commonality in the Millville/Perris areas, too, in
22 regards to warehouse issues, environmental justice
23 issues --

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

25 MS. UNYIST: -- cultural centers, malls. We all --

1 you know, are connected, Millville Perris, San Jacinto,
2 and Riverside. They all need to be together on the state
3 Senate. Please take our recommendation, and thank you so
4 much for your -- and it's a Voting Rights Act violation
5 if we don't --

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All
7 right, now, we have Caller 9399, and up next after that
8 will be Caller 5173.

9 Caller 9399, if you will please follow the prompts
10 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
11 is yours.

12 Caller 9399, you are unmuted, and the floor is
13 yours.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay, can you hear me now? Hello?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: All right. My name is Fernando.
17 I'm Fernando Hernandez. I live up here in the high
18 desert, San Bernardino County. The area is actually on
19 the North end of the county. I -- we're supporting the
20 Black/Brown Redistricting Alliance map that they came up
21 with, the vis -- visualization for AD 33. The number is
22 1027.

23 I want to give you an idea of what our area's like
24 and how we want it to look like. Most of you have driven
25 to Las Vegas at one time or another, so you're coming up

1 the 15 Freeway. You can see the change as you come up
2 the pass, up the Cajon Pass. You go from the urban area
3 now into a more rural area. You come into Victorville,
4 and off to the left, you have Apple Valley and the
5 Hesperian Lucerne Valley, all rural areas, and then to
6 the right, Westerly, going along Highway 18 and 138, you
7 have communities of -- the communities of Phelan, Pinon
8 Hills, Wrightwood, Llano. These communities here are all
9 connected in the rural lifestyle of sorts, and of course,
10 we live in the desert, and we have our own particular
11 issues out here.

12 What we're trying to do now is to take out a portion
13 of our district, which now encompasses the mountain
14 region, the resort of Big Bear, Lake Arrowhead,
15 Crestline. That community up there has very little in
16 common with the desert folks. The mountain region is --

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: -- more of a -- they -- they hold
19 multi-million-dollar homes versus the blue-collar workers
20 that we have down here in the desert. We really hope
21 that you'll support and look at closely that map for AD
22 33 that was submitted --

23 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: -- by the Black/Brown Redistricting
25 Alliance. Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 right now we will have Caller 5173, and up next after
3 that will be Caller 0029.

4 Caller 5173, if you will please follow the prompts
5 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
6 is yours.

7 SUSAN: Yes, my name is Susan. I live in the
8 Eastern Sierra foothills of Madera County in the Town of
9 Coarsegold.

10 I'm concerned about the Assembly district map that
11 has split my rural county in two, and we are really a
12 part of the -- Madera County is partly in the foothills,
13 partly in the -- the Valley area, but we're really
14 together, you know.

15 We're -- the way the map, the current map
16 visualization -- excuse me -- that was presented has us
17 with Mono County, Inyo County, and San Bernardino. San
18 Bernardino is very Southern California. The demographic
19 is all different. We don't share anything with them. If
20 I was to drive to San Bernardino from where I live, it
21 would take me anywhere between eight to ten hours one
22 way, and I would probably be driving through Los Angeles
23 County to get there.

24 There is really no connections with anything past
25 the river and the -- the other side of the mountains with

1 us, with Mono, so Madera County, I would really
2 appreciate if you'd keep it whole. We have lots of
3 commuters that commute to work to Fresno daily --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 SUSAN: -- so we have more in common with the County
6 of Fresno and the County of Merced, and in my area, we
7 also have communities of interest --

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

9 SUSAN: -- with Mariposa County, and a lot of people
10 in Mariposa County commute to Merced. We have a lot --
11 you -- they've kind of split up some of our tribal lands.
12 We have one tribe in --

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now we will have Caller 0029, and up next after
15 that will be Caller 5505.

16 Caller 0029, if you will please follow the prompts
17 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
18 is yours.

19 GEORGE: Thank you so much. Good evening,
20 Commissioners. Really appreciate you taking the time to
21 hear our input this evening. My name is George. I live
22 in Clovis, California, and I wanted to comment on, I
23 guess, the Assembly, Senate, and Congressional proposed
24 visualizations this evening.

25 Really appreciate that North Fresno and Clovis were

1 kept together in -- in one community of interest;
2 however, I just wanted to note to the Commission,
3 respectfully, that I think that certain areas of Fresno
4 were included and certain rural areas were included,
5 as -- as particularly in the Congressional and Senate
6 seats that I think would be disenfranchised by having
7 North Fresno and Clovis, particularly Latino populations
8 and minority groups.

9 I think they would -- they don't have too much in
10 common with North Fresno and Clovis in terms of shopping,
11 school districts, representation traditionally over the
12 past many decades, and I would really advocate to the
13 Commission that North Fresno and Clovis, as it has
14 traditionally been kept with Eastern Sierra communities,
15 such as Eastern Madera County, Mariposa County, and the
16 foothill regions in Fresno County --

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 GEORGE: -- so I really appreciate your -- your time
19 this evening. Thank you so much.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Right now we
21 have Caller 5505, and up next after that will be Caller
22 4328.

23 Caller 5505, if you will please follow the prompts
24 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
25 is yours.

1 NANCY: Hi, thank you. My name is Nancy, and I'm
2 the mayor for the City of Tracy, and I am actually
3 calling in just to let you know we have submitted
4 comments, as well, from the City of Tracy, but it's just
5 important to note that the cit -- City of Tracy mostly --
6 is actually opposed to the proposed Congressional
7 redistricting map that separates Tracy and Mountain House
8 in San Joaquin County, and places these communities
9 within the same voting district as Santa Clara County or
10 Alameda County.

11 This is of great concern because Tracy's voice for
12 federal funding will be overshadowed by the competing
13 needs of Santa Clara County or Alameda County. We do not
14 see a direct correlation between the economic
15 development, transportation, or housing needs of Tracy
16 enveloped in either of those counties what would justify
17 combining the two regions.

18 Our regional challenges and opportunities mirror
19 that of the cities within our county, including Manteca,
20 Lathrop, and Mountain House. We work diligently with
21 communities in the South San Joaquin regions to boost our
22 economic security and economy and overcome deficits that
23 arise in rapidly growing communities where housing often
24 outnumber jobs.

25 Should the proposed Congressional redistricting

1 lines be approved, there is concern that these
2 communities, these other communities, will receive
3 greater attention and representation than Tracy and
4 Mountain House. We will actually fall short, and so we
5 do ask strongly that we keep our county together because
6 we share a lot of the same regional challenges and
7 benefits.

8 As people continue to escape the high cost of living
9 in these other counties, the populations of Tracy,
10 Mountain House, and Manteca will continue to grow as will
11 the needs specific to our region, so we thank you for
12 allowing us to respond and hope that you would truly
13 consider keeping us as one region and one county. Thank
14 you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now, we have Caller 4328, and up next after that
17 will be Caller 3520.

18 Caller 4328, if you will please follow the prompts
19 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The
20 floor --

21 MR. KANOTE: Am I --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- is yours.

23 MR. KANOTE: -- (indiscernible, simultaneous
24 speech). Thank you. My name is Danny Kanote (ph.), and
25 I'm research director of the Orange County Civic

1 Engagement Table and work to support the People's
2 Redistricting Alliance. We -- we really appreciate all
3 the hard work that's gone into these district
4 visualizations, you know, recognizing the -- the diverse
5 interests the Commission is working to balance. We
6 thought it'd be a good idea to reiterate communities of
7 interest that our member organizations have noted in
8 public testimony to Commissions since there -- there seem
9 to be some divisions of the COI in the visualizations.

10 I want to start with the Arab, Middle Eastern,
11 Muslim, and South Asian community of interest that
12 crosses county lines. In Orange County, that includes
13 Buena Park, South of the 5 Freeway, La Palma, and
14 Cypress, and in LA County, it includes Cerritos and
15 Artesia, and this community of interest should be kept
16 whole in an Orange County based district, but it was
17 divided in nearly all the visualizations we saw,
18 sometimes cut into three different districts.

19 As part of their daily lives, the mix of communities
20 in Orange County cross into Los Angeles County to shop at
21 Epic Markets, dine in restaurants, worship, and maybe
22 most importantly, access social services in Artesia and
23 Cerritos.

24 Second, Vietnamese-American communities in West
25 Garden Grove, Westminster, West Santa Ana, which is West

1 of Harbor Boulevard, and North Fountain Valley, North of
2 the 405 Freeway, share common refugee experiences and
3 both social service and affordable housing needs, and
4 they should be kept together. None of the community
5 organizations who we engage as part of our process saw --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 MR. KANOTE: -- Costa Mesa as part of that community
8 of interest.

9 And then finally, immigrant and low-income
10 communities in Irvine, Costa Mesa, and Tustin have
11 certain needs and are aligned as a community of interest.
12 So Costa Mesa and Irvine should not be considered as part
13 of the coastal community --

14 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

15 MR. KANOTE: -- of interest and should be drawn
16 together in adjacent districts not with Santa Ana, not
17 with Garden Grove or Westminster. Thanks for your
18 consideration. We ask that if you consider the public
19 map submission we provided --

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
21 right now we, have Caller 3520, and up next after that
22 will be Caller 8087.

23 Caller 3520, if you will please follow the prompts
24 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
25 is yours.

1 MS. SANDERS: Hello. My name is Karen Sanders, and
2 I'm calling from Del Norte County, and I just want to
3 thank you for your time, hard work, and consideration.

4 Del Norte County has been forgotten for the last ten
5 years and has a very small voice being with coastal
6 counties. I am respectfully asking that the Commission
7 consider Del Norte County's rural significance and that
8 it outweighs the coastal significance because Del Norte
9 is a rural generational county.

10 We share many -- many different things with our
11 Eastern counties, including timber, logging, forest
12 protection management, healthcare education,
13 conservation, crisis emergency services collaboration,
14 and transportation and farming. We don't with our -- the
15 Southern -- our urban North Bay counties of Sonoma and
16 Marin and ask that they would not be included.

17 The only STA transportation corridor that delivers
18 goods and services to Del Norte is via the East/West
19 corridor of State Route 299, which runs from the I-5 in
20 Shasta County to U.S. 101 in Hum -- in Humboldt County
21 and then travels up to Del Norte. There is a
22 discontinuity on U.S. 101 about South -- Southern
23 Humboldt County, and that's called Richardson's (sic)
24 Grove and so no goods and services can get through there.
25 It'd need to be rerouted to the I-5.

1 Our transportation and infrastructure needs are
2 rural in nature and very different than counties South of
3 Mendocino. Our healthcare is rural. Erode healthcare
4 county --

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 MS. SANDERS: -- and strategies -- and discussions
7 are with the Eastern counties. The California Department
8 of Fish and Game, North region, doesn't include any
9 county South of Mendocino, and they go to the East.
10 Also, population-wise, we have --

11 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

12 MS. SANDERS: -- 25,000 Del Nortes and Marin has
13 233, and 150,000, not including Santa Rosa, so a terrible
14 time for Del Norte (indiscernible) those Southern
15 counties is six-plus --

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. At
17 this time, we will have Caller 8087, and up next after
18 that will be Caller 2782.

19 Caller 8087, if you will please follow the prompts
20 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
21 is yours.

22 MS. LOREN: Hi. Hi, my name is Jesse Loren. I
23 serve on Winters' city council. I'm greatly concerned by
24 the proposed visualization maps for Assembly, Senate, and
25 Congressional districts presented for Winters and Yolo

1 County. I believe the current configuration is
2 detrimental to Winters and to our county.

3 Our greatest concerns are that the proposed maps
4 shift much of or all of Yolo County to a new inland North
5 state district that stretches all the way from Yolo
6 County to the Oregon border through sparsely populated
7 rural areas, and it divorces Winter from adjoining urban
8 and suburban areas in Sacra -- in the Sacramento
9 metropolitan area, the Northern Sac Valley and Yolo
10 County itself. It radically excises Winters out of its
11 home county for the Assembly district.

12 This is a radical and unfortunate departure from our
13 existing boundary lines. The new Congressional and
14 Senate lines are contrary to the principles upon which
15 the state Commission is supposed to operate. It would
16 greatly hinder effective representation of residents of
17 the City of Winters and Yolo County.

18 The proposed Solano Assembly district representative
19 is unlikely to put -- be focused on our community's
20 critical needs for help on such concerns as Yolo County
21 transportation district, Yolo climate goals, social
22 services --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MS. LAUREN: -- Yolo fire response and safety, our
25 common aquifer for sustained ground water management, our

1 farming zone, our envi -- environmental justice, our
2 social equity concerns, our high Latino community makeup,
3 our education concerns, and our regional --

4 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

5 MS. LAUREN: -- interests themselves.

6 The proposed new districts are a poor fit for
7 Winters. We urge a return to Assembly, Senate, and
8 Congressional boundaries much more similar to those we
9 now have.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All
11 right now, we'll have Caller 2782, and up next after that
12 will be Caller 5735.

13 Caller 2782, if you will please follow the prompts
14 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
15 is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, I'm from Yolo County, and
17 I follow up on what Jesse Loren said. I agree with her
18 on both the Senate and Assembly districts, but I want to
19 particularly address my comments to the Congressional
20 district.

21 I can't imagine any justification for carving one
22 city, which is Davis, out of the county and linking that
23 city with a community that would stretch all the way to
24 the Eastern border of the California-Nevada state line,
25 and with which it has nothing in common.

1 Davis is part of Yolo County. Yolo County has a
2 long agricultural history. We have a long history with
3 our tribes. We are a Delta-based community. We are --
4 we share water source and river systems and levee systems
5 within the county and with immediately adjacent counties.

6 These are really important issues to us, and carving
7 Davis out of -- this one city out of this entirely
8 tightly knit community of Yolo and putting that one city
9 into a Congressional district that literally goes up to
10 the Oregon border and over to the Nevada state line
11 doesn't make any sense and guarantees that the City of
12 Davis will never be served, that -- that the interests
13 that matter to it will never be served, and in no way
14 gives them representation, and I urge you to --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- reevaluate that map so
17 that the City of Davis is not carved out of the ability
18 to be represented or the ability to participate in what
19 the rest of the county participates in. Thank you and
20 thank you for your --

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
22 right now, we have Caller 5735, and up next after that
23 will be Caller 0866.

24 Caller 5735, if you will please follow the prompts
25 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor

1 is yours.

2 MR. ENDEJAS: Good evening. My name is Steven
3 Endejas. I'm a life-long resident of Tracy, California
4 here in San Joaquin County. I also work in Stockton,
5 also in San Joaquin County.

6 I'm calling today to express my concerns with the
7 redistricting proposals. I know you all have a difficult
8 task before you, but I wanted to note that residents of
9 Tracy have significantly more in common with Manteca than
10 with San Jose, and it doesn't make a whole lot of sense
11 to push our community towards San Jose.

12 You recently heard from our mayor, and while our
13 mayor and I have significant policy disagreements, we are
14 united on this -- this front of keeping our communities
15 together, and one of the many reasons why our communities
16 are so close-knit is that our water sources, they come
17 from the Delta.

18 So I implore you to keep our communities together,
19 and just with that, I yield the remainder of my time.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
21 right now, we'll have Caller 0866, and up next after that
22 will be Caller 1287.

23 Caller 0866, if you will please follow the prompts
24 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
25 is yours.

1 CATHY: Thank you. This is Cathy, and I am from
2 Kings County. I'm a life-long resident of San Joaquin
3 Valley. I am really disturbed and troubled by the
4 Assembly district map that I have seen.

5 We've asked that Kings County be held whole, and in
6 one of the maps, actually, you've taken one little bite
7 out of a little, teeny town of Corcoran, which doesn't
8 make any sense, but the larger problem is the pairing of
9 Kings County that goes up all the way to Los Banos and
10 into Merced. We have no community of interest with this
11 area at all.

12 You know, Kings County would be better served to be
13 paired right next door to Tulare County. If you -- if
14 you cut out the Visalia area and just took the rural
15 area, you would have a wonderful voter rights district.
16 It would be a community of interest. It would be -- it's
17 close together. Driving from the bottom of Kings --
18 South of Kings County all the way up to Merced would take
19 us -- it would take us as long to get there because of
20 the roads as it would to be get -- getting to Sacramento.
21 This would be a very awkward and hard-to-serve district,
22 and it had -- we have no -- we have no community of
23 interest with that area, so I -- please, I ask you to
24 please look at that Assembly district again. Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. At

1 this time, it'll be Caller 1287, and up next after that
2 will be Caller 1717.

3 Caller 1287, if you will please follow the prompts
4 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
5 is yours.

6 MR. VERDUZCO: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My
7 name is Jose Verduzco. I'm a resident of Tulare County
8 and was recently a Commissioner on the Tulare County
9 redistricting Commission, so I understand how difficult
10 your job could be at the state level, but I'd like to
11 bring in some of the input I got from my experience on my
12 local Commission, and two things in particular.

13 The Central Valley currently has two Latino state
14 Senate districts. The visualizations on your website
15 that the Commission has provided currently dropped that
16 to one, and in particular, the Visalia current county
17 Yolo state Senate district has communities of Woodlake,
18 Dinuba, Lindsay, Porterville, and an Assembly district
19 that goes far North into Tuolumne County. Those
20 communities have nothing -- no interest shared. They
21 don't do business together, anything like that, so I'd
22 recommend that we at least get two strong Latino CVAP
23 districts for the state Senate districts in the Central
24 Valley.

25 My other issue was with the Congressional district,

1 that encompasses all the way from Lamonte, California to
2 Los Banos, California. That's about a two-hour-and-
3 forty-minute drive, and those communities share no
4 interest.

5 And that is it. Thank you for your time and
6 service, and wish you the best of luck and take the
7 Valley's needs into consideration.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
9 right now, we will have Caller 1717, and then, up next
10 after that will be Caller 4049.

11 Caller 1717, if you will please follow the prompts
12 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

13 And one more time, caller with the last four 1717,
14 if you wish to give comment this evening, please press
15 star six to unmute your telephone keypad.

16 Caller 1717, if you do wish to give comment this
17 evening before we get through the rest of our callers,
18 please press star nine to raise your hand, and there I
19 will know it's not a connectivity issue. I will come
20 back to you.

21 At this time, we'll go to Caller 4049. If you will
22 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
23 pressing star six. The floor is yours.

24 MS. WRIGHT: Thank you. Thank you so much for the
25 difficult work that you're doing. I first became alarmed

1 when I saw the maps before the recent maps. My name is
2 Francesca Wright. I live in Davis, California, Yolo
3 County. Sorry I skipped that part.

4 And now it's even worse. My city is divided in the
5 Senate, Congressional, and Assembly districts. My county
6 is divided. Our county in no way identifies with the --
7 the Sacramento River Valley going all the way up beyond
8 Redding up to Oregon border. We are a county that is
9 linked between the Sacramento region and the San
10 Francisco region by a cul -- by culture, by
11 transportation, by the Highway 80 corridor, by advanced
12 technology, ec -- economics. Our agriculture here is
13 very specialized due to the influence of UC Davis, a land
14 grant college that -- that has really transformed the
15 Solano and Yolo County areas. Our air quality is linked
16 to Solano.

17 I ask that you reconsider. It's very disturbing to
18 see us identified with an area that we have so little in
19 common with, and I would ask that you join Yolo and
20 Solano Counties since we have the most in common that we
21 are definitely connected around the --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MS. WRIGHT: -- the I-80 corridor, not -- not the I-
24 5 corridor. Thanks so much.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will be

1 going to Caller 4201, and up next after that will be
2 Caller 5455.

3 Caller 4201, if you will please follow the prompts
4 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
5 is yours.

6 MR. WALDMAN: Good evening, Commissioners. My
7 name's Stuart Waldman. I'm from the San Fernando Valley
8 redistricting coalition. I want to thank you so much for
9 all your hard work and -- and listening to Valley
10 residents who contacted you.

11 The first visualizations were problematic, but the
12 new visualizations, if you told me that these were the
13 districts, we would be pretty happy. There -- however,
14 you're still a work in progress, so there are some small
15 changes that we'd like to see.

16 You did a great job on the Valley Congressional
17 seats. We want to make sure that Calabasas is with
18 unincorporated Calabasas, and we believe that belongs
19 in -- in the West Valley in a seat that's a West Valley
20 seat.

21 We did notice that, while we asked to not go South
22 of Mulholland, in each of the maps, Assembly, Senate, and
23 Congress, there are districts that do go South of
24 Mulholland. We'd like to see if there's a way to make
25 some changes there to address that.

1 The Senate seat, SCSSV, is forty-eight percent
2 Latino CVAP. We think that a few changes can be made.
3 It's overpopulated by 30,000 people. We think the
4 changes can be made to get it to a fifty percent-plus
5 Latino CVAP, and we'd like to see that --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty.

7 MR. WALDMAN: -- happen, and let's see what else.

8 I mean, it looks -- looks pretty good. You know, we
9 really appreciate the -- the hard work that was done
10 on -- on this. I know it's not easy.

11 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

12 MR. WALDMAN: You know, the -- Bel Air is with some
13 of the Valley districts. There's not really a connection
14 there. We'd like to try and figure out a way to kind of
15 swap those out. We'll make some more suggestions,
16 probably tomorrow, and -- and send notes on that.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
18 right now, we will be going to Caller 5455.

19 I did want to let those in the queue know that have
20 not spoken this evening, that would be Caller 6000, and
21 then Caller 6680, and Caller 6917, we will be coming to
22 you shortly and we thank you for your patience.

23 Caller 5455, if you will please follow the prompts
24 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
25 is yours.

1 ANTONIA: Hello, my name is Antonia from
2 Bakersfield, and thank you so much for allowing us to
3 voice our opinions about the map.

4 Bakersfield would be negatively impacted by this,
5 especially transportation for many people. The way it's
6 been divided is -- is very unusual and strange, and it
7 will divide Bakersfield, the city, and we would not share
8 water areas, and it would not benefit communities of
9 interest, and it's not consistent with the way our city
10 functions, so I -- again, I thank you very much for
11 allowing me to state my opinion.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now, we will be going to Caller 6000, and up next
14 after that will be Caller 6680.

15 Caller 6000, if you will please follow the prompts
16 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor
17 is yours.

18 Commissioners, thank you very much. I am Matt from
19 Woodland Hills in the San Fernando Valley. I've lived in
20 the Valley -- the San Fernando Valley for 39 years,
21 including Reseda, Canoga Park, Sherman Oaks, North
22 Hollywood, Woodland Hills, West Hills, and Calabasas.
23 Married in Valley Village, and my son was born in
24 Tarzana. We're one community, the Valley, all the same
25 area code, 818. Also a member of the West Valley Jewish

1 Community Center in West Hills 17 years. Okay, I'm
2 commenting on the San Fernando Valley Congressional
3 visual -- visualizations, please.

4 You have done a good job keeping much of the West
5 Valley together and much of the East Valley together.
6 Thank you very much. You placed Calabasas -- you have
7 placed Calabasas with the West San Fernando Valley, and
8 that's as it should be. Calabasas is geographically in
9 the Valley. Woodland Hills residents are simil -- 101
10 Freeway exit away from Calabasas, so there are many
11 economic, religious, and social ties between Calabasas
12 and the LA portion of the Valley. Many West Valley
13 residents are zoned in the Calabasas schools.
14 Additionally, the Las Virgenes Water District based in
15 Calabasas serves West Valley residents.

16 So Commissioners, we will appreciate if you could
17 please keep the West Valley together, including
18 Calabasas. Thank you very much.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And right
20 now, we have Caller 6680, and up next after that will be
21 Caller 6917.

22 Caller 6680, if you will please follow the prompts
23 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

24 And one more time, Caller with the last four 6680,
25 if you wish to give comment this evening, please press

1 star six to unmute your telephone.

2 Caller 6680 -- oh, there you are. The floor is
3 yours.

4 MS. FARRON: Thank you, Katie, and good evening,
5 Commissioners. My name is Celeste Farron. I'm from
6 Mountain House, California. It's not well-known to a lot
7 of Californians because we are the newest community in
8 California. I've been here almost since our inception.
9 I've been here 17 years. I'm a former board of the
10 met -- member of the board of directors and former
11 president.

12 I'm concerned with the -- the way the map looks
13 right now as in putting us in with the county on the
14 other -- next to us because, if you can envision a small
15 grapevine, our ultimate pa -- Altamont Pass separates us
16 from the Bay Area as -- as in the grapevine does
17 separating communities there, just on a smaller --
18 smaller basis.

19 We are also an unincorporated community of about
20 20,000 people, slated -- maybe more now -- slated to be
21 about 45 to 50,000 people, and we share services with the
22 Delta. We even have a -- a satellite college from Delta
23 College here. We share water services with our local --
24 other Delta communities and policing services. Because
25 we're not incorporated, we don't have our own police

1 department. We're serviced by San Joaquin County: our
2 ambulatory services, our fire district. And as traits of
3 people who have called in from Tracy earlier, that's
4 shared. We don't feel that this will give us effective
5 representation --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 MS. FERRIN: -- to put -- thank you, thirty
8 seconds -- to put us in with the -- the Bay Area. As
9 lovely as it is, I think that we may become an
10 afterthought if we're put in with them as a district, and
11 I very much --

12 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

13 MS. FERRIN: -- as a resident of Mountain House --
14 please write down Mountain House because we're such an
15 underdog. Please remember us that we would like to stay
16 within our county and be represented in our county.
17 Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
19 right now, we will have Caller 6917, and after that I
20 will try Caller 1717 one last time this evening.

21 Caller 6917, if you will please follow the prompts
22 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

23 And one more time, Caller 6917, if you wish to give
24 comment this evening, please press star six on your
25 telephone keypad. This will unmute you.

1 All right, Caller 6917, I'm going to go ahead and
2 give Caller 1717 one more chance, and then we'll come
3 right back to you one more time. Everybody gets two.

4 All right, Caller 1717, if you will please follow
5 the prompts to unmute at this time. If you wish to give
6 comment, please press star six.

7 All right, Caller 1717, we appreciate you listening,
8 and I apologize if you are trying to unmute and you were
9 unable to. If you will please contact the Commission in
10 the other ways that are available, we will love to hear
11 from you.

12 And one more time for Caller 6917. If you will
13 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
14 pressing star six if you wish to give comment this
15 evening.

16 And Caller 6917, we also appreciate you listening
17 and as the same for the previous caller, if you wish to
18 contact the Commission, there are various other ways that
19 are listed, and we appreciate all of you listening this
20 evening.

21 And Chair, with that, that is all of our callers
22 this evening.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you so much, Katie. You always
24 do such an amazing job. I appreciate you. At this
25 time --

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.

2 CHAIR TURNER: -- I -- I thought I heard someone
3 else speaking. At this time, I just want to --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I said you're --

5 CHAIR TURNER: -- announce that --

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- welcome, Chair.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, ah, thanks, Katie.

8 At this time, I just wanted to say that we are going
9 to prepare to recess our meeting for today. We will
10 begin tomorrow in the same place in our inland-city-
11 central-California-type area with our Congressional
12 districts and take into consideration, as we always do,
13 all of the amazing public comment and feedback we're
14 receiving.

15 I'd like to remind the public please do continue to
16 utilize our data input tools that we have available for
17 you on the website. You can find them by drawmyca --
18 drawmycacommunity.org. Oh, my goodness. Oh, that's
19 right, okay. Well, let's see. It is 7:10. Thank you,
20 Commissioners.

21 It is wedrawtheline -- wedrawthelinesca.org, and if
22 you would, then, you can choose a few different ways to
23 submit comment to the Commission, including commenting
24 directly onto the visualizations as we've seen.

25 I'd just like to say one other quick thing. Keep in

1 mind -- it's interesting listening to testimony and all
2 people everywhere are the same. Everyone wants their
3 area whole and someone else's area split, and so it's
4 always amazing to watch. We are hearing you. Our first
5 criteria is that we make districts as equal as possible,
6 and that is what we're going to try and do, and then
7 follow the rest of the criteria. So please know
8 nothing's intentional, but we are absolutely trying to do
9 our best for everyone. So thank you for your testimony.
10 Thank you for hanging in there with us for a long day.

11 And I'd like to conclude by just saying to the most
12 amazing ever communications director, Fredy, happy
13 birthday, Fredy, and we are honored that he chose the
14 bulk of his day to spend with us here, and with all of
15 you, so he had probably the biggest birthday party ever.

16 All right, with that, you all have a good evening,
17 and we will recess until tomorrow morning at 9:30.

18 (Recessed at 7:12 p.m.)
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