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2 Tuesday, November 2, 2021 1:02 p.m.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Good afternoon and welcome to the
4 California Citizens Redistricting Commission's week of
5 November 2nd set of meetings to outline our
6 visualizations. I'd like to welcome everyone to
7 November.

8 And I'd first like to thank my Co-chair, Trena
9 Turner, for doing an outstanding job in my absence and
10 prepping me to be able to shine today. Thank you,
11 Commissioner Turner.

12 I also want to thank the staff for all the work
13 that's done in putting these meetings together.

14 So I do -- I want to turn the floor -- let me give
15 you a quick little overview of what to expect today and
16 then we'll do roll call. And we'll have a couple
17 announcements.

18 So we're going to be addressing assembly
19 visualizations today. That'll include the Central
20 Valley, Northern California, Bay Area, Central Coast, Los
21 Angeles, and Southern California. We are going to take
22 public comment later in the evening, after we've gone
23 through all of the assembly visualization.

24 So I know we had a pattern of doing public comment
25 toward the end of our bulk of meetings. We're going to

1 try doing it each day to give the public an opportunity,
2 particularly for those who may not be able to wait until
3 the end or their schedule doesn't permit.

4 So we hope that making that adjustment is going to
5 help the public's participation in a way that helps them
6 see that we hear them and we're working very hard to try
7 to respond to those requests as best we can in this very
8 complex and intricate process.

9 So we thank you. Keep the comments coming. And we
10 really do want to hear from you. And anything we can do
11 to help make the experience good for everyone is part of
12 one of our commitments and goals, as well.

13 So with that, I do want to turn it over to Andrew
14 for a moment. No, let me do roll call and then I'll turn
15 it over to Andrew. So who's going to do roll call for me
16 today?

17 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: I will, Chair.
18 This is Rav.

19 CHAIR LE MONS: Hi Ravi. Yes, please. Take it
20 away.

21 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Thank you.
22 Commissioner Sinay.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

24 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner
25 Sadhwani.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

2 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner
3 Taylor.

4 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner
6 Toledo.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

8 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner
9 Turner.

10 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Here.

11 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner
12 Vazquez.

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

14 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner Yee.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

16 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad.

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

18 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner
19 Akutagawa.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

21 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner
22 Andersen.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

24 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner
25 Fernandez.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

2 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner
3 Fornaciari.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner
6 Kennedy.

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

8 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: And Commissioner Le
9 Mons.

10 CHAIR LE MONS: Here.

11 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: You have a quorum,
12 chair.

13 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Good thing I had one,
14 because I had started the meeting before the roll call.
15 So now, we'll get back on track here.

16 Andrew, let me turn over the floor to you for
17 announcements.

18 MR. DRESCHLER: Thank you, very much, Chair. Good
19 afternoon Commissioners. And I just wanted to do one
20 quick housekeeping item on our side. John will no longer
21 be mapping with us, but I'm very happy to introduce Sivan
22 Tratt, who has been working with us since April of when
23 we started this project. She's been largely behind the
24 scenes but working closely with Tamina, and Jaime, and
25 Kennedy, and Karin, of course, on a lot of different

1 parts of this project. She's also worked internally with
2 staff, Toni and Paul, on some of the mapping stuffing and
3 digital -- digitization of the COIs.

4 So yeah, I just wanted to -- very excited to have
5 her. She has a background in GIS and mapping. And I
6 will just turn it over for her to do a quick hello before
7 you get going.

8 MS. TRATT: Hello, Commissioners. Hello, Public of
9 California. I'm really excited to be here. As Andrew
10 said, my name is Sivan. I use she, her pronouns. I have
11 been working behind the scenes with John very closely
12 from the very beginning, doing a lot of work, like Andrew
13 mentioned, with COIs and digitization. So really excited
14 to bring those insights and experience to the forefront
15 with all of you. And I'm just really excited to be here.
16 And thank you for having me.

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Well, welcome, Sivan. We are happy
18 to have you. Thanks for joining the team.

19 I just want to remind the public that, during the
20 meeting, you can also submit comments. So just use our
21 comment form that's on our website. And we are tracking
22 those throughout the day. So feel free to, at any time
23 you'd like to submit a comment that -- through the form,
24 you can do so.

25 So with that, we're going to go into a brief closed

1 session. We should be back -- let me look here. I'd say
2 Kristian, first, has the link for the closed session been
3 sent out?

4 COMMENT MODERATOR: It sure has, Chair.

5 CHAIR LE MONS: Awesome. Okay. So everyone should
6 have that link.

7 So I'm anticipating we should be gone for about 30
8 minutes. If that changes, we will make sure that our
9 team updates the change on the website, so you'll know
10 when we're coming back. So expect us back around 1:30 --
11 let's say 1:30. Okay?

12 Any objections, do we need any more time than that,
13 team? No? Okay. Perfect. So we'll see you back here
14 around -- oh wait a minute, I'm sorry, it's 1:08 now, so
15 1:30 would not give us -- let's say 1:45. We'll see you
16 back here at 1:45. Thank you.

17 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

18 CHAIR LE MONS: Welcome back, everyone. Good
19 afternoon, California. Thank you for your patience. We
20 were in closed session under pending litigation
21 exception. I wanted to let you know that no action was
22 taken.

23 So now, we're going to move into the bulk of our
24 agenda for today, which is our visualizations. And so we
25 have a lot of terrain to cover. So let's get right to

1 it.

2 I'd like to turn the floor over to Karin -- Karin
3 MacDonald and our line drawing team.

4 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you, so much, Chair Le Mons.
5 And thank you, very much, Commissioners for having us.
6 Before we get started, I just wanted to give you a brief
7 overview of what's been happening with respect to the
8 hand-offs in the various regions.

9 So what you're going to see today is going to, kind
10 of, resemble a gigantic clock that's working its way
11 around California, starting in Ventura. Tamina took
12 approximately, 40,000 people from Jaime, specifically
13 Moorpark. This then helped address several issues
14 identified along the coast, such as the split in
15 Southern -- Southern Santa Barbara that you wanted us to
16 address.

17 Heading north, Tamina, per commission direction,
18 took West Sacramento from Kennedy, who then took Elk
19 Grove in kind. And this was not an even exchange. And
20 it has left four North Bay districts slightly short of
21 population. And also the mappers are going to walk you
22 through all this. I just wanted to give you a big
23 overview of how this clock is rotating its way through
24 California.

25 The Bay Area districts are currently overpopulated a

1 little bit, so these deviations could be reduced by, for
2 example, adding a small portion of Contra Costa to a
3 Solano district if that is commission -- the Commission's
4 wish moving forward. And that would then, allow for
5 compliance with other Commissioner direction, such as
6 avoiding drawing Yolo North, for example.

7 Coming back south, as you recall, Tamina took 40,000
8 people for the Northern California pool from Jaime. And
9 that, in turn, allowed Ja -- allowed Kennedy to give
10 back, approximately, 50,000 people to Southern
11 California. So again, rotating things around.

12 Specifically, per Commission preference, this
13 allowed the Tulare Kern district to stop at the county
14 line and not cross over into San Bernadino.

15 Coming back around to Los Angeles -- to Los Angeles
16 and to the Orange County border, per commission
17 direction, we traded Cerritos and Artesia for La Habra.
18 And any of the remaining differences in the hand-offs
19 were balances that were -- that were using population
20 deviations.

21 All the other ripples were internal to the
22 individual line-drawer pools, which they are going to
23 detail during their presentations. And with that, that
24 is my basic overview of how the clock is moving right
25 now. And I would like to move things over to Kennedy to

1 start us off with the VRA areas in the Central Valley.
2 And I know that Mr. Becker is on with you also, so
3 perhaps we can start with Kennedy and with page number on
4 your handout --

5 CHAIR LE MONS: Karin?

6 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes, please?

7 CHAIR LE MONS: One moment. One moment, please.

8 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah.

9 CHAIR LE MONS: I just want to check in with
10 Commissioner Sinay.

11 Did you have a question before we move into this,
12 Commission Sinay?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner Le
14 Mons. I just -- I just wanted to -- before we started
15 all of this, just kind of thinking through a few things.
16 You know -- you know, we've talked a little bit -- and I
17 just wanted to put it out there, you know, our obligation
18 to, kind of, really support VRA and look at -- you know,
19 now that we have more information and we're getting close
20 to live line-drawing -- just to really look at those --
21 the areas that we know are VRA, and not be shy if there
22 might be better ways to reflect the VRA areas and really
23 look at them as our anchors.

24 And as you said, I think it makes -- I -- I agree
25 that it makes sense to start in the Central Valley and

1 really get that well. When you look at the numbers and
2 the deviations, it's obvious that we need to kind of push
3 things out from the center outwards and up, and such.
4 And we've made -- you know, ideally we'd go from Central
5 Valley to L.A. to Imperial, Riverside, but I know we
6 can't do it that way.

7 But the last thing I wanted to say is that we've
8 created a few restrictions for ourselves throughout this
9 and I think it's time that we really question if they
10 make sense or you know, in our -- if they make sense in
11 our quest for fair and rep -- equal and fair
12 representation. Some of them seemed to make sense at the
13 time, but it may not now.

14 And so I -- a few of them were -- like the 210
15 corridor -- including all the ports, not crossing the
16 Golden Gate Bridge, keeping Sierras together, keeping
17 tribal land together, keeping coastal communities, and
18 specific regions not crossing county lines -- I think we
19 need to be more flexible so that we can get to a closer
20 deviation rate.

21 And so it's time to make some of those harder
22 decisions. And I just -- I just wanted to put that out
23 there. I mean, I wanted to ask, you know, Karin and the
24 team, and you all, my colleagues, if you all agree that
25 it's time to just, you know, take a deep breath and

1 sometimes make those harder decisions now?

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you for that, Commissioner
3 Sinay.

4 So continue, please, Karin.

5 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes. Thank you, so much. And
6 thank you for that, Commissioner Sinay, also. I -- so I
7 would like to move it over to Kennedy. I would like to
8 say that I -- we were informed that you would like us to
9 inform you about who gave what piece of direction. We
10 were just told that that is something you would like to
11 do. So as far as the line-drawers can remember who
12 specifically gave a particular piece of direction, they
13 will be able to try and let you know that.

14 And perhaps if you remember if you gave that piece
15 of direction, please just feel free to collaborate with
16 us. We're not prepared for that comprehensively today,
17 but you know, we basically just write down the direction
18 but not necessarily where it came from. And then we
19 implement it, so we'll try to do that moving forward.
20 And please bear with us today.

21 CHAIR LE MONS: Karin?

22 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: I'd like to make -- just cl -- make
24 a clarity.

25 MS. MAC DONALD: Uh-huh.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: If the line drawers could just speak
2 to as much of the why behind whatever instruction they
3 followed, they don't necessarily need to tie it to a
4 particular commissioner. It -- so they don't have to
5 remember who gave them the direction. It's just a matter
6 of, you know, this was the direction that was given, and
7 this is what -- how we were able to accomplish it.

8 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay.

9 CHAIR LE MONS: That would be sufficient enough.

10 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay, that sounds good.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

12 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you very much for clarifying
13 that.

14 CHAIR LE MONS: You're welcome.

15 MS. MAC DONALD: And we will do our absolute best.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

17 MS. MAC DONALD: So with that, I will move it over
18 to Kennedy. Thank you.

19 MS. WILSON: Hello to the Commission. We will be
20 starting today with the redrawn VRA districts, which, as
21 an overview overall, I was told to try to keep the
22 districts more compact in size and start moving them out
23 more east to west instead of north and south.

24 And so we will begin on page 49, with West
25 Bakersfield -- and I'm going to zoom in here to show you

1 that. So if you recall before, this was moving more
2 underneath as a curl, you would describe it. And so we
3 have changed the configuration to reach downwards into
4 Bakersfield. So we still Wasco, McFarland, Delano, part
5 of that. And when we zoom into the city of Bakersfield
6 and surrounding cities, we can see there's Arvin, Lamont,
7 Benton Park, Cottonwood, East Bakersfield, La Cresta, to
8 name a few cities that I was told to keep together within
9 this visualization.

10 And I will move over to this -- I did not introduce
11 it. So this here, the first line, will be the deviation.
12 The second line is Latino CVAP. The third line is Black
13 CVAP. The fourth line is Asian CVAP. The fifth line is
14 Indigenous CVAP. And the sixth line is White CVAP.

15 And I would like to say there is no, again, shift in
16 Shafter. And Shafter actually comes out to this corner
17 here. I will zoom in. And it is just hugging the line
18 of that piece of Shafter, that is not contiguous with the
19 city, and there is no split there. However, you can see
20 there is a split through Bakersfield. But then the
21 cities inside that I mentioned before as Bentonwood,
22 Cottonwood -- Benton Park, Cottonwood, La Cresta, Lamont,
23 Arvin, those are not split.

24 And I believe if Mr. Becker has something to say
25 about this district, he can. Otherwise, I can move on.

1 MS. MAC DONALD: Also Kennedy, hold on for a second.

2 Chair Le Mons, is this sufficient information or
3 would you like to know a little bit more about this
4 particular district?

5 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioners will ask as needed.

6 I -- it -- she -- Kennedy is doing a great job.

7 Thank you, Kennedy.

8 MS. WILSON: Thank you. You're welcome.

9 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you.

10 CHAIR LE MONS: And Commissioners, feel free to
11 raise -- you know, raise your hand. You know to do that.
12 If you have some questions, just let me know.

13 But yeah, we're doing fine. Thank you so much for
14 checking in Karin.

15 All right.

16 MS. WILSON: And --

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay, did you have
18 some -- okay.

19 Go ahead, Kennedy.

20 MS. WILSON: Okay. So if nothing from Mr. Becker,
21 then I will move north.

22 And before the configuration we had was having Kings
23 with Fresno and Tulare on its own, with a little bit of
24 Kings in there, but this new configuration goes a more
25 east to west direction. Like, as keeping Kings whole and

1 then here, I'm going to zoom in so you can see the border
2 of Tulare, that's a part of there. So Porterville is in
3 there and is not split. Tulare is whole, not split.
4 However, Visalia does have a split in this northern
5 corner, here.

6 And as you can see, another concern we have is
7 keeping Visalia and Three Rivers together. And while
8 there is a split in this northern corner, you can see
9 that these two do reside in the same district to the
10 east.

11 And then we reach up into Fresno County, and Reedley
12 still has a split. Parlier is a part of this district,
13 as well. Orange Cove was a part of it before, it is no
14 longer. And then it reaches on the outskirts of Selma
15 and Kingsburg, not splitting either of those, as well.

16 And I will go ahead and read off the se -- again,
17 this is the deviation. Oh sorry, as I move my screen the
18 label moves, as well. So we have the deviation. Latino
19 CVAP, Black CVAP, Asian CVAP, Indigenous CVAP, and White
20 CVAP.

21 And just as a general overview, again, Kings County
22 is kept whole. It does reach into Fresno at this
23 southern border, splitting Reedley. It does split
24 Visalia a tiny bit to the north, again. And then the
25 other cities within Tulare are kept whole.

1 My apologies, this is on page 48.

2 And again, I will leave this time for Mr. Becker to
3 say something if he needs to, and if not, I will continue
4 to move to the next one.

5 And so --

6 MR. DRESCHLER: I'll just say in general, I -- when
7 you're moving on, I'll just let you know if I need to
8 chime in. I just -- in the districts that are in areas
9 that have been designated as -- as areas where Voting
10 Rights Act compliance is a strongly relevant
11 consideration, I just advise the commissioners, take a
12 particular note of the predominant minorities CVAP and
13 also the deviation at this stage, because we're getting
14 at the stage where the deviation is a -- is an indicator
15 about where certain populations can be either subtracted
16 or added to maintain well within the legal range of
17 deviation in these districts. So I think that's a really
18 important pointer right now.

19 MS. WILSON: Thank you for that.

20 And now, we are going to move on to West Fresno,
21 which is on page 47. Luckily, these are all next to each
22 other.

23 So for West Fresno, I'm going to zoom out so you can
24 see the entirety of it. And then, I will zoom in to get
25 a closer look into the city of Fresno and the other

1 cities below. But it does come up to the northern border
2 that it shares with Merced, and it takes Dos Palos.

3 And then we follow along the line here. The county
4 line is -- stays along the Kings County line and does not
5 go into our split there. And then I'm going to move into
6 Fresno -- of the City Fresno. And we were also told to
7 minimize splits in Fresno. So now we are down to two
8 splits of the city of Fresno.

9 We are able to keep Sunnyside, Southwest Fresno,
10 West Park, sou -- the north of the -- Northwest of the
11 99, which I'll turn on the streets so you can see where
12 that is, as well. And so this orange line goes down
13 here. That's the 99. And this community here is kept
14 intact. And then we have Old Fig Garden, as well, with
15 all of those.

16 And again, pointing out the deviation, Latino CVAP,
17 Black CVAP, Asian CVAP, Indigenous CVAP, and White CVAP.

18 And now we will move north to a fourth district,
19 which was not drawn before. And so this will be a new
20 configuration as far as VRA is concerned.

21 So here, we are able to keep the County of Merhed --
22 Merced almost except for that, Dos Palos area there,
23 which no city splits are there, they're just going to
24 Fresno. And I'm going to zoom into Madera. And you can
25 see the city of Madera has no splits. Madera Acres is in

1 here, as well as Fairmead and Chowchilla.

2 And then we move into Stanislaus, and we do have a
3 split of Modesto here at the bottom. I will zoom in so
4 you can see. It is a non-contiguous city, and it has
5 cities within it, as well. And so to grab in those
6 cities, it does require splitting the city of Merced.
7 However -- Modesto, my apologies.

8 And in doing that, we do split the bottom half.
9 However, we have Modesto and Turlock for the most part
10 kept together and no splits in Turlock.

11 And again, deviation, Latino CVAP, Black CVAP, Asian
12 CVAP, Indigenous CVAP, and White CVAP.

13 And that is the conclusion of the new VRA districts
14 I have drawn in the Central Valley.

15 CHAIR LE MONS: Does any commissioners have any
16 comments before we move to the -- Commissioner Turner?

17 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Mine will be very brief.

18 Thank you, Kennedy.

19 End of comment.

20 MS. WILSON: Oh.

21 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commission Turner.
22 Commissioner Sinay?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. I just wanted to
24 make sure, on the West Fresno, where's that Fig -- Old
25 Fig Garden? I saw it for a second, but it didn't -- I

1 didn't see it on the actual print out.

2 VICE CHAIR TURNER: It's in with -- oh, go ahead.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's that little one -- it's
4 that little piece. Okay. Thank you.

5 MS. WILSON: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just trying to -- it's
7 hard to --

8 MS. WILSON: And I can zoom in a little further
9 to ---

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, no, that's fine. I was
11 just -- it kept coming up in our -- in our testimony, so
12 I was -- just wanted to be able to see it. But that --
13 we also had COI testimony that there is a strong APIA,
14 AMEMSA Community in West Fresno, and I just want to make
15 sure that we have looked at that -- those communities of
16 interest and make sure that when we're splitting up
17 Fresno that we are looking at the Punjabi, Sikh, that are
18 west of 99 and the Arabic-speaking communities, the
19 communities of interest we've gotten on those.

20 MS. WILSON: And I can take a look at that closer.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

22 MS. WILSON: And I will also pull up this -- is the
23 freeway boundary line, as well. And nothing on the west
24 side of it is split. This --

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

1 MS. WILSON: -- line of the boundary actually is a
2 little bit before that side, but I will also continue to
3 look at that closer. And show you this is where the 99
4 is, as well.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Perfect. Thank you. And
6 then also on that map -- I couldn't see it on our
7 visualization and I didn't do a Google map this time --
8 but is Fresno, city -- Sunnyside, Selma and Sanger, all
9 kind of together?

10 MS. WILSON: So Sunnyside, Selma, and Sanger make a
11 triangle here. They are all within the same
12 visualization that I've drawn.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Great. Thank you. I
14 can -- I can -- I have a few on another one. I don't
15 know, Chair, if you'd like me just to step back so others
16 can step forward or if you want me to go through all of
17 them.

18 CHAIR LE MONS: Yes. Could you do that?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Of course.

20 CHAIR LE MONS: And I'll come back.

21 Commissioner Kennedy?

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just a --
23 just a reminder -- and this is not so much on anything
24 very specific. But just to keep in mind the city area --
25 city spheres of influence when we're -- when we're

1 drawing lines.

2 I just checked the Fresno City Sphere of Influence,
3 and it may be necessary to adjust that northern boundary
4 out of the -- out of the purple into the green, just so
5 that we keep all of Fresno's designated sphere of
6 influence with the city rather than leaving a small part
7 of it outside. Thank you.

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Andersen?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner
10 Kennedy. That was one of my questions.

11 And the second one was, in Fresno, is our cut
12 line -- we've been hearing, you know, the separation line
13 is Shaw Avenue. And I was trying to find Shaw Avenue in
14 all the different visualizations, here, but I couldn't
15 quite find it. Have -- is that the line that we were
16 using?

17 MS. WILSON: This -- in previous visualizations,
18 yes. But in terms of trying to reach a number of C -
19 allowable CVAP and so forth, I did move it down slightly
20 in this visualization. And so East Shaw actually runs at
21 the top of where Old Fig Garden is across. And I had
22 looked at keeping it there, but as far as deviations went
23 and for CVAP, I did move it lower.

24 And of course, maybe that can be moved if moving
25 other things around, as well to (indiscernible).

1 COMMISSIONER: Yeah, I would like us to see that
2 because we did get -- I cannot recall -- if someone --
3 one of the commissioners recalls, what community is in
4 that area -- but I would hate to, kind of cut them in
5 half. That's why I would like to see that. And then we
6 can see if -- you know, that would obviously increase our
7 population a little bit. We might be able to pull it
8 from someplace else, with one of the negative populations
9 in the area.

10 So -- thank you.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, thank you,
13 Commissioner Andersen. I was going to ask that same
14 question because it's hard to see from some of the
15 visualizations where --

16 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Right.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- what's included, and we
18 did hear quite a bit of testimony from many of the people
19 who called from Fresno stating that Shaw Avenue was a
20 cutoff. And on that note, I wanted to also ask Kennedy,
21 about the Hmong community, as well too. They are the
22 largest -- Fresno has the largest Hmong community in the
23 U.S., and I know that testimony that we got said that
24 they were concentrated in what is West Fresno, but they
25 are also -- have further spread out. And wanted to see

1 if you had any COI testimony that you can note in terms
2 of the Hmong community throughout Fresno, but also
3 understanding where they might be in East Fresno, as
4 well, too. And whether they fall within that, you know,
5 south of Shaw Avenue, kind of, area?

6 MS. WILSON: So I don't remember exact boundaries,
7 but I do remember that there were some communities of
8 interest that reside, kind of, in this northern area,
9 kind of, across this. I would need to pull up further to
10 look closer at it, but I can take that into consideration
11 as I reconfigure this for the next time.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you. Because
13 I think -- my understanding of that community is that
14 they share a of characteristics in terms of agricultural-
15 focused, more farming, and I think, you know, just making
16 sure that, you know, common interests are aligned in
17 terms of the districts that may also fall in, as well,
18 too. So thank you for checking.

19 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Turner?

20 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. Thank you, Kennedy. And
21 thank you for zooming in. I think when I was looking at
22 that yellow, I did believe Old Fig Garden was included,
23 so -- up to Shaw -- so I just wanted to support adding
24 that back into this particular visualization.

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani?

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yep. I just wanted to add
2 in here, yes, I think we've definitely heard testimony
3 around Shaw. My only concern about that is overpacking
4 the -- this district. So that would be my only caveat to
5 that, is I think, yes, let's see what's possible. But
6 I do want to raise that as a place caution.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

8 Okay. I see no additional hands.

9 We're prepared to move forward, Karin.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Wait --

11 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah. I think this is -- we're now
12 going to go in the north-south on that side.

13 CHAIR LE MONS: I'm sorry.

14 MS. MAC DONALD: Kennedy --

15 CHAIR LE MONS: I'm sorry, Karin, to interrupt you.
16 In all fairness, I did tell Commissioner Sinay I would
17 come back to her.

18 Commissioner Sinay?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry about that. I just -- we
20 had just stayed in one area, and I was -- I wanted to
21 talk a little bit about -- it felt like some of the areas
22 had really high numbers of Latinos -- you know, CVAP.
23 And others still -- for instance, I was kind of surprised
24 in Stanislaus, which falls under the area that needs to
25 be VRA protection. It's split up a few times and it

1 didn't feel like -- I think only -- how many times is
2 Stanislaus -- the County of Stanislaus split up?

3 MS. WILSON: It is split twice. This red line --
4 sorry if that's confusing -- these are past assembly
5 district lines, we have up towards the north Riverbank
6 and Del Rio going north. And then this portion here of
7 that end of Modesto, kind of, to Diablo Grande, Newman,
8 here with Merced.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. And so on the second
10 one -- the one with Merced -- it's at -- it has, kind of,
11 a -- it is -- it has fallen under -- I guess, my question
12 was, I was -- I was looking at, is there a way to better
13 represent Stanislaus -- the communities of Stanislaus,
14 and one of my -- sorry, I've got all these notes. One of
15 them was looking at it with part -- let me see if I can
16 find exactly what my note was. All it -- oh, shouldn't
17 Stanislaus and East -- can Stanislaus and East
18 Stockton -- Stockton be put together, kind of, for a VRA
19 district?

20 MS. WILSON: I can take a look at that for you.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I know that we don't want
22 to split up Stockton too many times. But I just -- it
23 felt like some districts are over 55 percent CVAP and
24 then others are really low. And so I was just trying to
25 figure out how to represent the communities in Stanislaus

1 better, or differently.

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. Is
3 that your final comment? Thanks.

4 Karin, please continue.

5 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah. I think Kennedy is going to
6 move to page 50, if I am not mistaken.

7 Is that correct, Kennedy?

8 MS. WILSON: Yes, and I'm going to turn off the CVAP
9 and just leave the deviation, if that's okay. So it
10 doesn't block as much of what you're looking at.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: And let me confirm that's okay with
12 Commissioners.

13 Commissioners, is that okay? Would you prefer to
14 see it with the CVAP or is it okay to just see the
15 deviations?

16 VICE CHAIR TURNER: I'd like the deviations. We
17 have the CVAP on our paper copies, right?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I like the deviations
19 also.

20 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. So let's go with, as planned,
21 Karin. Thank you.

22 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you, so much.

23 And Kennedy, your box -- the menu box is showing on
24 the map.

25 MS. WILSON: My apologies. It's how big my screen

1 is and sometimes it does not cooperate. But -- there we
2 go. Now, I won't need to pull it up anymore.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay, did you have
4 another comment? Okay. Your hand is still raised.
5 Thanks.

6 MS. WILSON: So now we will move on with the non-VRA
7 consideration districts.

8 And I'm going to move down south and start on page
9 50 with Tulare and Kern. And now the box is not showing
10 up. And if I could just have one moment to bring those
11 labels back up?

12 CHAIR LE MONS: Yeah, take your time.

13 MS. WILSON: And I'm almost done. I'm not sure what
14 happened, but I'm getting you back on track here.

15 CHAIR LE MONS: No worries.

16 MS. WILSON: Okay. There we go. That looks better.

17 So starting with Tulare Kern. Everything that we
18 have in Kern up here, again, not a split in Shafter.
19 What's left of Bakersfield, there's Rosedale, Oildale.
20 Down to the sides, we have Ford City, Taft, the Pine
21 Mountain Club, Lebec community. And again, this is on
22 page 50 if that was not clear.

23 And we do have, from the VRA district, the split.
24 So I just want to note where it's being split in
25 Bakersfield. We do have -- Bakersfield Country Club is

1 not included in the VRA. So it is here in this Tulare
2 Kern. And then Bear Valley Springs, Stallion Springs,
3 and Keene, those are going into the Antelope Valley due
4 to population. I'm trying to get this at a good
5 deviation.

6 And then, we have, Lake Isabella, Bodfish, that area
7 together. And then, Inyokern and Ridgecrest being kept
8 within Kern County and not with San Bernadino. And then
9 moving up to Tulare. We have, again as I mentioned,
10 this split in Visalia. But keeping the rest of Visalia,
11 Exeter, Lemon Cove, and Three Rivers together.

12 And so now that we've finished Tulare Kern, we are
13 going to move on to the Sierras, which, again, an
14 overview of this area was keeping Mono and Inyo to the
15 north. And by doing so, instead of keeping it with
16 Fresno, Kern, or Tulare for population, I was told to
17 give it population from the -- my thing is going slow --
18 Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras,
19 Tuolumne, Mariposa, Madera region. And Madera is cut off
20 at the foothills.

21 Like I've showed before, it does not include Madera.
22 Madera is on the other side. It comes and touches the
23 outside of that. And Tuolumne, Calaveras, and Mariposa
24 are all kept together in this visualization, as well.

25 And now, we will be moving on to page 46, which is

1 East Fresno. And I'm going to zoom in a bit closer for
2 us to see that here. And so -- again, I have showed we
3 cut down the splits that were in Fresno. There's on --
4 in the city of Fresno, there's only two. And this keeps
5 Northeast Fresno and Clovis together. Minkler, Auberry,
6 Big Creek, in keeping the east part of Fresno, all in one
7 district and not going into other counties. It's just
8 within Fresno for this visualization.

9 And now, we will be moving on to page 44. And we're
10 going to be moving north to Stanislaus. And so again,
11 with making this VRA district, it had to reach north into
12 Stanislaus from Merced to get the population and to get
13 the CVAP necessary. So that is why there is that split.
14 However, like I said, I kept Turlock and Modesto together
15 as much as possible. And as well as, reaching up into
16 San Joaquin, Manteca area, and Lathrop because this
17 needed that population from changing these VRA districts,
18 as well. And then Oakdale to Knights Ferry, all staying
19 within Stanislaus.

20 And then we are going to move on to page --

21 CHAIR LE MONS: Before you move to -- before you
22 move on, Kennedy -- Commissioner Turner?

23 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. Thank you, Chair.

24 Kennedy, I'd like to have you look at -- in this
25 particular Stanislaus visualization -- including

1 Riverbank and Escalon, and removing -- and leaving
2 Manteca and Lathrop, and San Joaquin. Ripon's okay.
3 Ripon, Salida, Riverbank, and maybe Escalon, if needed,
4 to replace that population.

5 MS. WILSON: And I will take a look at that. I'm
6 sorry.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
8 Kennedy, you can continue.

9 MS. WILSON: Yes. And so now, we will move on to
10 Stockton, which is -- the city of Stockton is kept whole
11 and then paired with Mountain House and Tracy. French
12 Camp is in there. Mirada, which comes on the side of
13 Stockton actually, is with this Eastern part instead of
14 with the Stockton -- the city of Stockton.

15 And now, we will move north, again, to page 42.
16 This has South Sac and Stanislaus together. And again,
17 Riverbank down here in Stanislaus is going north.
18 Escalon, Farmington, Peters, Lockeford, Woodbridge, I'm
19 keeping all of these eastern farming communities of San
20 Joaquin together, and Lodi, as well, up to Elk Grove,
21 Florin, Vineyard and Wilton. And I know there was a
22 request to keep Elk Grove with Sacramento, however, as
23 far as population goes, that was not possible.

24 And to, kind of, make that possible, I think there
25 would need to be further splits within communities going

1 more north, so that we can -- as you can see it's
2 underpopulated in the north, so we would need to push it
3 north beyond, kind of, county boundaries to make sure
4 that the stuff could move north so that Elk Grove could
5 be with Sacramento. However, I do keep Elk Grove with
6 Florin in this visualization. And then Rosemont and
7 Mather and La Riviera are in this, as well.

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks. I just have a quick
10 question on process. I think I -- earlier I had asked
11 the question -- in the past, we kind of went through it
12 in general, and then we, kind of, stopped and asked
13 questions about it. And now, I thought -- I thought we
14 had already gone through it. So I just want to know,
15 when is the right time to start asking questions on a
16 certain region? When will be stopping -- how -- yeah,
17 how is it being envisioned so that we don't keep
18 interrupting you all?

19 CHAIR LE MONS: So I was checking the cadence,
20 actually. So I've been, kind of, if I see some
21 (indiscernible) or depending on how quickly you react,
22 I've been managing it that way. If everybody's okay with
23 that, I'll continue to manage it that way. But if you
24 want to make a recommendation that you want to hold
25 questions until a certain point, I can entertain that,

1 as well.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I actually like that we ask
3 questions when we're there because sometimes it's hard to
4 go back and remem -- you know, find all your notes and
5 stuff. I do have a comment back on Inyo. So we can do
6 that at the end, since we've already passed Inyo. And
7 I'll just get back in line for at the very end. But I
8 do -- I do like this -- this cadence, as you are calling
9 it.

10 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

11 And of course, if you -- Commissioners, if you want
12 to collect your questions, you can do that as well. I
13 want to make sure you get an opportunity to make whatever
14 comments that need to get made.

15 Okay. Commissioner Fernandez?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

17 Well, since we're going as we go, or commenting as
18 we go, yes, regarding this visualization that you have,
19 Kennedy, I'm sure that you already expected this comment
20 from me, but we need to keep Elk Grove, Vineyard, Florin,
21 and Rosemont associated with Sacramento. There's
22 communities of interest, both religion, transportation,
23 as well as culture that needs to stay together. And I do
24 have comments as we move further north so that should
25 hopefully help with some of the population issues.

1 And then I also -- what was my other comment -- then
2 my other comment was also back at Inyo at 52. So maybe
3 if we go there, Commissioner Sinay can join me with her
4 comment, as well. So that was page 52 that I'm referring
5 to.

6 MS. WILSON: Okay. And move back to the -- move
7 back to this one?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you, so much.

9 MS. WILSON: The East California? Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Thank you. And I --
11 as I've stated in the past, we need to see what we can do
12 the further north counties, probably from Amador up, are
13 very different than the Inyos. So I think as we started
14 this meeting -- and we're going to have to start making
15 difficult decisions. My recommendation -- one, would be
16 to keep the -- those other counties separated from Mono,
17 Inyo, Tuolumne, Mariposa. And maybe consider going into
18 some of the Fresno, Tulare to grab some of that -- the
19 population. Thanks.

20 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Inyo is one of the
22 areas that has been covered under the potential VRA
23 areas. And so I would like to see us make an effort
24 to -- you know, I do think it needs to be separated from
25 the other Sierras. And we need to -- you know, before we

1 go to the far north, I really -- like Commissioner
2 Sadhwani said before, and we really need to look at the
3 Central Valley really well and not rush up to the north.
4 And make sure that we're starting to look at the zero
5 deviations because I think a lot of the -- in the past, I
6 would rath -- as I said earlier, I would have rather gone
7 from Central to San Bernadino to Riverside to Imperial to
8 San Diego because we keep going from north to south and
9 we keep pushing -- you know, making decisions that are
10 being pushed down. And now it's time we make decisions
11 and push things up because the deviations are not
12 working.

13 And -- it -- we need to make some tough decisions.
14 So I would like Inyo to see how we can connect it with
15 Tulare and other -- other communities so that it does
16 have an opportunity that the community -- you know, since
17 it is a VRA.

18 And then I would like us to start thinking about
19 what are some of our other thoughts on how to get the
20 deviations to zero in the Central Valley before we move
21 north.

22 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Andersen?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, thank you. I was,
24 kind of, holding things a little bit back because I
25 wasn't expecting us to, kind of, answer as we go. And so

1 I do have some ideas, in terms of moving population.

2 I do just want to say, remember that's -- the Inyo
3 Mono, you know, that area -- I've said this a million
4 times -- but that is the community of interest. They
5 have been -- I believe the only reason Inyo is a VRA is
6 because of what county it was associated with, not that
7 Inyo, itself, is at all a VRA district.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Could we get that confirmation
9 from our VRA counsel?

10 MR. DRESCHLER: I believe that's accurate. Let me
11 look at the -- let me look at the maps. Inyo doesn't, by
12 itself -- it happened to have been included in a district
13 that had some VRA considerations -- but the county,
14 itself, is not an area that raises any kind of
15 significant VRA concerns.

16 MS. WILSON: If I may, I turned on the previous
17 assembly districts. And as -- if you can see, what's
18 included with it are the parts of Tulare that I have
19 included with Keene.

20 MR. DRESCHLER: And that's why Inyo might have
21 appeared in some VRA analysis because of its inclusion in
22 this district, Assembly District 26, I believe it looks
23 like. But it does not -- Inyo County does not have the
24 population concentrations to rise to VRA consideration
25 otherwise.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. And what
2 I'd -- what I'd like to do, rather than -- there -- some
3 of these areas, like -- actually, if we could go back to
4 the -- in terms of rearranging some of the numbers, I
5 think this is a very valid issue. And if we look at
6 Stanislaus again, it has -- it already has a plus four,
7 as does the Stockton where -- where the -- I'm sorry, and
8 then the -- actually, the upper Stan -- the Sac
9 Stanislaus, the 4.9 -- if we could move up there just a
10 little bit. Thank you.

11 I agree with Commissioner Fernandez about how we
12 have to rearrange that one to include it with Sacramento.
13 And I understand population is an issue, but how about if
14 we take out -- and it's not a lot of the population --
15 but Solano is a negative five. And that whole Terminus
16 area, close to -- close to -- before you hit Lodi through
17 Walnut Grove , that is all the Delta area that we were
18 talking about.

19 And I would propose pulling that section out of the
20 Stanislaus -- Sacramento, Stanislaus, even a little bit
21 more, like, if Galt -- I don't -- I would have to ask
22 Commissioner Fernandez her understanding of that area --
23 but putting that into that, sort of, Delta and Solano
24 areas -- the Solano area, which might, then, help
25 including Sacramento into the -- in terms of shifting our

1 population.

2 I just thought I'd bring that suggestion up. And so
3 Commissioner Fernandez might be able to essentially work
4 with that.

5 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

6 Let me make a clarity point. So the cadence that I
7 was doing earlier was, a lot of it was clarity questions,
8 wanting to see things a little bigger, clarifying the
9 whys of how the visualization came to be. It wasn't so
10 much emphasized on direction.

11 So I'd like to distinguish the two. I'd like you to
12 continue to ask those questions as you -- as they come
13 up, because that is a nice flow of conversation. And
14 hopefully, it will help all commissioners take those
15 clarifying questions into consideration as they formulate
16 their direction.

17 And I ask that when we get to the point of giving
18 direction, that the direction is specific. It's time to
19 not be really general and have all these sort of
20 variations on, well, we could do this or do that, but
21 give a very specific direction. So I'm going to ask each
22 commissioner to be thinking about, as the discussion or
23 questions, or clarifying questions are being asked, how
24 does that inform the direction that they want to give,
25 and then give that direction when we get to that point.

1 So I'd just like to make that little bitty
2 distinction if you guys don't mind.

3 Okay. So with that, there's no hands.

4 Kennedy, let's continue.

5 MS. WILSON: Sounds good, Chair.

6 Next -- I believe we just did South Sac, Stanislaus
7 from where we left off. So now, we will be moving to
8 page 39, into Sacramento.

9 I'm going to zoom in so we can see that Sacramento
10 is whole, except for this part, here. So it's not whole,
11 but I'm going to turn on this Google Terrain to show you
12 that, here in North Sacramento, we have -- I'm moving
13 closer -- Del Paso Heights, which was a point of concern
14 for keeping that community together and is right here, as
15 I'm waving the hand around right under Dwight Eisenhower
16 freeway, and is kept whole. And is not split.

17 And we do have a split here, along this area, which
18 is -- I'm sorry, let me turn on the other streets
19 layer -- around down -- and this isn't a freeway, it's,
20 kind of, a waterway that goes down here. And that's
21 where we have that split going along. And then the rest
22 of Sacramento is all together -- I'm going to turn off
23 the streets layer.

24 And West Sacramento was taken out to be put with
25 Yolo. And then Fruitridge Pocket, Lemon Hill Parkway,

1 and Southeastern Sacramento are kept together in this
2 visualization.

3 Now, moving on to page 38. We have North Sacramento
4 County, which is here the blue -- let me center it here.
5 We have Rancho Cordova, Arden-Arcade, Carmichael kept
6 together. Of course, the Del Paso Heights I just
7 mentioned, Rio Linda, North Highlands, Foothill Farms,
8 Antelope, Fair Oaks, and Gold River kept together in this
9 visualization.

10 Now, continuing to move north, next, we have -- up
11 above this one in yellow -- West Placer. So I'm going to
12 move it down. So here we have Folsom, Orangevale, Citrus
13 Heights, and Elverta moving up with Roseville, Rocklin
14 and bringing back in Lincoln so that it's not separated
15 from Rocklin and Roseville for this visualization. And
16 Granite Bay and Loomis are separated. Due to direction,
17 I had to keep Sutter and Yuba together and move Butte
18 north, which I will go to next. But here, this is the
19 West Placer visualization.

20 Now, continuing to the visualization I was just
21 talking about, we're going to move to page 13. And it is
22 above us in green. I'm going to zoom out so we can see
23 the entirety of it.

24 Last time, I had a visualization that had Butte,
25 Sutter, and Colusa together, and I was told to move Butte

1 to the north and Colusa to the north. However, with
2 numbers and not splitting up any counties, that just
3 isn't possible. Butte does have a pretty large -- a
4 pretty large population. And so without including
5 Tehama, as well, you really can't get that Colusa up
6 there.

7 And then you still have to populate Sutter and Yuba
8 together. And I was told to take in Grass Valley from
9 Nevada. But that just doesn't do it, as well. You can
10 see I'm still at negative four.

11 And so I had to dip into Placer, where I took
12 Granite Bay, and Loomis, and Sheridan, Auburn and North
13 Auburn, and Placer, the Grass Valley area of Nevada,
14 Sutter and Yuba whole and kept together, and then Colusa,
15 Glenn, and Tehama in green.

16 And then lastly, we have the NorCal visualization,
17 which is on page 12, right after -- right before the
18 other one. And we have Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, Lassen,
19 Plumas, and Butte all kept together. And of course,
20 still part of the Karuk Tribe in Humboldt. So we have
21 cut out this northeastern corner that contains the Karuk
22 Tribe and keeps them whole with Siskiyou.

23 And that is the end of my presentation.

24 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, so much, Kennedy. So at
25 this time -- well, based on Kennedy's presentation, I'd

1 like commissioners to provide any direction that they
2 want to provide.

3 Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

5 Okay. Let's see. Kennedy, I already made comments
6 about El Dorado. And so if you could move down to 37,
7 38, and 39. That's the Sacramento areas. And
8 unfortunately, because most -- quite a few of these areas
9 are unincorporated, so I don't have the population
10 totals. So I'm going to have to do, like, guesstimates
11 in terms of moving things around. Oh, that's perfect.

12 So I already talked about Elk Grove, Vineyard, and
13 Rosemont to keep that. I'd like to keep Wilton in there,
14 as well, but if not, that's okay. That is more of a --
15 rural and they do have more commonalities with the
16 agriculture, farming communities that they're in. I
17 would -- I'm just responding to Commissioner Andersen
18 regarding Galt, and I forget what was down below. I
19 would leave that in that district. That would be my
20 recommendation.

21 I have recommendations for Solano when we get to
22 that. Yeah, I would leave that where it's at.

23 And in terms of trying to -- and keep Elk Grove in
24 there with Vineyard and Sacramento, because like I
25 mentioned earlier, we're breaking up some communities and

1 this is not a VRA area. So we can look at other issues
2 as transportation, or cultural, or education with some of
3 the commonality.

4 So I -- I'm trying to think of how we're going to
5 break up this little -- how we're going to try to make
6 room for Elk Grove, Vineyard, and Rosemont, and I don't
7 have all of the -- the populations, as I mentioned
8 earlier. So I'm going to have to leave it to you --
9 sorry, Kennedy -- in terms of how we can move things in
10 and out.

11 I think it's important to keep Sacramento together
12 as much as possible and all those communities. Oak Park,
13 I know one of their -- I'm glad they're together but they
14 also -- they also have commonality with the Vineyard and
15 Oak Grove, as well as Florin, specifically.

16 So do you need anything else from me, Kennedy?

17 MS. WILSON: No, that is helpful. And I just would
18 like to say that in terms of moving things around, I do
19 think it would start to split up things up here. And I
20 know that you don't understand what the populations are,
21 but --

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

23 MS. WILSON: -- and I, you know, off the top of my
24 head, I'm clicking cities back and forth, I'm like, wow,
25 these are highly populated but then they all, you know,

1 from previous direction, want to stay together. But we
2 need to also just keep pushing population north, which
3 could mean some of these going farther up than you have
4 previously mentioned.

5 And if that is okay because you'd rather this here,
6 it would mean pushing things up that haven't been told to
7 be pushed up before. If that makes sense.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right, because you could
9 potentially push up, like, Lincoln with Auburn, and
10 Granite Bay. They do have some commonalities. And
11 with -- yeah, I think that would probably be preferable
12 at this point. But of course, I'll have to see what it
13 looks like. Sorry about that, Kennedy. Thank you.

14 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
15 Commissioner Kennedy?

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I just
17 wanted to ask if it would be possible to -- or unless
18 there's a reason for splitting Visalia, if we could find
19 a way to make Visalia whole by compensating for that in
20 the area around Tulare City, Lindsay, and Porterville?
21 Finding a way to get the population you need for that --
22 for the Kings Tulare district, by expanding a little bit
23 around Tulare City, Lindsay, and Porterville so that
24 Visalia could be whole. Unless there's a reason --
25 particular reason that Visalia is split. Thank you.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

2 Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The Chair had asked us to give
4 specific instructions, so I wanted to go back to
5 Stanislaus and the -- Stanislaus and San Joaquin. And
6 the -- if you look at the -- how this area was drafted by
7 MALDEF'S report, they are Assembly District 23 on page
8 177, that gives a good idea of how -- how to create a
9 representative -- a VRA representative district in this
10 area. Obviously, that'll move some of the other things
11 around, but I think it's important that we get this --
12 get this right.

13 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

14 Are there any closing direction or questions for
15 Kennedy before we move to another section of the
16 visualization?

17 Commissioner Akutagawa?

18 COMMISSIONER Akutagawa: Yeah, I just want to
19 perhaps, ask Kennedy, just to make sure I'm understanding
20 this correctly. I believe Stanislaus is cut up three
21 times?

22 MS. WILSON: Twice. Sorry. Again, once here to the
23 yellow. And then once with the orange. And it moves
24 into San Joaquin, but it's only split twice, the county.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So Riverbank is part

1 of Stanislaus, but that's the only other place that it's
2 cut?

3 MS. WILSON: Riverbank and Del Rio are moving north
4 but it -- that's the only -- they're cut in these two,
5 this kind of, wider orange-looking area and the yellow
6 area here.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So there -- so
8 basically, I mean, it's still three times, then? It's
9 not just -- because of where Modesto and Ceres is. And
10 then, that's one cut, right?

11 MS. WILSON: But -- yeah, that's one cut. And then
12 this is the other.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, so --

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think three districts, that's
15 the -- yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Three districts then.
17 Basically, there's three districts.

18 MS. WILSON: Oh okay. I thought you meant the city.
19 Okay. I was -- I mean the county -- I was confused by
20 what you were saying.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm sorry, I should have
22 been more clear. So yeah, so it is -- the county,
23 itself, is cut up three times. There's three --

24 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER: Okay. All right. Thank you. I just

1 wanted to make sure -- I guess -- I mean, just look --
2 given some of the other conversations that we've had in
3 terms of, perhaps, some of the movement that is going to
4 be needed to be done, is there a way to avoid splitting
5 the county more than once? Like you've done -- I think
6 you've done a fantastic job in terms of, you know, the --
7 kind of the lower part of the Central Valley where you've
8 managed -- instead of multiple -- you know, crossing
9 county lines three time -- two times, you know, you've
10 just managed to make it just one. Is there a way to do
11 something similar with Stanislaus? I know that we've
12 gotten COI testimony from them about feeling like they
13 just become like the -- the place where they just get
14 pulled for population and other things like that, and
15 perhaps, to minimize for Stanislaus if we can that
16 that --

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa, can I ask
18 you to give direction?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, and that's my
20 question.

21 CHAIR LE MONS: If you're saying don't split it
22 twice or whatever, just please give that direction and
23 then they will attempt to do what's being asked, and let
24 us know otherwise.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

1 Kennedy, is -- what -- was what I was saying --
2 unless you just want me to make it a statement.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Please make it a statement.

4 MS. WILSON: Oh -- yeah, sorry.

5 CHAIR LE MONS: I'm asking that you please make it a
6 statement. The direction should be direction and not
7 questions.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right.

9 Kennedy, please split a county once. In this case,
10 specifically, Stanislaus, please just split it once.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

12 Commissioner Fornaciari?

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sorry, I just -- just --
14 have kind of a general question for the line drawers at
15 this point. I mean, it looks to me -- based on what
16 we've got going here, we're going to be pushing a
17 significant amount of population north up the Valley. I
18 mean, we've got 20 -- almost 25,000 people to push north
19 from Merced into Stanislaus, an additional 20,000 people
20 to push north, an additional 15,000 people to push north
21 from Stockton. So I mean, if we're -- I mean, depending
22 on how comfortable we are with deviation -- that's
23 something we haven't talked about.

24 I mean, if we're comfortable with the five percent
25 deviation for a good reason, then maybe the mappers don't

1 have to push so hard. But I think, you know we're giving
2 direction here that's moving population around fairly
3 significantly here. And I think, you know, as a
4 commission, we need to come to some agreement on what
5 deviation we're comfortable with and give some guidelines
6 on that.

7 Because, I mean, if we push towards zero, that's a
8 heck of a lot of people going north, assuming we're not
9 going to go east or west. And that's going to completely
10 change these maps. So you know, we're getting to a point
11 where we've got to settle on what these maps look like in
12 an architectural term -- you know, standpoint -- and to
13 make little tweaks.

14 So you know, I'd really like to see us get to a
15 point where we have some direction on deviation.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.
17 Commissioner Sadhwani?

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, a couple things. I
19 think I agree with you, Commissioner Fornaciari, on
20 deviations. I think that's an important piece we need to
21 uplift.

22 I think we do have -- my understanding, and maybe if
23 counsel wants to weigh in on this or even the line-
24 drawing team -- I think we need to have a little more
25 flexibility on the assembly districts than we would on

1 the congressional districts, so getting -- recalling that
2 would be probably helpful. And I do agree with that
3 piece.

4 I want to take a closer look at Sacramento just to
5 better understand the direction that Commissioner
6 Fernandez is giving here because -- I -- I'm sorry, I'm
7 trying to keep up with the various pages and sometimes we
8 flip around, and I can't keep up. What is the -- what is
9 the population deviation in that pink district that's
10 just above that includes Sacramento?

11 MS. WILSON: 2. --

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's already -- oh sorry,
13 go ahead.

14 MS. WILSON: Sorry, I was just repeating it to you.
15 I was just saying it's 2.10.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. So we're already over
17 population there. And so -- I think -- and I'm just
18 trying to, again, wrap my head around it.

19 So Commissioner Fernandez, your perspective was
20 including Elk Grove, Florin, Vineyard into that district?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, correct. Those are
22 all Sacramento.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And did you have thoughts
24 about what to remove?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes and no. I directed --

1 because I don't know the numbers, that's the unfortunate
2 part --

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- because many of these
5 are not cities. So I don't have that information. So it
6 was pushing it a little bit north and then, possibly,
7 east, as well, into that VADECA and also into the West
8 Placer. Like the Antelope right now that is with
9 Sacramento and -- I mean, with the -- I can't -- I don't
10 know what the name of that one is.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right next to Elverta
13 because those are actually right next to each other.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. And can -- I'm so
15 sorry because I'm not super fam -- I'm not very familiar
16 with these neighborhoods. Where is Oak Park?

17 MS. WILSON: Sorry. I'm zooming in to --

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No, I appreciate that.
19 Thank you.

20 MS. WILSON: And the font is kind of tiny. It's
21 right underneath this --

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh. I got it.

23 MS. WILSON: -- above Fruit Ridge pocket. It's in
24 this area right here.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

1 MS. WILSON: I'm circling around. Underneath the
2 50, right next to Curtis Park, right of the 99 here.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. Yeah, because I
4 think one of the big challenges I'm just trying to wrap
5 my head around here, is that we have a lot of COI
6 testimony from this region. If we were to put all of it
7 together, we're way over population, right?

8 So I hear you, Commissioner Fernandez, on the
9 Florin, Elk Grove, Lemon Hill. Definitely, we've had
10 that testimony. We've also had pieces on Lemon Hill and
11 Del Paso Heights. We've had -- keep Elk Grove with
12 Greenhaven because there's a shared levy system with the
13 Sacramento River.

14 And then we also have stuff from Equality
15 California, I believe, for the LGBTQ community looking
16 at -- I'm trying to pull up my notes on that one -- West
17 Sacramento with the city of Sacramento, including the
18 neighborhoods of Johnson, Business Park, Mansion Flats,
19 New Arab Park, Boulevard Park, Downtown Sacramento. I
20 don't know how we do all of that. Like, I don't know how
21 we keep all of those pieces together because this
22 configuration is already over. So I -- I would agree
23 with you, Commissioner Fernandez, in thinking about what
24 are our options here?

25 I'm wondering if -- if this pink piece, this

1 Sacramento district, is ultimately two districts or if
2 there's a different way, Kennedy, that you can think
3 about reconfiguring them to include -- so that we're
4 being responsive to a lot of different COI testimony. I
5 don't know where we're at with -- with where that would
6 put us in terms of population, but I wanted to uplift all
7 of those various, and to some extent, conflicting COIs.

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you for that, Commissioner
9 Sadhwani.

10 Commissioner Sinay?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. For a second, there, I
12 blanked out on what I was -- where I was, sorry. Not
13 where -- anyway, I wanted to look at Silver Lake -- so
14 further south. There's -- so East Fresno is at negative
15 17.8 and -- or 17,000 people, I did it differently than
16 you all. It was easier for me to put the numbers.

17 And then, Tulare is over by 10,00 plus. So I was
18 wondering if you kep -- if you look at the VRA maps that
19 we were given, there's, kind of, a little -- I'll use
20 Commissioner Sadhwani's term, dallop -- dollop -- but
21 it's a different one, the Tulare dollop. And I was
22 trying to figure out if that was Silver Lake. And I
23 couldn't quite -- or sorry, Silver City. So I just
24 wanted to see if we -- if looking at the East Fresno and
25 the Tulare, that border up there, if we can make the

1 changes needed so that the deviations get a little closer
2 to zero.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Turner?

4 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I lifted my
5 hand to say this earlier and put it down. But then
6 Commissioner Toledo brought it up. I really do want us
7 to talk about deviations because I think the deviations
8 are fine at four and five. And we've not had this
9 conversation. I think we're moving a lot and starting to
10 put COIs into areas that they don't belong and don't have
11 commonality and may not have to. I know population
12 equity or equality is like our top, you know, number one,
13 and we want to do that. But if there is an accepted
14 deviation, maybe we're trying to move things that just
15 now will be hodgepodge and won't even fit together.

16 When we were having conversations about the Central
17 Valley -- excuse me, that one little area we're talking
18 about -- and once we move to a different area, we move to
19 a different conversation. So I don't know about this
20 jumping.

21 But the conversation we were having, specifically,
22 around the San Joaquin and the Stockton area, and what
23 have you, I do know that the Manteca and some of those
24 areas that's been cut out, is very close to -- thank you,
25 Kennedy -- and MALDEF, I think cuts out Mountain House

1 and Tracy, which I'm not a fan of at all. I like the
2 visualizations the way that Kennedy currently has it.

3 And Manteca and Lathrop is very close and similar to
4 Stockton area, much more so than some of the, you know,
5 other in -- anyway, I just think it should, perhaps, be
6 included there.

7 I did like the idea of Terminus being, perhaps,
8 moved into one of the other areas if, indeed, that was
9 the same. And I wanted to name that Elk Grove is very
10 similar to Galt. You know, they -- Galt is up and
11 coming, lots of new home development building, et cetera,
12 which is just like the Elk Grove area, as far as
13 likeness.

14 So I think deviations would help in this
15 conversation. I think, for an assembly, we're starting
16 to move things that we don't need to move. When we had
17 the conversation to answer the question about Oak Park,
18 Oak Park is being cut off from some of the other areas
19 that I think we've heard similar COI around, Florin and
20 what have you.

21 And so again, Fruit Ridge Pocket, Lemon Hill, Oak --
22 you know, all of those particular areas -- and then have
23 them up and included with some of the other -- I think,
24 if you expand in that -- what's that, the north -- the
25 south part of that up top? What is that, north? I don't

1 know my direction.

2 MS. WILSON: Sorry.

3 VICE CHAIR TURNER: The top.

4 MS. WILSON: You tell me where and I'll go. I got
5 confused when you --

6 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Right where your hand is.

7 COMMISSIONER Fernandez: I think she's referring to
8 Natomas, probably. Yeah.

9 MS. WILSON: This is up -- oh sorry.

10 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Natomas?

11 MS. WILSON: Yes, correct.

12 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. And so I think
13 Sadhwani -- Commissioner Sadhwani was talking about,
14 perhaps, even looking at splitting the district and see
15 if we can pull in some other like parts. But Natomas is,
16 again, pretty different from Lemon Hill, Fruit Ridge,
17 Parkway, Oak Park, and some of those districts down
18 there, as well.

19 So sorry, Chair, I didn't have a direction other
20 than to see we need to start talking about deviations
21 because now I think we're just throwing things together
22 that aren't even similar in what they do.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you for that, Commissioner.

24 No, this is fantastic, actually. I think that
25 organically, we're getting to the place where I wanted

1 your directions to be specific because it's going to
2 trigger each other to say, well, wait a minute, why are
3 we doing that. And we've not done a lot of that. We've
4 just given the directions for new visualization. So I
5 think that this is a really good point. So there's about
6 four -- about three hands raised, we'll get those
7 comments. Be we're going to be coming up on a break at
8 4:15. So it might behoove us to have a discussion about
9 those deviations, particularly if we feel like that's
10 going to facilitate us moving through the rest of the
11 visualizations in a way and help commissioners frame
12 their direction in a way that's going to be more
13 satisfactory.

14 So let's take the three, four hands that are now
15 raised and any recommendations. I'd like to hear
16 recommendations from commissioners on addressing the
17 deviation issue.

18 Commission Toledo?

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: To touch bases on what
20 Commissioner Turner said, I agree that the deviations --
21 that the deviations -- the range of deviations may not
22 be -- especially for the other assembly -- may be okay,
23 as long as they're keeping communities of interest
24 together. But I guess at some point, we're going to have
25 some communities that are not completely, you know --

1 districts are going to have some areas that are not
2 similar to the rest of the district. So we just have to
3 be -- in order to make all the maps work.

4 And then I had some specific directions, but that
5 was just my contribution towards this general
6 conversation.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Continue with your specific
8 direction.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So specifically, you're going
10 to have to do a deviation. On the Merced map, 1-1-0 --
11 the 45, the CVAP, I actually would like to see this CVAP
12 a little bit lower. If it -- and it's an if, because it
13 is a VRA district -- if we can get it -- if we can
14 increase the Latino CVAP a little bit more. 50.13 seems
15 a little low to me.

16 And so if there's a way to increase the CVAP by
17 reducing the deviation, we do have 23 -- we're over 23 --
18 by 23,000. So if there's a way to do that in a way that
19 preserves the community interests that are there, I'd
20 like to see that. Thank you.

21 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

22 Commissioner Andersen?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, thank you. I --
24 again, on the assembly and the Senate, I have no trouble
25 whatsoever with deviations plus or minus five. I'd like

1 it like four seven, four eight possibly, you know, to
2 just give it a little comfort zone for when we really
3 slice and dice things. It's just that congressional
4 districts have to be plus or minus a couple of people.

5 But other than that, yes, because there are other
6 considerations. There's VRA, there's -- it -- just as
7 Commissioner Toledo was saying, and communities of
8 interest. And this is -- gives us our play. The only
9 thing I do think we have to keep -- be careful of if
10 it's -- if they're all plus four percent, then we got a
11 troub -- then we have an issue. So that's -- I just want
12 us to keep in mind that if that's high, this is low,
13 that'll work.

14 And then I actually wanted to play -- specific
15 directions going -- playing on what Commissioner Turner
16 was saying about -- actually, you can leave it Merced. I
17 agree with Commissioner Toledo on this one. But I'm
18 wondering -- I believe -- is that -- that Ceres right
19 there in the Stanislaus.

20 If Ceres comes out, does that -- and then we grab a
21 little more population, possibly a little more to
22 increase the Latina CVAP. I don't know if that's a
23 possibility. But that comes out, then going just a
24 little bit further north in the Stanislaus, that would
25 take population out of that.

1 And going to Manteca, I completely agree with
2 Commissioner Turner, and I'd like to take Manteca out of
3 the San Joaquin. So if we took that out of San Joaquin,
4 but Ceres went into the -- let's see -- I'm sorry. If we
5 take Manteca out of that VAD Stanislaus and then add
6 Ceres from the Merced district into the Stanislaus
7 district, would that maybe a trade which might help
8 population-wise. And it might be able to clear up all
9 three things. That's a -- that's what I wanted to -- if
10 Kennedy might be able to play around with that. Thank
11 you.

12 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

13 Commissioner Kennedy?

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just in
15 response to Commissioner Fernandez, Elk Grove, Florin,
16 and Vineyard -- and that's not counting anything else
17 that she would like to add to the Sacramento district.
18 Elk Grove, Florin, and Vineyard amount to more than
19 272,000 people. That's 55 percent of target population
20 for an assembly district. So you know, I forget who else
21 said it, but I -- I just don't see that as realistic.

22 And just for colleagues, you know, the populations
23 of California cities, yes, are in the Playbook document.
24 If you need something for something that's not in a city,
25 the Census QuickFacts lookup provides statistics for all

1 states and counties, and for cities and towns with
2 population 5,000 or more.

3 So that's -- I was able to look up Vineyard and
4 Florin and get population counts for Vineyard and Florin,
5 which are CDPs, not incorporated cities. So the Census
6 QuickFacts look up facility is going to be very helpful,
7 and the fact that they have data for any Census
8 designated place with a population of 5,000 and more;
9 5,000 is roughly one percent of the target population for
10 the assembly districts. So it's a handy information
11 source for people who need it on the fly. Thank you.

12 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

13 Commissioner Fornaciari?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. So with regard to
15 deviation, let's see, I'm fine up to -- you know, the
16 "safe harbor," we've been told, is plus or minus five
17 percent, and I'm fine with that, in general. But I think
18 we need to also look at it in totality. Because if we
19 have five adjacent districts that are 5 percent over,
20 that's 25 percent of a district that we're shorting the
21 people of those -- of that area.

22 And so you know, I think -- you know, I think,
23 initially, these big swings are fine, but I think we
24 really need to understand the impact of it and
25 acknowledge and recognize what the impact of it may be.

1 That's all.

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Do you have a recommendation,
3 Commissioner Fornaciari?

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No. Well, I just think
5 that, you know, once we get a little closer to being
6 comfortable with our maps, I think we need to just take a
7 look and see where we're at. You know, I mean, we've
8 got -- we've got this whole line of districts from
9 Stanislaus up through Sacramento that are all over. And
10 so you know, I think I begin to be uncomfortable if we --
11 we had a bunch of districts all together that were all
12 over, because we're -- we'll be underrepresenting those
13 folks.

14 So I don't have a specific recommendation other
15 than, just let's make sure that we take a look at it as
16 we go.

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.
18 Commissioner Fernandez?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I -- yes, I was
20 looking at those deviations too. We must be on the same
21 subcommittee or something, finance.

22 And the way I was approaching it when I was
23 reviewing the information last night, is I was, kind of,
24 looking at it by area. Like L.A. As long as it balanced
25 out, they have the -- you know, they have the

1 representation. So that was, kind of, cutting up the
2 state to ensure that there wasn't, as Commissioner
3 Fornaciari said, you know, six neighboring districts and
4 they're all over, or they're all under -- maybe they're
5 overrepresented, right. So that's -- I was, kind of,
6 looking at it by area. You know, once you go to one area
7 to the next, make sure that there is fairly
8 representative as possible with districts. Thanks.

9 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

10 Any additional comments on this before we move
11 forward? It sounds like people are ready to -- I mean,
12 I'm still feeling like there's a general guidepost as it
13 relates to deviation and something more specific can be
14 forthcoming. That's my read on the feedback I've heard
15 so far.

16 My recommendation will be to -- in -- and -- in your
17 giving your direction -- I keep emphasizing direction --
18 but to really think about the implications of the
19 direction that you're giving. And have all that
20 consideration set come into your direction prior to
21 giving it, because at this point, things are at a place
22 where you have to -- it's not just one or the other, as
23 some of the earlier visualizations focused on particular
24 things.

25 Now it is balancing a little bit more. So I just

1 encourage commissioners to do that as they think about
2 the direction they're going to give as we're starting to
3 narrow this down.

4 Commissioner Andersen?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, thank you, Chair. I
6 did have one other comment that, in terms of the
7 Sacramento area, and -- was -- I liked that Commissioner
8 Sadhwani brought up the fact of Natomas, which is up the
9 north part of that Sacramento area. That could go,
10 actually, into a district with what is east of it. The
11 North Highland, the Rio Linda, that section. So
12 essentially grab the area from Florin, Vineyard, Elk
13 Grove, looking at the downtown area of Sacramento. And
14 then is one district. And then the Natomas area north
15 and going east into that blue, is another district in
16 terms of, you know -- within this area, rearranging where
17 those district lines are a little bit, which might
18 actually help alleviate the communities of interest
19 issue. And also might help alleviate some of the
20 shifting population issue.

21 So I was -- I just wanted to uplift that -- agree
22 with Commissioner Sadhwani on that one. And thank you.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

24 Any other comments?

25 So we have about seven minutes before the break. So

1 we could either take our break early or we can move on.

2 MS. WILSON: May I ask a clarifying question?

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Absolutely, Kennedy.

4 MS. WILSON: So as far as the north goes, how --
5 I'm -- you didn't say much about it, so I'm not sure if
6 you like the way it was because with this shifting things
7 north, I do think that -- you know I was told to keep
8 Lincoln out, but maybe it's -- Lincoln has to go back in
9 or -- I just don't know if you like this and I wanted to
10 know as far as -- I don't want to come back with the same
11 thing if you don't like it, or if I can keep it roughly
12 the same, then that is something I would like to know?

13 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Kennedy.

14 Commissioner Sinay.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: This kind of -- it connects a
16 little bit to what you were just asking Kennedy, as well
17 as the conversation on deviation. Plus or minus five
18 percent sounds great when we're talking about big cities,
19 but I was looking -- you know -- most of the Far North is
20 at negative. So it's -- you know -- and when you're
21 looking at the -- what plus or minus five percent is, in
22 some of those -- you know -- in some cases, it's almost
23 the size of a county -- you know, up here, but also, you
24 know, it is the size of cities. And so I'm not sure how
25 I feel about plus or minus five percent. I think it's --

1 it's -- I would rather see it be smaller than that for
2 the deviation. And maybe we get to a smaller size. But
3 I want us to really stop and think what does that mean up
4 in this area because, you know, right now, it feels like
5 it's easier just to say plus or minus five and go on to
6 something else versus really thinking through this area
7 and looking at and it and saying okay -- I mean, it's
8 this whole area except for the -- the North California is
9 all at negative.

10 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner
11 Fernandez?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Kennedy, if you were
13 referring to the NorCal Oaks -- the NorCal and Central,
14 I like how it's looking. How's that? Is that good
15 enough feedback? And I will -- I will say, as you move
16 into the more remote areas, if you try to get closer to
17 zero, you're going to really group some communities that
18 are physically far apart from each other because, as
19 Commissioner Kennedy said, the census information will
20 give you, I guess, incorporated areas of 5,000 or more.
21 I mean, that's -- I don't know if anything from the north
22 would pop up honestly. I know my town's not going to pop
23 up for sure. So I can see in the far, Far North, you
24 know, talking Tehama, Humboldt, Plumas, north, you may
25 have a higher negative deviation because it's really

1 difficult to try to grab some communities that really do
2 have some sort of similarities. Granted, at some point,
3 we have to make those decisions, but I'm just trying to
4 explain why you'd have some of the negative numbers.

5 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

6 Karin?

7 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah. And thank you, Chair Le
8 Mons. I -- I just wanted to highlight the fact that as,
9 you know, you narrow your deviations, you're going to
10 have more splits, obviously. And also that next -- next
11 week once we go into live line drawing, if you want to
12 work with us live on some of these tradeoffs and actually
13 move some population around, maybe just even ripple some
14 population from, you know, one area to the other, to
15 equalize the population, that is certainly something that
16 we can try to do. As I said to you last week, there has
17 not been a whole lot of time to work on these maps. And
18 you know, some of these deviations reflect that, but the
19 deviations also reflect your direction. And at this
20 point, we really haven't had that opportunity to really
21 go into the nitty gritty and the very small little
22 direction pools that result from the general
23 architectural changes. And again, that's what next week
24 is for. Thank you

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

1 Commissioner Andersen?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, thank you, Karin, for
3 that because I was going to say that this -- these maps
4 really do, in many areas, reflect what we try to see,
5 which gives us the idea of, like, okay, now we can play
6 with that. And I -- just for Kennedy, on this, I do
7 appreciate your architecture on this area which you are
8 trying to do. I think you will get a little bit more
9 help as we get into what we want to do with Lake Sonoma,
10 Yolo -- that area -- in terms of there might be a little
11 few changes, which might give you a little better
12 direction. So there's more to come. Thank you.

13 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

14 Commissioner Sinay.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks. I feel like I'm the
16 only one who's not quite getting this deviation question.
17 For me, if we say, okay, it's all right in the rural
18 areas to have negative deviation and the urban areas to
19 have positive, then we're saying that the urban areas are
20 under-represented, and the rural areas are over-
21 represented. I mean, at some point, if you have a
22 negative somewhere, you're going to have a positive
23 somewhere else. And therefore, I'm not okay saying,
24 well, you know, and these areas, they're rural. It's
25 okay to have that and we'll -- we'll make up for it in

1 the urban areas. That's part of the problem with
2 representation right now throughout. And -- and so I,
3 unless I'm totally not understanding deviation, which is
4 possible, I really think that we need to not say it's
5 okay in one area and not in another. But that we have to
6 be a little bit more consistent. Because earlier, we had
7 said, well, I was looking at LA, and if LA -- it -- you
8 know -- it all equals out, then I feel okay. But now,
9 I'm looking up at the Far North and yes it's all rural,
10 and it's not getting to zero. And I'm not okay with it.
11 And so I just -- I don't want us using different values.
12 I mean, I know we need to be flexible, but I don't think
13 we can use different values, especially when you think
14 about who the populations are in urban areas, and that a
15 lot of our VRA communities are in urban areas. I would
16 really like us to -- you know -- we need equal
17 representation and fair representation. That's why we
18 were put on this Commission.

19 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. And
20 you guys can ponder the comments. Commissioner Fernandez
21 and Karin, we'll come to you right after the break. It's
22 4:15. We will go on a 15-minute break, and we will be
23 back at 4:30.

24 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:15 until
25 4:30 p.m.)

1 CHAIR LE MONS: All right. Welcome back, everyone.
2 I hope you had a nice break. I'd like to pick up with
3 our feedback and questions from Commissioners. We left
4 off with Commissioner Fernandez.

5 Commissioner Fernandez, the floor is yours.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. I just
7 wanted to respond to Commissioner Sinay. In no way did I
8 say that it was okay for the North Area to be lower. I
9 was explaining why it probably was. Because rest
10 assured, I will be looking at California by areas to make
11 sure that it does balance out, because that is the only
12 fair way to do it.

13 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

14 And Karin, you had your hand raised before the
15 break.

16 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, thank you so much, Chair
17 Le Mons. I also wanted to -- to weigh in on that. There
18 is no policy to, you know, overpopulate one area or under
19 populate another area. This is basically just the way
20 it's worked out as we're following your direction based
21 on, you know, what you want to split or avoid splitting,
22 what you want to move where. So this is kind of where
23 those tough decisions that Commissioner Sinay was talking
24 about earlier may be coming in. Just basically, about
25 how to move that population. And you know, if you wanted

1 to move population into a particular area and ripple
2 that up, then that's going to require making some
3 decisions that you haven't made before. And again, we're
4 happy to do that with you next week, or if you'd like to
5 give direction now, of course you can do that also.

6 Thank you.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

8 So with that, if we don't have any additional
9 questions for this particular area, I'd like to move to
10 the next area.

11 Karin?

12 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes, thank you so much. So we will
13 be switching screens and we will be moving on to Tamina,
14 please. And I believe Tamina's going to -- if you'd like
15 to pull up your pages -- Tamina's going to start with
16 page number 55.

17 Tamina, is that correct?

18 MS. ALON: Correct. Good afternoon, Commissioners.
19 We will be starting with page 55, which is Bonsall.

20 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Feel free.

21 MS. ALON: Thank you. So Bonsall is the one VRA
22 consideration visualization that I have for my area.
23 This is the San Benito and Monterrey County area. I'll
24 turn on the county lines here. And you'll see the CVAP
25 that is posted here -- the first one is 51.10 percent

1 Latino CVAP, 1.80 percent Black CVAP, 7.64 percent Asian
2 CVAP, 0.75 percent Indigenous CVAP, and 37.74 percent
3 White CVAP. I will put up the existing District lines so
4 you can see the current District, which comes over here
5 and then south to the line of Monterrey County. And I
6 will invite Mr. Becker to please comment.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And Tamina, would you be able
8 to pull up the deviation also, please? Thank you.

9 Commissioners, you just saw the mapping program
10 works because you could see them -- the menu box working.
11 This is usually what's happening in the background. So
12 this is how the deviations make it on a map.

13 Thank you, Tamina --

14 MR. BECKER: (Indiscernible) --

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- (indiscernible).

16 MR. BECKER: Yeah, thank you, Tamina. I don't have
17 much -- much comment here. I would just point out
18 there -- this is at a negative 3.15 percent deviation
19 which gives you a little bit of ability to pull in
20 additional -- actually, a significant ability to pull in
21 additional population if you want to, to change the
22 configuration of this District. Obviously, this is an
23 attempt to build a Latino opportunity district consistent
24 with VRA considerations.

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Fornaciari, did you

1 have a comment?

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Let's see. Last
3 time this came up, I asked about including the rest of
4 Salinas Valley down to King City. And you said you had
5 looked at it, but it brought the Latino CVAP down. Can
6 you let us know what that would wind up being if you --
7 if you did do that? I mean, it looks like we have some
8 room to add some folks. So if you could do that and let
9 us know what the CVAP numbers would look like if you
10 added that. I would appreciate it.

11 MS. ALON: Would you like down to King City, or did
12 you want to go all the way -- how far south should I go?

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I was thinking King
14 City.

15 MS. ALON: King City? Okay. And is there a LCVAP
16 percentage you would not -- that you would like me not to
17 dip below?

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I just would like to
19 understand what it would be and what the tradeoffs are.

20 MS. ALON: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thank you.

22 MS. ALON: No problem.

23 MS. MAC DONALD: Would you like to move on,
24 Commissioner? So should we zoom out?

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Hold on one second please, Karin.

1 Commissioner Toledo?

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, just to piggyback on
3 Commissioner Fornaciari. If we could reduce -- if
4 there's a way to reduce the deviation closer to -- to
5 zero, and then -- or -- yeah, closer to zero, so that we
6 can get some of the farming communities in there and
7 raise the Latino CVAP. I wouldn't want to go below 51
8 percent. I would want to increase it.

9 MS. ALON: This is --

10 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

11 MS. ALON: -- highest LCVAP that you're going to get
12 in this area, if you go down that area. You can go into
13 other areas, so outside of San Benito and Monterrey
14 County, if you wanted to explore other areas, we can
15 explore that. But unfortunately, any -- this is the
16 highest LCVAP that I could get in this area. Even
17 adding, subtracting population within the deviation
18 allocations.

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That would help.

20 MS. ALON: But I'm still happy to make the
21 visualization.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And that's helpful. Thank
23 you.

24 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. I guess I

1 was looking at the Merced, West Fresno, and Bonsall. And
2 it -- because we had talked about Merced also being --
3 you know -- we would like to see Merced pull up -- be
4 pulled up a little bit as just -- as well as Bonsall.
5 And on the -- and you know, West Fresno and Tulare are
6 higher. I don't know if there's a way to kind of get the
7 CVAP a little -- you know -- just see -- explore ways
8 to get the CVAP a little higher on those. You know,
9 looking at the farming communities, I know that they're
10 different farming communities. I know that there are
11 some geographic boundaries. But if we can't -- if it
12 doesn't work to go south, then maybe looking at the ones
13 that are kind of over the deviation.

14 MS. ALON: Happy to do that.

15 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I'd like to see. If
17 you were to remove Morgan Hill, add Morgan Hill to Gatos
18 bank, one, would the removal of that -- you know --
19 increase the Latino CVAP? Also, is it an option, because
20 I noticed that the Merced visualization has a 4.78
21 percent, I guess, over deviation. And so is it an option
22 to pull in some of that? And so I'd like to see if by
23 increasing or taking in a part of Merced into that San
24 Ben -- or Bonsall deviation, if that would also, one,
25 bring in some additional population and also would it

1 increase the Latino CVAP? Thank you.

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Andersen?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, thank you. Tamina,
4 could we actually -- that's a great spot right there.
5 Could we -- could you turn on the terrain layer, here?
6 Because I think that might give us an idea of what's
7 really possible or not. Thank you. And are there --
8 without getting into too much, can you get a little bit
9 more of the roads, or was that -- you know -- I'm looking
10 for, like, the next level down from -- just right now, we
11 have just the I-5s, you know -- yeah. Could -- are there
12 any roads that go from San Benito over into the valley?
13 And can we go a little closer?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: 152 does --

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah --

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: But it's a little north.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, can you go up a little
18 north, please, to see -- to see that? Oh, thank you.
19 Thank you.

20 CHAIR LE MONS: Tamina, I'm sorry -- Tamina, are you
21 waiting on me?

22 MS. ALON: Yes, Chair.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Oh, just continue. Yes, I'm sorry.
24 You may continue.

25 MS. ALON: I don't want to rush anybody. Okay.

1 Well, that is our one potential VRA consideration
2 District in this area. And so if you will give me a
3 second, I will change the labels, which you have seen me
4 do before. I apologize for that messy process. And you
5 can -- you can now --

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Tamina --

7 MS. ALON: -- (indiscernible) --

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could I ask one quick thing
9 on this? I apologize I didn't ask before. Is all
10 Watsonville included in this VRA?

11 MS. ALON: Yes. All of Watsonville is included.
12 There are no city splits in this visualization.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. And do we have -- you
14 know -- as we were saying, the outs -- like -- what is
15 Commissioner Kennedy's term for the areas around a
16 smaller city? Would that -- would that -- if you could
17 look into that unincorporated area up there, if any of
18 that's part of the greater Watsonville area to add into
19 this Bonsall, please. Thank you.

20 MS. ALON: I'm sorry. So you would like this
21 unincorporated area to be included --

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could --

23 MS. ALON: -- or that --

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- could you look --

25 MS. ALON: -- or looking --

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- at that as -- as far as
2 when you're looking at the -- for a VRA with the -- the
3 criteria that Commissioner Toledo gave you, if that might
4 help. Thank you.

5 MS. ALON: Okay. Would it be helpful for me to
6 recap the things I've been asked to explore at this
7 point?

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Yes, please, Tamia. I'm sorry,
9 Tamina.

10 MS. ALON: There's actually someone in my office
11 called Tamia, and it is very confusing. So I have been
12 asked to explore for Bonsall, first the ability of adding
13 along the freeway down to King City, so taking more of
14 the Monte Coast area here in order to reduce this
15 deviation to see what else CVAP looks like over there,
16 and if there's a way to increase the LCVAP in that area.
17 I have also been to take a look at this area of Merced
18 and taking -- the possibility of taking out Morgan Hill
19 and trading for some areas in Merced or some other
20 possibly high LCVAP areas that are in Kennedy's area.
21 And then, I have been asked to take a look at the
22 surrounding areas of Watsonville -- of greater
23 Watsonville, which, zooming in over here, these white
24 areas right here, to see if those are able to increase
25 the LCVAP.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could I just add, also that
2 Las Lomas area is not just Watsonville, but that
3 little -- that area right through there. If there's --
4 if that would help for that same criteria. Thank you.

5 MS. ALON: The Watsonville unincorporated areas and
6 coastal areas. No problem.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just want to add
9 clarification for Tamina. My request to look at parts of
10 Merced to add to the Bonsall, that also is on top of what
11 Commissioner Fornaciari asked about trying to bring in
12 more of that farming communities down below -- up to King
13 City, he said.

14 MS. ALON: I'm doing those too. Thank you very
15 much.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I was just wondering
18 if we had received a number of communities of interest
19 testimonies from this area. I don't know if those are
20 loaded into this map. But it would be helpful for me to
21 see them. Places that are being referred to as Pajaro
22 Valley, Lompoc Valley, and Santa Clara Valley. I don't
23 actually know exactly where those regions are. But
24 I guess I'm just trying to understand if they are or are
25 not included in this visualization. My guess is they're

1 more local terms for a broader region?

2 MS. ALON: There are actually two areas of Pajaro.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Uh-huh.

4 MS. ALON: There is Pajaro City, which is in this
5 green visualization. It's actually right south of
6 Watsonville. And then there's Pajaro Dunes, which is
7 another city that's on the coastline. So we actually
8 have COI that refer to both. And so they are whole in
9 both of these areas. The COI that I have loaded are all
10 whole in this area. And if you would like me to look
11 into creating a visualization that has all of them on it,
12 then I'd be happy to do that.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, if you could. I mean,
14 it doesn't have to be right now, but it would be helpful
15 for me just to see exactly where those areas are and if
16 we're incorporating that at testimony. Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So Chair, I'm sorry to
18 barge in here, but the Pajaro Valley is right there by
19 Pajaro, California. The Lompoc Valley is down near
20 Lompoc, California in -- what is it -- San --

21 MS. ALON: Santa Barbara.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- Santa Barbara County.
23 And the Santa Clara Valley -- the Santa Clara River
24 Valley is the -- the river valley with Piro and Piru
25 and -- you know -- that goes with -- in Santa Ventura

1 County.

2 MS. ALON: Got it. So those wouldn't be all be kept
3 together but that's what the -- in any case, that's what
4 the -- I'm looking at it as -- as something that's
5 suggesting keeping them together. But that -- that's a
6 really long area.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right. They -- yeah --

8 MS. ALON: I --

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- they just -- those were
10 the three areas that (indiscernible) was focused on --

11 MS. ALON: Correct.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- or the coast, yeah.

13 MS. ALON: Okay. Thanks so much, Neal.

14 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Looking at, again, this input
16 that we just received on this one from the public, the
17 first question -- and I know we haven't done Santa Cruz
18 yet, but is Santa Cruz split in three districts?

19 MS. ALON: Yes. I'll tell you where that split is.
20 We have the areas of Santa Cruz, which you directed to be
21 with the agricultural areas. So Interlaken,
22 Watsonville, Amesti, Freedom, and -- come on, label --
23 Aptos Hills-Larken Valley over here.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

25 MS. ALON: And then, there were the coastal

1 communities, which you requested to keep with the coast
2 from Pleasure Point down through Rio del Mar, La Selva
3 Beach, and Pajaro Dunes --

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. All right.

5 MS. ALON: And then, there are the inland areas that
6 you requested -- for example, Santa Cruz to stay with Los
7 Gatos, so the Highway 17 corridor over here.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. So that's a lot of
9 different districts for a small little place. But
10 this -- this public -- talking about Watsonville, you
11 know, they said that Watsonville and Salinas, Capitola,
12 Rio del Mar and La Selva actually will have a lot in --
13 in common be -- along with Santa Cruz because they're
14 building some transportation corridors in that area
15 altogether. So just -- just throwing in a little --
16 another way that people are looking at this area. Thank
17 you.

18 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

19 Commissioner Turner?

20 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. I think the only
21 added point I wanted to add in, Tamina -- I like the
22 visualization and to understand the split. I do know
23 that Santa Cruz, Monterrey, down to Pajaro Dunes and what
24 have you -- they want it to be in one area. And very
25 similar in the -- you know -- who comes down as far as

1 all of the -- the visiting and the B&Bs and the coast and
2 all of those piece -- parts, they all seem to me to be
3 the same community. And the splits -- it is only sixty
4 some thousand people there, but it absolutely makes sense
5 in how it's split out. And it's supported by different
6 COI testimony that we've received.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. You can continue, Tamina.

8 MS. ALON: Thank you, Commissioners. That was very
9 helpful. We will return to our skinnier labels which
10 just have the deviation on them. And just to let you
11 know, we're going to walk through these in regions
12 because the different direction that I received last week
13 shifted a lot of things between different visualizations.
14 So we're going to do a little bit of an overview and then
15 talk about them altogether and then go through them
16 individually. Just a note before we start, that the
17 deviations in these particular visualizations reflect the
18 sizes of the cities that are in there. I tried not to
19 split cities and counties as much as possible per
20 direction. And so if there was a city that could be put
21 into the visualization, but then would overwhelm the
22 deviation and I'd need to split it, then instead, it
23 might have been kept out. So I'd be happy -- if you
24 would like to change a deviation -- to look into the
25 splitting of a particular city that you would like to

1 name. Happy to do that. But just wanted to let you know
2 that that was a little bit behind with the methodology I
3 was working on.

4 So the first region that we're going to look up here
5 is our North Coast area. And you -- we will start --
6 well, before I go to the page numbers, let me say that
7 the ripple effects that you're going to see that had
8 effects on the movement that we just talk -- or that we
9 just are going to look at today, can't -- come in a
10 couple different pieces. So first, they are this Coast
11 and Northern area, which kind of ripples through itself,
12 that we'll talk about. And what you talked about -- had
13 me look at last time -- was taking a look at moving Lake
14 in -- out of this North Coast District, trying to make
15 some wine area agricultural districts. Taking a look at
16 creating an area for the delta. And possibly a second
17 wine-ish area or second area of agricultural importance.
18 And so all of those rippled through these areas. And so
19 we will talk about each of those.

20 And then, the second area is really the East Bay.
21 And so the East Bay is from -- from the delta along here,
22 the waterway, to the Bay Area going down. And so all of
23 the districts' visualizations that are in this area had a
24 ripple effect on each other. The primary pieces around
25 here being the -- the Oakland piece -- keeping that

1 whole. Looking at the Delta District. And then, looking
2 at Tri-Valley. And those have all ripple effects on each
3 other down through really (indiscernible) Rock and coming
4 around the corner.

5 The third piece is starting in San Francisco and
6 coming down at -- through this area, the peninsula.
7 Whenever one of these are moved, another one will ripple
8 and move as well. So some of them, for example, you'll
9 see that the name might be a little off, and it might not
10 exactly encompass what's in it. And that's because
11 that's the name of what it was in the previous
12 visualizations. So you can follow along and say, well,
13 how did this District change over time? And you can take
14 a look at it and say, well, this -- you know -- this used
15 to have this in it and now it's the name, so I know that
16 it had something different.

17 And then, the last area that we're going to look
18 at -- because we've already looked at our Bonsall area,
19 is our South Coast. So taking a look at how the
20 population and ripple has affected Ventura, Santa
21 Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Monterrey Counties.

22 So with that, I will go back up to the top. We are
23 going to start in the North Coast. And this is page 11.
24 The North Coast that barely fits on the screen here. So
25 we start with the North Coast, page 11. And the

1 difference between this and the previous North Coast
2 iteration -- we still have Del Norte, we still have
3 Humboldt, Mendocino, Trinity. We still have the little
4 Humboldt square taken out to the current tribal areas
5 together. We still our areas of Sonoma. But what was
6 changed in this iteration is, the Commission requested
7 that Lake be removed from this coastal area and moved
8 toward an inland area. And so Lake was taken out of this
9 visualization, and it was swapped down with the coastal
10 areas of Marin County.

11 This then has effect on the next one, which is the
12 (indiscernible), and this is page 16. So page 16 --
13 I'm sorry, I'm zooming out just so you can see what we
14 used to have. We used to have Vallejo and Benicia in
15 here. And I was instructed to take Vallejo and Benicia
16 out of this visualization. And so that was traded for
17 actually taking Lake back in and taking in the West
18 Sacramento area -- whoops. Zoom in over here -- right
19 over here. Of Yolo County. So this is the first of the
20 agricultural re -- agricultural slash wine slash growing
21 regions where you requested Lake to be with Napa. That
22 also incorporates some areas of Yolo that are highly
23 agricultural as well as areas east of the freeway, which
24 have been noted as the wine areas of Sonoma.

25 That then brings us to page 17. This is Solano.

1 What was requested here was that part of Yolo, at least,
2 be with Solano. And so those two are together in this
3 visualization. This is our Delta area visualization, so
4 we have the areas of the Sacramento Delta, Isleton, Rio
5 Vista in this area, as well as the lower part of Yolo.
6 And then, Solano County is actually whole in this
7 visualization now that it has Vallejo and Benicia back.
8 So this is -- Solano is whole in this area. Another
9 thing that is different in this area is that there was no
10 Elk Grove. Elk Grove has been taken out and returned to
11 Kennedy's areas. And that completes this Solano
12 visualization.

13 Which also affects this last one in our region,
14 which is Sono-Marin, and this is page 31. So I was
15 instructed a couple of different things for Sono-Marin.
16 One was take a look at the inland versus the coast when
17 it comes to Sonoma County. Really moving the inland
18 parts closer in with the wine and agricultural reason --
19 regions, and keeping the coastal areas together. And so
20 I was able to do that. I was also asked to look at
21 reducing the number of splits in Santa Rosa. You'll
22 recall there were a few splits in Santa Rosa in the last
23 visualization. This one keeps Santa Rosa whole,
24 including all of Santa Rosa's tiny little satellite
25 unincorp -- noncontiguous areas that are unattached over

1 here. That's what all of these little pieces are here.
2 So those are all little pieces of Santa Rosa. So Santa
3 Rosa is actually whole in this visualization. And with
4 Santa Rosa's large population, that's why we have a
5 smaller in geography district. But this comes down
6 through the more urban areas -- more city areas of Marin
7 County all the way down to Sausalito. This also allows
8 the Sonoma-Marin areas that COI testimony has put
9 together to be together in this visualization.

10 We're now going to move to the East Bay
11 visualizations. The East Bay visualizations started from
12 a priority list that I requested last time that we spoke
13 about. The first was to take a look at how much we could
14 keep open together. Unfortunately, Oakland is larger
15 than an assembly district, and so there had to be a split
16 in Oakland here. But taking a look at where Oakland was,
17 taking a look at this Delta area, and then, taking a look
18 at the 680 Corridor which leads down to the Tri-Valley.
19 And so that's what informed the construction of these
20 districts.

21 So we will start with East Bay, which is page 32.
22 So East Bay begins right south of Hercules, so this is
23 Pinole, California. This census block is water and is
24 attached to here for some reason. And we are coming down
25 through El Sobrante -- Tara Hills. The east and west

1 Richmond, north Richmond, San Pablo, El Cerrito, and
2 Knightsen -- sorry -- Kensington, all the way to the
3 county line. This encompasses the greater Richmond COI.
4 You also asked me to keep this -- this Highway 80
5 corridor together and to bring it down through Albany
6 Berkeley into Alameda County. And so we did that. We
7 created a -- a western district here which includes
8 Alameda, Berkeley, Emeryville, Piedmont, and communities
9 of Oakland, mindful not to split several communities of
10 interest that we have right up in this area of Oakland.

11 This is the Oakland -- oh, sorry. I keep forgetting
12 page numbers again. This is Oakland page 21. Actually,
13 let's do -- I'm sorry. Let's do 22 first. That's on my
14 list first. 22 is RODUBLIN. And the reason I want to do
15 this first is just to show you where this was
16 particularly cut off. We have a 1.59 percent deviation.
17 Unfortunately, we could not add in any of these cities
18 without going over the five percent. So that's why you
19 have this break here in West Contra Costa County. So
20 Hercules, Rodeo, Crockett, Port Costa, are going to join
21 the 680 Corridor that goes from Martinez and Vine Hill,
22 and then, comes south through the 680, including the
23 Lafayette Orinda Moraga area, keeping all the COIs in
24 this area intact. And then coming south Alamo, Danville,
25 San Ramon, and Dublin. Wanting to keep Pleasanton and

1 Livermore together with this whole area, but
2 unfortunately could not fit in the assembly district.
3 And so went ahead and stopped there instead of splitting
4 Pleasanton. We're actually pretty close to five percent
5 here. And then, there was direction not to go over the
6 Oakland Hills and to keep them with more of the Eastern
7 Con -- the -- mid -- sorry -- Central Contra Costa area.
8 And so those census areas were incorporated with this
9 visualization instead of with Oakland, in order to
10 preserve that Oakland Hill line.

11 Next, we will go to Oakland which is page 21.
12 Actually, I'm sorry. Red and red. Let's do east first.
13 They all touch each other and they all ripple through
14 each other, so I -- they all -- I want to talk about them
15 altogether. But let's do East Contra Costa first. This
16 is page 34. Just so I don't forget to go back to it.
17 And I love East Contra Costa. So East Contra Costa has a
18 long -- so here is the water line. This is the county
19 line for Contra Costa and the break between the Delta
20 area of the Solano District that is up here -- the Solano
21 visualization. So we are following Highway 4 from
22 Concord through Bay Point, Pittsburg, Antioch, all the
23 way to the county line. We're also following south all
24 the way through Byron, taking all the unincorporated more
25 rural areas of Contra Costa County down to the county

1 line in this visualization as well. And then, we also
2 have unincorporated areas coming into San Joaquin County.
3 However, none of these areas are within a particular
4 census designated place or city. They stop short right
5 before they get to the Lincoln Village, Stockton area.
6 So none of the cities are split in this visualization.
7 These areas are all unincorporated and are pursuant to
8 COI testimony that we had that these more eastern
9 areas -- east of Contra Costa, west of Stockton, wanted
10 to be with the East Contra Costa region.

11 And now page 21. I will go to Oakland. As I
12 imagined, Oakland is -- the majority of Oakland is in
13 this visualization. Keeping mindful of the split, which
14 is along the freeway. And keeping intact several
15 communities of interest which were in this area. Alameda
16 City is also whole in this visualization, as is San
17 Leandro City.

18 The next visualization is page 20. And this is
19 Alameda. What is different here from what you've seen
20 before is that you requested that I take a look at what
21 not going into Mountain House and Tracy would like for
22 this area. And so without that population, while we're
23 able to pull in -- or we would -- we had to pull in some
24 of this West Eden area. And so this is Livermore,
25 Pleasanton, Sunol, along with Castro Valley, Hayward,

1 parts of Union City, and the smaller unincorporated areas
2 which are all intact. I did try to do a Livermore,
3 Pleasanton, Dublin, up to San Ramon area, but then that
4 would split open further and break some of the COIs over
5 there as well as a few COIs in Contra Costa. So I
6 elected to keep it this way but happy to explore further
7 visualizations. So that's the effect of the Mountain
8 House Tracy move.

9 We will go down to Fremont, which is page 29. This
10 visualization has a split in Union City. This is purely
11 for population purposes. And has which -- because we got
12 through .57, if there's another line which you would
13 suggest for this to be split along, then happy look at
14 that. Currently, it is just following city streets
15 because there is -- oh, I'm sorry -- city streets and
16 there's one COI which kind of cuts off along here. But
17 if you would like me to explore other areas with that, I
18 have a little bit of deviation room for that. This takes
19 all of Fremont City including Newark, which is
20 incorporated. Takes Milpitas City and the Berryessa
21 area. There are a ton of COIs right in this area, and so
22 it keeps many of them together. I believe one comes down
23 a few blocks lower into Alum Rock that was not able to
24 kept there for population.

25 We'll go to page 24, which is Alum Rock. Sorry,

1 zooming out. There we go. Okay. So Alum Rock starts
2 with Alum Rock, which is right up here. It's a
3 neighborhood in San Jose. But as you can see, it
4 incorporates all of eastern Santa Clara County. So this
5 whole area here, which is lighter colored, is not part of
6 the City of San Jose. The darker colors are parts of the
7 City of San Jose, which has over a million people, and
8 has very little population in this. And so that's why
9 you're getting this shape as it is. Alum Rock keeps
10 intact several communities of interest in the downtown
11 area right along here, and the several neighborhoods of
12 San Jose including the downtown COI itself, the Japantown
13 COI and several others that were submitted. So those
14 were all put up. That's where this line between Fremont,
15 Alum Rock, (indiscernible) and Gatos bank came out of --
16 was really putting all those COIs up and trying to make
17 sure that we kept as many of them whole as possible. And
18 I think we actually kept most, if not all of them, whole.
19 So Alum Rock includes those neighborhoods of San Jose.
20 It doesn't go into any other cities. San Jose is split
21 for population.

22 Now we will go to Gatos bank which is page 23. Uh-
23 oh. Apologies. My screen just -- there we go. Okay.
24 So Gatos bank, I was instructed, this is -- Gatos bank,
25 it sits at the intersection of where the East Bay

1 community population ripples down to and where the
2 peninsula population ripples down to. So I'll talk a
3 little bit in a second about what that looks like and how
4 that's affected things. But it's really a -- it really
5 is where these two areas come together. And one of the
6 main things in this area that you'll see is that this is
7 the Santa Cruz area that we just looked at. Keeping that
8 Highway 17 corridor together, I was requested to take
9 Santa Cruz and Los Gatos and make sure that this Highway
10 17 corridor was together. And so I was able to do that.
11 And when the Commission was looking at this last week,
12 they were looking at it with the rest of the peninsula
13 area. So we're going to go up there. And they said --
14 and what I was instructed was, take a look at doing --
15 moving those two together, and in exchange, take a look
16 at the line up in Redwood City and see if you can move
17 that. So this actually rippled upward in order to try to
18 accommodate both of those directions. So starting in
19 Los -- Los Gatos and connecting that with Santa Cruz, we
20 are able to even the population out by taking out --
21 taking some areas of San Jose over here, again being
22 mindful of these COIs, and putting Campbell in with Palo
23 (indiscernible) District.

24 So now we're going to go up the peninsula to page
25 25. We'll start with East San Francisco. And the

1 direction that I had for East and West San Francisco. So
2 these maps are going to be on page 25 and 26, East San
3 Francisco and West San Francisco, and we can talk about
4 them together because the direction that I received
5 affects them both. And the direction that I received for
6 this area was to take a look at Seacliff and Presidio,
7 and move them over into the east side of -- Presidio
8 Heights, rather -- moving them east to make sure that The
9 Haight was with the Castro over here in the center,
10 moving west of Twin Peaks to the Western San Francisco
11 and moving Bernal Heights west into the Western San
12 Francisco. So that's changed this line where this area
13 is split in San Francisco. The neighborhoods here are
14 all intact, able to keep them whole, and so the lines
15 that you are seeing will reflect those neighborhood
16 boundary lines.

17 The southern part of West San Francisco remains the
18 same as you saw before. It has Daly City, Brisbane, and
19 Paloma and stops right before the South San Francisco
20 line.

21 Which brings us to page 27, which is SMATEO. If you
22 recall, the last time that we saw S Mateo, we had to stop
23 on the freeway over here -- a line. And there was
24 PALORED as a -- as a visualization district on the east
25 side, and then, we had a coastal area on the west side.

1 And I was instructed to -- instead of using that freeway
2 as the line, keep San Mateo with San Mateo, including the
3 coastal areas, and to shift the other districts south
4 accordingly. And so that was what was done for San --
5 this SMATEO District. And as you can see, that comes
6 south to the SMATEO County line -- the San Mateo County
7 line, sorry -- and stops short of incorporating all of
8 San Mateo County sheerly for population.

9 Next is page 28. And this is the PALORED District.
10 As I mentioned, this district used to be farther north,
11 and it shifted south when this population was moved out.
12 Remember, we grabbed some population over here in order
13 to put Los Gatos with Santa Cruz. We moved up San Mateo
14 in order to take in the more inland areas. And so this
15 visualization district has shifted south. And it was
16 actually very close to what the Commission directed. The
17 Commission said take a look in Redwood City, and that's
18 exactly where we came down to. So Redwood City is whole.
19 And this -- well, that's pretty much where the line ended
20 up being for population. And so this PALORED District
21 starts in the Emerald Hills, North Fair Oaks, Menlo Park
22 area, takes the rest of San Mateo County, and then, comes
23 over into the beginning of Santa Clara -- excuse me --
24 County, starting with Palo Alto and Stanford and Mountain
25 View, coming south and taking Saratoga and Campbell.

1 Next is page 30. And this is LEXSUNNY which is a
2 perfect example of what I said before about how some of
3 these are named for pieces that are no longer in them.
4 LEXSUNNY used to be Lexington to Sunnyvale. And per
5 Commission direction, we've moved some things around and
6 this no longer the configuration; however, Sunnyvale is
7 still intact in this District visualization along with
8 the COI of Sunnydale, Santa Clara, and Cupertino. We
9 also have the northern area of San Jose City. The areas
10 of Burbank and Fruitdale and some other areas of San Jose
11 and unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County. So
12 that's the Peninsula and the East Bay.

13 We will move down to the coast -- the mid-coast.
14 And in this case, the Monte Coast, which is on page 56.
15 And it requires me to zoom out a lot. Okay. So Monte
16 Coast, as you saw before, has Monterrey County, a piece
17 of the Santa Cruz County which we've already looked at,
18 which wanted to be with the coastal areas -- comes down
19 through Monterrey, except for the Salinas/Prunedale area
20 up in the north which has gone with the Latino
21 Agricultural District, and exploring down to King City,
22 as mentioned. The Monte Coast District goes down into
23 San Luis Obispo County and almost takes all of San Luis
24 Obispo County but stops short for population. The
25 request that was made last week, as I zoom in -- I

1 apologize, was regarding Arroyo Grande. Arroyo Grande
2 was with the more southern visualization. And the
3 request was to move Arroyo Grande up north and keep it
4 with San Luis Obispo. So now, we -- this has been
5 incorporated -- Arroyo Grande has been incorporated with
6 the Monte Coast visualization.

7 And we'll go to page 58 which is S. Barbara. So the
8 trade in S. Barbara was that this area down here in
9 Southern Santa Barbara used to be with the Ventura
10 District. And the request was to see if we could pull in
11 and make Montecito -- at least through Montecito whole
12 with Santa Barbara County. So we had cut off right about
13 here and so the request from the Commission was to take
14 in Montecito and to the extent possible, come down to
15 Carpinteria. And so these areas of Santa Barbara County
16 are intact and together with Santa Barbara in this
17 visualization. The trade for this that was requested of
18 me was to look at East Ventura County and take Moorpark
19 and see if that could be an even trade.

20 So I will zoom out a bit and go to page 59, which is
21 Ventura. Oh, I'm sorry. Before we leave S. Barbara,
22 just noting that another direction of the Commission was
23 to keep the islands together, and so the islands are kept
24 together in the Santa Barbara -- in the Santa Barbara
25 base visualization.

1 And now to Ventura. Still keeps Port Hueneme
2 through Piru COI together. The only thing that is
3 different here than what you saw last is the addition of
4 that Moorpark, which is what was needed to bring in
5 Montecito and those areas. I was told to use Moorpark
6 and possibly Somis. Somis I could bring in if you would
7 like to be -- to increase -- change the deviation a
8 little bit. But because I did not have to for that Santa
9 Barbara split to be fixed, it's -- it is there still in
10 Jamie's area. So currently, the only difference here is
11 this Moorpark.

12 And that is the end of my areas. And I'm happy to
13 answer any questions.

14 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay, thank you.

15 Commissioner Fernandez.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

17 Tamina, I'm going to take you back to 16 and 17.

18 What's that noise?

19 And that's the TEHANAPA and Solano area? Yeah,
20 right there is perfect. Thank you. And what I would
21 like to see is I would like to see all of Yolo County
22 included with Solano County, and then, the tradeoff --
23 which, I just realized someone had given you direction
24 last time to -- to keep Vallejo and Benicia in. I'd
25 actually like to move those out. So that -- if my

1 numbers are right, I believe it's pretty close in terms
2 of being even with the population.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

4 Commissioner Akutagawa?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

6 Now, thank you for the visualization. I'd like to
7 go down to Ventura County right now. In seeing the
8 visualization, I would like to give direction to actually
9 remove Moorpark from this visualization. I know that we
10 received quite a bit of testimony that Simi Valley and
11 Moorpark should be kept together. And instead -- I know
12 that we're going to be getting to a place where we have
13 to split, so considering splitting Camarillo and --
14 and/or perhaps taking a portion of -- all Somis into
15 Ventura County.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

18 Commissioner Turner?

19 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

20 And stay there. I'd like to ask a question of
21 Commissioner Akutagawa and then give direction depending
22 on the response. At this same visualization for both
23 Santa Barbara, and Ventura, I know we wanted to explore
24 having the island be all one so that it wasn't split.
25 I'm wondering if there was COI testimony -- outside of it

1 looking neat, I'm wondering about the population there
2 because we did learn -- I don't know if after the fact,
3 or the same time, that that Santa Barbara island is
4 actually two different counties. It's Santa Barbara and
5 Ventura County. And if that is the case, and if, indeed,
6 there was no specific COI to make it together, I'm
7 wondering if, Commissioner Akutagawa, if you feel it
8 would be okay if we keep them within their counties.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. That -- I was
10 thinking about that too. I thought it might be better.
11 Yes, I agree with you.

12 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

13 So the -- the direction, Tamina, would be to keep
14 them within their counties -- the island down there
15 that's -- that we -- that we tried to make it nice.
16 We'll go ahead and reverse that. And then -- we good?
17 Okay. And then, I'd like to see -- Union City. Go back
18 to -- is that page 30? I can't read my own writing. So
19 in this area -- I still don't see Union City. Oh, okay.
20 Yeah. So I'm wondering here -- so we have Alameda --
21 ahead of it -- on top of it is over by three. And then
22 we have Fremont that's over. But then we have LEXSUNNY
23 underneath. Actually, what I was going to suggest is
24 going to make it worse. I was going to add in, look at
25 keeping Union City whole with Fremont. But you said the

1 numbers did not work for that? You're on mute, I think.

2 MS. ALON: Okay.

3 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Oh, there you go.

4 MS. ALON: Yeah --

5 VICE CHAIR TURNER: (Indiscernible) --

6 MS. ALON: -- I could split Fremont and add some of
7 this part area Fremont to Alameda.

8 VICE CHAIR TURNER: (Indiscernible) --

9 MS. ALON: No?

10 VICE CHAIR TURNER: I just wondered about the
11 splitting Union City when you did that. It -- was it a
12 COI? Because there are population types that just -- it
13 was -- typically, I see Fremont with Union City, but it
14 was split in the middle. And I know you did a good job
15 about saying COI testimony said this, but I didn't catch
16 it for this split and wondered about why you were
17 splitting Union City.

18 MS. ALON: Yes, we split Union City for population.
19 And I am currently looking for where I got the split
20 from. And that's why you see all the little COIs
21 flashing on and off. I'm sorry, I have hundreds of them,
22 which is why. But I'm happy to go back and explore where
23 that line is if you would like me to.

24 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Okay. I would. Thank you. And
25 then, the last one I had is on page 21, up in the East

1 Bay Area. And for this -- this is pretty -- this is
2 tricky to me, all the time. Because when I look at this,
3 I'm wondering about the split between Oakland and
4 Emeryville which they -- I mean, you don't even know when
5 you cross from one to the other. So that is just very
6 bizarre to me. And I would like for Oak -- for Emery --
7 man.

8 I would like for Oakland not to be split from
9 Emeryville. I don't have to have Piedmont into that same
10 area, because Piedmont, I think has a different kind of
11 feel to it. A different type of even -- yeah. I
12 think -- I think Piedmont COI's would -- would be okay
13 with not being with Oakland. I do think that we could
14 probably add it into Orinda area. And so we are -- go
15 ahead.

16 MS. ALON: If I may ask? So Emeryville is currently
17 together with this western half of Oakland. Would you
18 prefer it to be together with the eastern half of
19 Oakland? Piedmont is completely encompassed by Oakland.
20 This is --

21 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Oh, we got to take it, because
22 it's all together. Darn.

23 MS. ALON: All Oakland. So currently, Emeryville is
24 with this area of Oakland. If you would like me to
25 explore moving Emeryville to --

1 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Can you turn (indiscernible)
2 part of Oakland -- the Oakland part of Oakland -- see
3 that real quick for both Oakland and Emeryville -- or
4 both sides, East Bay and Oakland. I should call them by
5 their right names. Uh-huh. Oh shoot. I could have
6 probably went to my pages. I'm sorry, Tamina.

7 MS. ALON: It's okay. You're just testing me. It's
8 all good.

9 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Okay. 2.4, 6.04. And then --
10 18 -- 14 -- 15. No. 1. 15.49 -- 14 -- 18 -- 18 --
11 25 -- 23. Oh, okay. I'm going to leave it there, and
12 see if my commissioners want to -- if other commissioners
13 want to help me. Yeah, because I see six of one and a
14 half dozen of the other. I was hoping to not split
15 Oakland from Emeryville. But I also don't want to
16 alienate the rest of West Oakland as well. And it seems
17 like we're over. So we couldn't just make it all
18 together -- Emeryville, West Oakland, Oakland all
19 together. That would definitely take us over.

20 MS. ALON: We could definitely do in the other -- in
21 the other maps.

22 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

23 MS. ALON: But they unfortunately do not fit in
24 assembly.

25 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Oh, There's Commissioner Yee. I

1 didn't see earlier. Beautiful. Okay.

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

3 Commissioner Andersen?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oops. Thank you, Chair.

5 Actually, if we pop down to Ventura, again. Or, I might
6 just be able to say. Piggybacking on Commissioner
7 Akutagawa's, she said let's take Moorpark out. I believe
8 I'd like to actually have all of Camarillo in. This is
9 Moorpark out of -- yeah, taking Moorpark out of Ventura,
10 that district, and put all of Camarillo in. And I
11 understand that's going to change our even to molly.
12 It'll affect that by about 20,000. But I think there's
13 going to be more changes in the LA area which will take
14 care of that. So I would like to see that -- that's
15 Commissioner Akutagawa was saying maybe cut Camarillo. I
16 don't think we need to, and I'd like to say not to have
17 it cut right now.

18 And then, sorry, Tamina. Can we go back up to San
19 Francisco?

20 MS. ALON: Sure.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Chair, can I ask a question?

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Sure.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can we stay in one area and ask
25 does anybody else have any comments in that area so we

1 can finish a conversation in one region and then move to
2 another region, because we're hopping around and it's
3 getting a little confusing?

4 CHAIR LE MONS: Sure.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Did Patricia --
6 Commissioner Sinay mean, let's finish up with Ventura?
7 Because I can wait.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, there's several people.
9 Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I will wait, Chair.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Sorry.

12 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Commissioner Toledo?

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I don't have a -- I wasn't
14 going to comment on Ventura. I was going to comment
15 on --

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Go on, and comment on what you were
17 going to comment.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. So back to
19 Napa's -- to Yolo-Solano area. So I have been receiving
20 quite a bit of feedback that Napa, Yolo and Solano would
21 like to be kept together. So I'm fully in support of
22 Yolo and Solano being together. Not having Vallejo and
23 Benicia. And if there's population need, then pulling
24 from the agricultural aspects of Solano to the north. So
25 I've heard from -- we've received comments from -- and

1 it's publicly posted from St. Helena and from other
2 entities that would like to be part of that area.

3 That does mean that to the -- there would be
4 potential need for population for what's left of Lake
5 Napa, Santa Rosa area, and potentially pulling from Santa
6 Rosa. So that would be my comment for the Napa area.
7 And then just in terms of -- and I'll leave it at that
8 for Napa. Thank you.

9 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Commissioner Andersen, you
10 want to do anything while we're up north here?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, I do. Thank you,
12 Chair. If we just stay in that area, what I would like
13 to do is I -- I agree with what Commissioner Toledo was
14 saying. And where does actual population come from?

15 I see the -- the NC coast is already -- it's a
16 negative 3. I would like to actually take more of the
17 South Marin. Put the population in there. I would cut
18 that right about Novato, and put the lower portion of
19 Sonoma-Marin, from Novato down, into the North Coast,
20 which I think has the population.

21 Then I would like to take from Sonoma-Marin, add
22 either -- if you could go in just a little bit please,
23 Tamina. If you could zoom in just a bit. Thank you. A
24 little bit north. Oops. Perfect.

25 We -- right now, we have -- I just -- this is where

1 I'm trying to go. I'm trying to add Sonoma Hot Springs,
2 that's with -- to Napa, because that is -- those are --
3 that's the heart of the wine country. So what I'm
4 wondering is, if I've cut the population out of Sonoma-
5 Marin and we go up and add -- is Santa Rosa already in
6 Sonoma-Marin? It is. Okay.

7 So then, I would -- I would like to -- I guess I'm
8 cutting up Sonoma-Marin quite frankly. I guess I'm
9 taking the bottom part out. And I'm putting the top
10 part, which is from above Novato to Sonoma -- to say,
11 below Santa Rosa, with the Napa -- TEHENAPA. And
12 depending on population, Santa Rosa will either go either
13 west or east. And then, going up the -- to Tehama to
14 TEHENAPA area. If --

15 MS. ALON: I got that. So Santa Rosa goes in with
16 Tehama-Napa, Yolo.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: As -- as does that portion.
18 Essentially, we're cutting up --

19 MS. ALON: As does this --

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

21 MS. ALON: So you just want to slice in half, and
22 move here and here?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I actually want to slice a
24 little bit further south. Yeah. Like slice it -- slice
25 it around -- around there. Either, like, depending on

1 population, maybe put all of Novato into the Sonoma-
2 Marin -- into the North Coast. From Novato down, put
3 that into North Coast. And then, create the other part
4 of Sonoma-Marin into the -- the TEHENAPA. See how these
5 are negative. I'm trying to kind of balance them out.
6 Keeping common interests. Which I'm trying to put more
7 the wine country, which is in Sonoma -- the Sonoma-Marin
8 in with the TEHENAPA wine country and then --

9 MS. ALON: Where are we going to repopulate Sonoma-
10 Marin from?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: We're essentially kind of
12 taking it out, at this point.

13 MS. ALON: I can't do that.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And going up --

15 MS. ALON: It will overpopulate both of the other
16 districts.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct -- correct --
18 correct. But keep on going up north. And then,
19 adding -- taking possibly Lake, and putting it into the
20 Central North, Lake County.

21 MS. ALON: It would be putting in with Colusa.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

23 MS. ALON: And Butte.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

25 MS. ALON: Okay. Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And seeing -- you see -- see
2 what I'm trying to do? I'm trying to shift that
3 population in that area, to balance them out. Does that
4 make sense to --

5 MS. ALON: Yes. I will definitely take a look.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

7 MS. ALON: I've not done it that way yet.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Jane, are you trying --

9 MS. ALON: I will take a look at it.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Are you trying to merge -- get
11 rid of one district in the north area so we can create
12 one somewhere else, or? We're just trying to figure out
13 what you're doing. Because it does feel like there's too
14 many districts up there. Because they'll all in
15 negatives. But we're just trying to figure out what --

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: A little bit.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If we could know the big
18 picture, maybe the mappers can help you.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. And it is. Thank
20 you, Commissioner Sinay. It is. I'm trying to balance
21 those out, which actually might end up adding an area.
22 It's giving us an area for a district around Sacramento
23 is where I'm getting at. Is --

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right. And then keeping
25 going.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct. I will in a
2 little bit. I'm going to pause right there.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Because that's a long
5 direction.

6 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And I'd like to give someone
8 else a chance. Thank you.

9 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Is there anyone else
10 that has a contribution to make to this area that we're
11 working on right now? And it's hard now, because --
12 okay.

13 Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

14 Commissioner Kennedy, and then Commissioner Sinay.

15 So hold on. I'm sorry. Commissioner Kennedy.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. Okay.

17 CHAIR LE MONS: So hold on. I'm sorry, Commissioner
18 Kennedy. I'm going to go with Commissioner Yee first.
19 And -- because I want to try to -- because I know a lot
20 of people have been waiting, and I -- and they're in
21 order. And I'm trying to now keep track of who's been
22 waiting, et cetera. So I apologize, Commissioner
23 Kennedy.

24 Commissioner Yee.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. I'd like to go

1 back to the East Bay-Oakland border.

2 I'm okay with Emeryville staying where it is,
3 because it -- you know, although it does have connections
4 with Oakland, it also has connections with Berkeley. So
5 I think I could go either way. (Indiscernible) sitting
6 the border right below Piedmont there. I think they
7 talked about this last week. So I'm wondering if we can
8 come further southeast along 580 there. Kind of directly
9 below Piedmont.

10 Yes, full disclosure. This would change the --
11 where the district -- my neighborhood is in.

12 So that line that goes to the right. I mean, it
13 goes through a bunch of intact neighborhoods, as far as I
14 can tell. And I think it would be better to come down
15 580, more to the east. And then go up, I don't know,
16 maybe 35th Ave. or even farther south, Keller, or Golf
17 Links even, would make more sense to me. And that would
18 balance the two districts out with population a little
19 bit more too. So it's just a matter of what would be the
20 best balance point and how far to the east you would go.
21 But farther east than it is right now. Thank you.

22 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

23 Commissioner Sadhwani?

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sorry, did you call on me?

25 Sorry.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, sorry about that.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: I did.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: My comment was about the
5 TEHENAPA piece that we were looking at. Commissioner
6 Toledo was giving some instruction, or direction, about
7 including some of those more agricultural parts of Yolo.

8 Was some of the -- some of the pieces that we have
9 lifted for Kennedy was around that part of West
10 Sacramento that's included in this district. I'm not
11 entirely certain what Commissioner Andersen's vision was
12 for removing that district and possibly putting one in
13 Sacramento. But I mean, if something like that works out
14 I mean, I think -- I'm thinking about taking West
15 Sacramento out of this more rural district, and keeping
16 it with some of the other COI's that we had received,
17 would make a whole lot of sense to me.

18 I don't have a sense of what the population
19 differential is between West Sac and -- and this rural
20 area that Commissioner Toledo had mentioned, I think
21 going down into Solano County. But I'd definitely like
22 to explore that. Thank you.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Kennedy?

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Two
25 things. One, you know, we see negative sides, and we try

1 to find population but, you know, keep in mind, one
2 percent, if you see a negative one percent it's 5,000
3 people roughly. You know, if you see negative 4 percent,
4 that's 20,000 people. So a whole district is 500,000
5 people, not 20,000 people. So let's try to keep our math
6 in mind as we do this.

7 Second of all, I've said before and I'll continue to
8 say, if we look at the relief map, you will see Lake
9 County is very different from Colusa County. You know, I
10 could see a case being made to take the southern part of
11 Lake County, which is more heavily agricultural, and wine
12 based, and looping it with Napa. And the northern part
13 is perhaps a little more like Mendocino County. But, you
14 know, neither the north nor the south, is like Colusa
15 County. So I don't see that as a way to go. Thank you.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: So I just want to ask a question
17 there, because it seems as if we have some contradictory,
18 at least, positions, so I don't know if that affects how
19 Commissioner Andersen feels about the direction, or not.
20 I do want to ask that question.

21 Commissioner Andersen?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, thank you, Chair.

23 We have gone back and forth on this issue before
24 with Lake County. And I completely understand
25 Commissioner Kennedy's perspective on Lake County. And

1 what we are sort of grappling with before, which I
2 understand Tamina has been too, which is why we have
3 these districts the way they are. And I appreciate that
4 Tamina, thank you.

5 We are trying to sort of, let's put the wine
6 countries areas together -- being Lake also has wine.
7 Population wise, we just might not be able to do that.
8 And if it turns out that Lake should go up with Nor-
9 Coast, and it -- we change it a little bit that way, I am
10 agreeable. So I think that's a little bit that I would
11 say, let's have a quick look -- what the mappers can
12 actually come up with for us. So --

13 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I would lead the way. Thank
15 you.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair.

18 You know, as I was looking at the Bay Area last --
19 last week -- two days ago -- whenever we met last. We
20 were talking about anchors, and priorities in areas. And
21 I think that that's helpful for the mappers as well as
22 for us, in thinking about the story we're trying, you
23 know, the stories we're trying to tell.

24 It's not one story, but it's multiple stories. And
25 when I looked at the Bay Area and -- and the communities

1 of interest that we received, as well as the
2 conversations that we've had, I kind of came up with
3 some. And I was just curious if this was, you know,
4 just -- if others were seeing it the same way, or not.

5 But we really wanted to see in the -- in kind of the
6 East Bay, and North -- North Contra Costa just really
7 making sure that the working class is all put together.
8 And that includes bringing in Benicia and Vallejo where
9 needed. But that was just one thing that kept coming up,
10 both in our communities of interest as well as in our
11 conversations.

12 The East -- East Contra Costa, I think, that's more
13 of our suburban, professional, a little bit more rural.
14 But it's not as rural as some people are trying to say.
15 I mean, there's some really good shopping in that area
16 and stuff, you know. It's -- it -- I would just say
17 it's, you know, it's not as rural as I've heard some
18 people say.

19 And then, there -- we've received a lot of COI
20 testimony from different Asian communities, remembering
21 that the Asian communities are very diverse. And that,
22 in looking through the input, and looking where the maps
23 are right now, we have been able to create two -- two
24 Asian-opportunity communities for -- one in San Francisco
25 -- East San Francisco, and then one in the South Bay

1 Area. Yes. Santa Clara South Bay. And we say that
2 because Isra and I are always teasing -- sorry
3 Commissioner Ahmad and I are always saying remember that
4 there's three South Bays in California.

5 And then -- and then we had the rural coastal, and
6 then Silicon Valley. And there's others also as well in
7 there, but it is important that we, you know, for me at
8 least, that we know what our themes are, so that we don't
9 keep changing them around. Because I feel like we have
10 the conversation about working class, and East Bay and
11 North Contra -- and North Contra Costa. And then it kind
12 of got lost. We've also said, you know, it's really
13 important to keep the Tri-Valley together.

14 I mean we received a lot of community interest
15 around the Tri-Valley, being Dublin, Livermore,
16 Pleasanton, and San Ramon. And I think, if we remember
17 some of the other themes, we can move things around a
18 little bit.

19 And if, Chair, if you'd like, I can give some
20 suggestions on moving things around to keep within those
21 themes, or I can wait to see if there's additional
22 conversations on the questions I raised.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: That's your call, Commissioner.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I'll just finish this,
25 you know, and then others can. On the -- the RODUBLIN

1 (ph). Well, I think, I haven't been able to look at all
2 the visualizations. That's my homework for tonight. But
3 I believe, that -- the other visualizations, I've looked
4 at all these. We do have a Tri-Valley and other -- and
5 other areas together, correct? In some of our other
6 plans? Tamina?

7 MS. ALON: Yes, they are together in other plans,
8 I'm sorry.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If, I mean, if it's possible to
10 bring them together in this one, it would be great.

11 My thought was to kind -- to move, you know,
12 Danville into East Contra Costa -- not Danville. Oh.
13 No, well Benicia, and Vallejo into -- into the North
14 Contra Costa. But, you know, to put it with Martinez.
15 But that, right now we don't have it going all the way
16 across the north. So that makes it a little different.

17 But I was thinking of Walnut Creek. Walnut Creek
18 moving over to East Contra Costa, and then to Dublin. I
19 didn't know -- that if the Tri-Valley made more sense
20 going south, you know, in the yellow, or staying in the
21 green. I know that East Contra Costa is at a negative
22 right now. And the green is at the very -- is a
23 bright -- is very close to five already. And that
24 Alameda is -- is close to that as well.

25 But I guess my -- my concern was kind of -- can you

1 go back up to the northern part? I'm just concerned here
2 in the north, that just Martinez, you know, if you put
3 Vallejo and Benicia, Martinez, Bay Point, Pittsburg,
4 Antioch. Those are more of our working class communities
5 that we were discussing earlier. And there might be a
6 few others. But I just feel like we've been kind of
7 mixing apples and oranges.

8 No, I mean there just different fruit that, you
9 know, because we're trying to do along the water there.
10 But there's different types of industry that are around
11 the waterways. So I'll just leave it at that for right
12 now and see what others are thinking.

13 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

14 Commissioner Fernandez?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

16 Just quickly. Commissioner Sadhwani had mentioned
17 West Sacramento. I would prefer to keep it with Yolo. I
18 am warming to the idea of having it with Sacramento
19 and potentially keeping the rural parts of West
20 Sacramento with Yolo. So I just wanted to kind of throw
21 that out there. That I'm warming to it. So that it
22 Commissioner's Vazquez's term.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

24 Commissioner Akutagawa, is your hand raised? Well,
25 your hand is raised, but --

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yep, sorry about that. I
2 didn't realize I hadn't taken it down. Thank you.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: No worries. I just wanted to
4 confirm.

5 Are there any other questions or comments for
6 Tamina? Thank you so much, Tamina, for doing an
7 incredible job of presenting. We appreciate it.

8 And thanks to Kennedy as well.

9 Karen. Karin, we can continue.

10 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you so much. This is
11 fantastic. I guess we're going to move on to Jaime now.
12 And Jaime are you ready? This was a very quick ending to
13 this presentation. So I just want to make sure that
14 Jaime's ready to go, which I'm sure she is. So just a
15 second, please before she -- so she has a moment to pull
16 up her map.

17 MS. CLARK: Yeah, thank you. Just a second.

18 CHAIR LE MONS: We are going to be -- while she's
19 doing that -- we are going to be taking a break in about
20 12 minutes. So we'll get started, and we'll pick up when
21 we come back. So, you can continue.

22 MS. CLARK: One more quick second while I just get
23 my notes in order here.

24 CHAIR LE MONS: Take your time, no worries.

25 MS. CLARK: Thank you all for your patience. And

1 to -- for you to prepare. I am going to start on page
2 67. Oh, I'm not quite sharing my screen yet. So sorry.
3 Here I go. And it should be shared now. I hope everyone
4 can see it.

5 MS. MAC DONALD: It's up, Jaime.

6 MS. CLARK: Okay. Great. And just before we get
7 into any of it I, based on last week's feedback, there
8 weren't any major structural changes to this assembly
9 visualization. So I'll be, you know, happy to walk you
10 through what differences there are and explain, you know,
11 why those differences occurred. There were some
12 instructions that I received that would, you know, split
13 the -- you know, by taking a certain city out or split a
14 different city or cell. So some of those things I will
15 just be able to note to you and maybe suggest that those
16 could be worked out in live line drawing, if there are
17 things the Commission would still like to explore. And
18 I'll be able to point those out to you specifically.

19 And I'm going to move in. It's page 67. And it
20 is -- this visualization called 5 Corridor. It includes
21 Montebello, Commerce, Vernon, Bell Gardens, Downey,
22 Norwalk. This is different from last time, in that
23 Vernon is included in this visualization, per Commission
24 request.

25 Additionally, there was a request to either add Pico

1 Rivera or Santa Fe Springs to this visualization. And
2 the purpose of that would have been to remove Artesia and
3 Cerritos. Those were included in this visualization last
4 time. As you can see, Artesia and Cerritos are removed.
5 And just in order to not split any of the aforementioned
6 cities, Montebello is included in this visualization.

7 And I don't know if Mr. Becker had anything to add?

8 MR. BECKER: Nope, I don't have anything to add.

9 Just with all of these, as usual, pay close attention to
10 the total primary minority CVAP, and the deviation. The
11 deviation is incredibly close to zero here. Very good.

12 MS. CLARK: Yeah, the deviation is .20 percent.

13 And next, we'll go to page 68. That is right next
14 door. It's this visualization called, sort of like 710
15 gateway. This was, created per Commission request, sort
16 of to have the -- some cities along 710 Corridor
17 intact -- or excuse me -- together in this visualization.
18 This visualization has a 4.99 percent deviation. It
19 includes Florence-Firestone areas just north of that, and
20 the city of Los Angeles. This is a neighborhood council
21 area called Central Alameda Neighborhood Council. Watts
22 is whole in this visualization that was accomplished in
23 part, based on the sort of city swaps that also included
24 this 5 corridor visualization. So it includes Florence-
25 Firestone, Watts, South Gate, Windwood, Paramount, sort

1 of the Northwestern part of the city of Long Beach, and
2 then unincorporated area herein just west of the city of
3 Long Beach.

4 MR. BECKER: I'll just add briefly, as with the
5 previous. The levels of Latino CVAP are significantly
6 higher than that which is necessary to enable Latino
7 voters to have an opportunity to elect a candidate of
8 their choice. That's something to keep an eye on. And
9 you'll note that, as opposed to the previous
10 distribution, is very close to zero deviation. This is
11 at the very upper limit of deviation. So a significant
12 amount of population to be removed here.

13 MS. CLARK: Thank you. And next we'll go to page
14 75. This is the West San Gabriel Valley visualization.
15 This visualization here has a percent deviation of
16 negative 1.55 percent. And this includes cities of San
17 Moreno, Arcadia, Temple City, El Monte, North El Monte,
18 Rosemead, South San Gabriel, San Gabriel, Alhambra, and
19 Monterey Park.

20 There had been a request from the last round of
21 visualization feedback sessions that we had, to include
22 South El Monte, just for Asian CVAP that city couldn't be
23 included. However, there was also a request to keep all
24 of Arcadia in this visualization. And that is
25 represented here. So there's -- this split is no longer

1 around 210. And Arcadia is whole and included in this
2 visualization.

3 And unless Mr. Becker has anything to add? It looks
4 like no, then we're going to move on to page 76.

5 Oh, I went the wrong way. Went in the wrong order.

6 All right. Here we go on page 76. It's the South
7 San Gabriel Valley visualization. So this includes -- it
8 has a 4.07 percent deviation. Includes Pico Rivera,
9 South El Monte, Avocado Heights, La Puente, most of the
10 city of Industry, Hacienda Heights, Whittier, La Habra
11 Heights, La Habra, East Whittier, La Mirada, South
12 Whittier, and Santa Fe Springs. And Industry is the only
13 city split. Oh, I'm sorry, Valinda also is split, I
14 believe. And that is for -- would be for population
15 purposes. And yep, again, it's a 4.07 percent deviation.

16 And next, we're going to move on to page 77. Let me
17 just check here. So next, on page 77, this is sort of
18 the East San Gabriel Valley visualization. It represents
19 a percent deviation of negative 2.3 percent. This
20 includes Glendora, Azusa, Duarte. The split here at
21 Duarte is at Angeles National Forest. It includes South
22 Monrovia Island, Mayflower Village, Irwindale, Baldwin
23 Park, West Puente Valley, West Covina, Covina, Charter
24 Oak, Glendora. If I missed that, at the very beginning.

25 And there was a request in this to perhaps remove

1 Azusa from this visualization. This is one of those
2 instances where it would cause -- to accomplish that
3 would cause a split somewhere, or would need just sort of
4 a population trade somewhere. And if there are not
5 suggestions as to, like, what to bring in, then this
6 is -- this is something we could really easily explore
7 during live line drawing next week.

8 And those are the visualizations that were created
9 in collaboration with your VRA team. I'm just going to
10 zoom out, so we can kind of see where they all are, and
11 how they all fit together.

12 CHAIR LE MONS: Great. So we're right on the lunch
13 hour. So that was perfect to get that segment done.
14 Commissioners can think about if they have any comments
15 or questions about it and present those after the dinner
16 break.

17 So we're going to, at this time, break for dinner.
18 And then we'll return at 6:45 to continue this process.
19 We're also going to be taking public comment this evening
20 as well. So everyone enjoy your dinner, and I look
21 forward to seeing you all back at 6:45.

22 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Hi. Welcome back, Commissioners.
24 Welcome back, California.

25 I wanted to -- before the break, I mentioned I would

1 lay out how we were going to proceed for the rest of the
2 evening.

3 So we were slated to go until about 7 on
4 visualizations and then move into public comment. I
5 think, because the way I understand it, Jaime outlined in
6 her opening presentation that there wasn't significant
7 changes in the Los Angeles VAP. So my thinking is, that
8 we could get through Los Angeles, which may take us to
9 close to 7:30. That should include commissioner
10 comments, et cetera. At which point we could move into
11 opening the lines for our public comment. So that's what
12 I'm thinking. And then that way, we can start our
13 Southern tomorrow, and kind of jockey the time a bit to
14 get a bit back on track. So we have a lot of ground to
15 cover. So why don't we try that. That's the plan.
16 We'll still open the lines.

17 I know people are probably queuing up. And we will
18 still close the lines at 8 o'clock. So people can
19 starting get in the queue now, if they like. We will
20 close the lines at 8 o'clock for getting in the queue for
21 public comment. And we will of course hear all the
22 public comment for anyone who has gotten in the queue by
23 8 p.m.

24 So let me repeat that. The lines are open. You can
25 get in the queue now. We will start taking public

1 comment around 7:30, at the very latest. My hope is that
2 we'll get through Los Angeles by then. And we may even
3 get done a little bit sooner, we'll see. But as soon as
4 we get done with Los Angeles, we'll move into public
5 comment. At the very minimum, it'll start at 7:30. We
6 will close the lines for queuing up at 8 p.m. And we
7 will hear from everyone that's in the queue.

8 And then again, let me also remind listeners, that
9 you can always present your feedback and comments via the
10 form at our website. And we are monitoring that
11 throughout the meeting. So that isn't something that we
12 get to later, or at some point in the future, we are
13 monitoring that real time. So feel free to take
14 advantage of that mechanism as well.

15 So with that, I'm going to hear from Commissioner
16 Kennedy, who had his hand raised before we left for
17 dinner. And then we'll go back to Jaime and continue
18 with Los Angeles visualizations.

19 And welcome, Katie, our Comment Moderator has joined
20 us. And we look forward to you doing your magic in a
21 little bit.

22 Commissioner Kennedy?

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

24 Just on what Jaime had presented earlier. I wanted
25 to propose a small rotation that I think will leave us

1 net very close to where we started. If we move both
2 Rossmoor and Los Alamitos into the NOCC visualization,
3 that is approximately 21- or 22,000 people. And then, if
4 we take approximately that many from the northern part of
5 Long Beach and move it from the 710 gateway visualization
6 to the Harbor Gateway visualization, I think we've pretty
7 much addressed both the Harbor Gateway surplus as well
8 the NOCC. Anyway, I think we've addressed a number of
9 issues and not made ourselves any worse off, if that
10 makes sense.

11 Jaime does that make sense?

12 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much for that direction,
13 Commissioner Kennedy. And, I guess just a follow-up
14 question. And I know that you'll be giving Sivan
15 direction, it sounds like tomorrow. And just, what
16 population would you remove from this visualization if
17 we're adding Los Alamitos and Rossmoor into this
18 visualization? It's currently overpopulated.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: It's not -- sorry. It's not
20 NOC. It's NOCCC.

21 MS. CLARK: Oh. Thank you for that clarification.
22 Thank you so much. Yeah. That and -- that handoff that
23 you just outlined would -- yeah -- is certainly doable.
24 Thank you so much.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Thanks.

1 Thank you, Chair.

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

3 Jaime, you can continue.

4 MS. CLARK: Thank you. So where we left off were
5 those visualizations that were created in collaboration
6 with your VRA team. And now we can just go through the
7 PowerPoint. I'm just going to go in the order that it's
8 presented in the PowerPoint. That begins on page 62.
9 And while you find -- or excuse me -- the PDF's. Pardon
10 me. And while you go to page 62 in the handout -- 62 of
11 the PDF, I'm going to make my way over there as well.

12 We are here in the East Ventura and Malibu area.
13 This visualization hasn't changed -- hasn't changed very
14 much, with the exception of moving Moorpark out and
15 adding it to the Ventura area. Didn't really get much
16 feedback, or any requests for this visualization. And so
17 that's why it is largely the same. And it was created
18 just based on previous Commission direction to have --
19 and to explore having the sort of Malibu, Calabasas,
20 Topanga area, with Pacific Palisades, and include that
21 with some of the East Ventura areas.

22 And I just noticed, during lunch I forgot to take
23 off -- to change the labels on this. So I'm going to
24 change those, so that you can see a little bit more
25 underneath here. So just one moment, please, while I do

1 that. Thank you for your patience.

2 And, Chair Le Mons, should I move on to the next
3 visualization?

4 CHAIR LE MONS: Yes, please.

5 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thank you so much. Next is page
6 63. It is this West Side visualization. Page 63 of the
7 handout. This visualization also hasn't changed much.
8 It was based on Commission -- previous Commission
9 direction to use 405 as a border here, on sort of the
10 West Side and Bay Areas, and Los Angeles, and also
11 includes Westwood Neighborhood Council, Westside
12 Neighborhood Council, Palms, West Los Angeles, Mar Vista,
13 Santa Monica, Van Nuys, Marina del Rey, Del Rey, and all
14 of Westchester. And this is a negative 2.97 percent
15 deviation.

16 And I'm going to move on to page 64. This
17 visualization also hasn't changed since the last time you
18 saw it. It includes El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa
19 Beach, Redondo Beach, Lawndale and Gardena, Torrance,
20 Wilmette, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes. All of those are
21 full and intact in this visualization. It has a percent
22 deviation of negative 1.81 percent.

23 And next is page 65 of the handout. It's right next
24 door here. It's the South LA visualization. This
25 represents 8 percent deviation of negative 1.27 percent.

1 It includes Willowbrook, West and East Rancho Dominguez,
2 Compton, the Harbor Gateway areas. The city of Los
3 Angeles. It includes Wilmington Neighborhood Council and
4 San Pedro. And this was created based on Commission
5 direction, to have the San Pedro areas you know,
6 connected north.

7 Moving to page 66.

8 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Jaime, before you move.

9 Chair?

10 CHAIR LE MONS: Yes. Go on, Commissioner Turner.

11 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Jaime, in this area. Is this
12 the visualization where we had Watts split before?

13 MS. CLARK: I'm going to zoom into Watts. It was
14 split before. And now it's whole and in the
15 visualization called 710 Gateway.

16 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Perfect. Thank you.

17 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much for that question.

18 And next page --

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm sorry, Jaime.

20 Chair could -- one more clarification?

21 CHAIR LE MONS: Yes, Commissioner Andersen?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

23 A little clarification? The little -- in this -- in
24 this particular one. That little kind of square that
25 goes up into Gardena. Gardena, is that also part of the

1 city or?

2 MS. CLARK: This follows the city boundary of the
3 city of Gardena.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

5 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much for that question.

6 And next, let me find the handout one more time.

7 Page 66. Looking at this one called Harbor Gateway. The
8 names -- or the areas really do change. This includes
9 much of the city of Long Beach. It includes Rossmoor and
10 Los Alamitos, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, and Signal
11 Hill. It also includes San Clemente Island and Catalina
12 Island. Per Commission direction, and again this hasn't
13 changed since you last saw it. This was based on
14 Commission direction from a couple weeks ago, to include
15 Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, Lakewood, Hawaiian Gardens, with
16 most of the city of Long Beach, and to include the
17 islands I just mentioned, with those areas, and -- yeah,
18 and the city of Long Beach is split here for population
19 purposes.

20 And next, I'm going to move to page 69 of the
21 handout. This is a visualization called 110, LA. It
22 also hasn't changed since you last saw it. It includes
23 sort of this line where I'm running my hand is the 110
24 highway and the city of Los Angeles. This includes
25 Westmont, Empowerment Congress Southeast, Canndu --

1 Canndu, Zapata King, South Central Neighborhood Council,
2 Jefferson Park areas. And this is a percent deviation of
3 3.65 percent.

4 Next, I'm going to page 70 in the handout. This
5 visualization also hasn't changed since you last saw it.
6 This is a .19 percent deviation. It includes P.I.C.O.
7 Neighborhood Council, Mid-City, West Adams, much of
8 Culver City, although Culver City is split around 405,
9 which is where the hand is waving right now. That
10 includes Ladera Heights, View Park, Empowerment Congress
11 West, Park Mesa, all of Inglewood, Lenox, West Athens --
12 West Athens, Hawthorne, and Del Aire. And again, it's a
13 .19 percent deviation.

14 Next, I move into page 71 in the handout.

15 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Jaime, before you move. I'm
16 trying to locate Gardena and Lawndale in that visual. Is
17 that -- is it in that map?

18 MS. CLARK: Gardena is in the South Bay visual
19 location.

20 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Then we won't move.
21 Yeah. Then --

22 MS. CLARK: And what was the other -- the other
23 cities, please?

24 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. You -- for Culver City,
25 you were pretty low deviation there, but we've split

1 Culver City there a little bit. I was wondering about --

2 MS. CLARK: So this -- the area Where the hand is
3 running. That's the part of Culver City that is slid
4 off. It's just a little bit. This shape here.

5 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So I'll guess I'll just
6 give direction. If we can keep Culver City whole unless
7 it's needed for something different. I'm looking at the
8 numbers. They seem pretty insignificant.

9 MS. CLARK: Thank you for that direction.

10 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Vazquez?

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I was just going to
12 comment that I used to live right around there. And
13 things really do shift quite a bit once you jump the 405.
14 It's similar, so I can see an argument. This might be
15 something we consider leaving open for live line drawing,
16 because we may need it for other pieces. So I'm again,
17 I'm open to it. But the 405 is a pretty bright-line
18 barrier through that whole area, in terms of communities
19 of interest.

20 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sure. Are we giving any
22 kind of specific direction now? My understanding is we
23 were going to wait. But if not, then I'd like to give
24 some direction to?

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Go on, give direction.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Well since we're on
2 this one. I was going to suggest removing Culver City
3 from this particular visualization. And what I wanted to
4 suggest on this particular one is, I wanted to add the
5 portion of Culver City that borders Palms, Mar -Vista,
6 and the Del Ray Neighborhood Councils. I think we're at
7 a point now where we do need to possibly look at
8 splitting some cities. That is -- that was one
9 suggestion. Because -- here's the other things, and they
10 kind of all -- kind of connect together.

11 If we move some of that Culver City population out
12 of the east of 405 visualization, what I wanted to see
13 is -- let me go down to that particular one. Okay. One
14 is -- sorry. I'm trying to look at it not on paper, but
15 on -- the South Bay one. Okay. Gardena. We did get
16 Communities of Interest testimony about the northern
17 portion of Gardena, particularly being -- having some --
18 some alignment with some of the other communities like,
19 Hawthorne, West Athens.

20 And so my thought was, I'd like to see if we can cut
21 Gardena, and move a portion of Gardena up into the east
22 of the 405 visualization there. Now actually, you know
23 what, I'm sorry. I'm going to go back to the Westside
24 one.

25 Going back to the Westside visualization. I notice

1 that Beverly Hills Neighborhood Council is included, I
2 believe. Oh no. Okay. No. I take that back. I'd like
3 to add the Beverly Hills Neighborhood Council to the West
4 Side visualization, and then move the Westchester/Playa
5 Neighborhood Council, to the South Bay. And then that
6 way then, we could actually move all of Gardena and
7 possibly even that unincorporated city that's between
8 Gardena and Lawndale. Perhaps we could move that to all
9 of the South LA visualization. My apologies. That one's
10 more clear.

11 MS. CLARK: South LA visualization?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

13 MS. CLARK: I'll try that. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. And I know that
15 I -- I did think this through. Let me go to the South LA
16 visualization. Because I know that that's the question
17 is, like, well if I do that, then what happens to South
18 LA? Okay. So -- okay. South LA -- if we move that
19 then, I think -- oh, shoot -- I think I got too many
20 notes here. Okay. Jaime --

21 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Do me a favor. Ms.
22 Akutagawa, review your notes. I'm going to go to
23 Commissioner Vazquez, and I'll come back to you.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Uh-huh.

1 Commissioner Vazquez?

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. Thank you. If we could
3 go to the VAD West Side. I like to add the Palms
4 Neighborhood Council, actually to the VAD east of 405.
5 That's mostly -- so the Palms Neighborhood Council, if we
6 add that to the visualization south of it. It's much
7 more in line with, I think, the rest of those
8 communities. It's largely apartments and working class,
9 and not quite aligned Communities of Interest with the
10 West of that West Side District where it currently lies.
11 Thank you.

12 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. You can just skip
14 me. Let me take my hand down.

15 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

16 Continue, Jaime. You're on mute. Or I can't hear
17 you at least.

18 MS. CLARK: I'll Scoot closer.

19 CHAIR LE MONS: There you go.

20 MS. CLARK: Commissioner Vasquez, I believe that
21 adding this Palms Neighborhood Council area into -- or
22 out of the Westside visualization might make the Westside
23 visualization underpopulated. Right now, it's almost
24 negative 3 percent. Would you have a suggestion of where
25 to add population?

1 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I would go into -- since
2 we're already at -- I would go north.

3 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much.

4 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, into the Palisades
5 and --

6 MS. CLARK: Bel Air.

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Palisades and Bel Air.

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry to interrupt then. I
10 wanted -- well, that was the main thing I wanted to say,
11 was go to Bel Air. And we haven't talked about the
12 Hollywood area yet, right?

13 CHAIR LE MONS: No.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Sorry. I'll come back
15 then.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Karin. I'm sorry. Jaime, continue.

17 MS. CLARK: This is page 71 of the handout. This
18 includes South Robertson Neighborhood Council, Beverly
19 Hills, West Hollywood, Mid-City West, Greater Wilshire,
20 Koreatown, East Hollywood, and Hollywood Hills area. And
21 it says 8 percent deviation of negative .85 percent.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sorry about that. What page
23 did you say?

24 MS. CLARK: This is page 71.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Great, thank you.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay, did you want to
2 comment on this area?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

4 So in this one, we -- we split the LGBT COI. And I
5 wanted to see if we could move -- so here's
6 some thoughts. Is looking, you know, looking at --
7 Equality California's map that they -- yeah, they
8 submitted many of the congressional district's as is.
9 But, if we could add into the West Hollywood. And I will
10 have with -- I have some thoughts on how to take out.
11 But add Studio City.

12 I know Los Feliz, we've gone back and forth. And so
13 I'd be interested in hearing from those who know San --
14 San Diego -- know Los Angeles better if Los Feliz makes
15 sense with Hollywood and West Hollywood. Beverly Crest,
16 Silver Lake, yeah. So those would be -- so then, we
17 could pull out Beverly Hills. And I know we need to -- I
18 need to see all the numbers because we just moved Bel Air
19 going north. But you know, so kind of Beverly Hills --
20 that would leave Beverly Hills, South Robertson, and Mid-
21 City West, Greater Wilshire, Wilshire -- yeah, we'd kind
22 of have to find new homes for that.

23 But I wanted us just to be aware that we were
24 splitting a traditional COI in this -- in this area where
25 there are LGBT businesses and homes and centers.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

2 Continue, Jaime.

3 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

4 Next, looking at page 72. This COI was created
5 based on Commission direction to keep East Los Angeles,
6 Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights, LA 32 through the El
7 Sereno area together with Downtown Los Angeles. This
8 includes the Chinatown, Little Tokyo COI's. It also
9 includes historic Filipinotown. That's how this has
10 changed as before it was split in our last visualization.
11 It includes Westlake areas and Pico Union Neighborhood
12 Counsel.

13 Next on page 73, moving north. This visualization
14 hasn't changed since you last saw it, with the exception
15 of this -- got to keep zooming out here -- with the
16 exception of this boundary that unites historic
17 Filipinotown, and the district to the south. But this
18 includes all of Glendale, Los Feliz, Silver Lake, Echo
19 Park, Glassell Park, Eagle Rock, and Highland Park, and
20 South Pasadena.

21 Next moving on to page 74 of the handouts. This
22 also, just based on Commission direction, hasn't changed
23 since the last time that we looked at these
24 visualizations, with the exception of this area of
25 Arcadia north of 210 is not included in the visualization

1 anymore. But it's really like a 210 corridor
2 visualization. It includes these same areas. And San
3 Bernadino County. Those are Wrightwood, Lytle Creek,
4 Northern, areas of Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, and San
5 Antonio Heights. It includes Claremont and San Dimas.

6 The part of Duarte that is in Angeles National
7 Forest. It includes Bradbury, Monrovia, Pasadena,
8 Altadena, out to La Crescenta.

9 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair.

11 This is one of those areas we -- we have made some
12 changes in this. But I was interested Jaime, if we quit
13 thinking of the 210 corridor and connecting it to the --
14 the National Forest; have we given you enough leeway that
15 you don't have to keep it all connected? I see that
16 there's different districts now that are connected to the
17 forest. But are you -- do you -- or do you still need
18 more flexibility?

19 MS. CLARK: Do you mean to keep these cities with
20 the forest, or to have the forest other places? I'm
21 sorry, I don't understand your question.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well originally, we had said
23 keep the -- you know, the 210 and the -- you know, the
24 corridor all together. And we've slowly started, you
25 know, kind of pulling some communities out of there. We

1 had talked last time about maybe it's not -- you know, we
2 had gotten a call from the same group that we've gotten
3 several calls.

4 But saying maybe it's not one district, but you --
5 you look at it from north-south and split it, you know,
6 split it into different districts with the forest. I
7 just wanted to know if you -- I guess you don't feel that
8 the 210 corridor is sacred. I mean, that you can do what
9 you need to do -- to do -- to figure out other issues
10 that would -- other area -- COI's that we're bringing up.
11 And if I'm not making sense, don't worry.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Can I jump in here?

13 CHAIR LE MONS: Oh, absolutely.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. That made total
15 sense to me, Commissioner Sinay. Like, if we ultimately,
16 as we're making any small shifts in there -- in and
17 around other areas, if we need to break up this very long
18 210 corridor, that it's okay to do so, right? I -- if --
19 is that correct, Commissioner Sinay?

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I mean, I felt -- I feel like
23 it is --

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: But I wanted to see if -- I

1 didn't know if we all had agreed on that or not. I kind
2 of felt like we were hemming and hawing on that last
3 time. And so I guess that -- the question isn't so much
4 for Jaime, but for all of us, yes. All right.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I would agree with that.
6 I definitely agree with it.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Vasquez?

8 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: You know -- never mind. I
9 was going to give direction, but I thought better of it.

10 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. I appreciate that.

11 Continue, Jaime.

12 We can't hear you. Can't hear you, Jaime.

13 MS. CLARK: I'm muted. Yeah.

14 If we could please look at page 80. Moving to page
15 80 of the visualizations.

16 This visualization hasn't changed much since you
17 last saw it. It includes Bell Canyon, Hidden Hills, West
18 Hills, Canoga Park, Woodland Hills, Tarzana, Encino,
19 Sherman Oaks, Valley Village, Studio City, and Bel Air.
20 It does have a change in this northern area.

21 There was a -- there was direction to keep the
22 Poso -- or P-O-S-O- COI intact. That's this change here.
23 There's -- this is something that we could further
24 explore in live line drawing. There is different
25 definitions of how far north that goes. And it is

1 sometimes in conflict with COIs that are based in Van
2 Nuys itself. So there's a question as to whether it goes
3 to Oxnard Street or Califa Street. And right now, it's
4 generally at Califa Street. Oxnard is a little further
5 north.

6 Additionally, there was direction last time to look
7 at moving Bel Air so that the Mulholland Drive border
8 could be respected. We've heard a lot of testimony about
9 that being the cutoff for Mulholland -- excuse me for San
10 Fernando Valley as a whole.

11 And that change, it does -- would have bigger ripple
12 impact in the San Fernando Valley. I did hear more
13 information today about, like, not only where Bel Air
14 could go. But also some other changes to this area,
15 including potentially removing Studio City from this
16 area. So if -- if the Commission wants to see a
17 visualization with that, then all of these will be
18 changing. I'm happy to explore that and present
19 something to you with that next time.

20 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Jaime, we heard a lot of
22 testimony about Mulholland, and we keep getting more
23 testimony. And so I was just curious, when you said
24 there would be ripple effects, can you give a high level
25 what some of those effects may be?

1 MS. CLARK: Yeah. Absolutely. Thanks so much for
2 that question. So removing Bel Air would make this --
3 right now it's called SSFV. Visualization again, we're
4 looking at page 80 of the handout. That would -- that
5 would make this less than negative 5 percent deviation.
6 So then would need to pull from somewhere. This area,
7 which we haven't talked about yet, West San Fernando
8 Valley is also pretty close to negative 5 percent
9 deviation. There's also a lot of COI input about keeping
10 some of these areas together.

11 Additionally, this sort of Santa Clarita Valley
12 based district, there's COI input and Commission
13 direction to specifically keep these areas of San
14 Fernando Valley with Santa Clarita Valley. So their
15 individualization, as it is now, removing population from
16 this San Fern -- S -- South San Fernando Valley district
17 would just have different ripple effects, right?
18 Would -- there would just be a population trait here
19 ultimately, pulling population down, either from the East
20 San Fernando Valley or the Santa Clarita Valley
21 districts.

22 And I thought that -- that's something that
23 absolutely easy to explore in live line drawing and also
24 the -- I thought the Commission should -- should have,
25 you know, more discretion in choosing what areas would --

1 would be moved. Because these visualizations, I didn't
2 really get any feedback on, so I thought that maybe you
3 liked them how they are.

4 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Thank you, Jaime. You can
5 proceed.

6 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much.

7 Next is page 81 of the handout. This is WSFV, West
8 San Fernando Valley. The 405 runs right here. This
9 includes Reseda, Lake Balboa, North Hills, most of
10 Panorama City, North Hollywood areas, Greater Valley
11 Glenn Council, and most of Van Nuys, north of Califa
12 Street.

13 Next, I'm moving on to page 82 of the handout. And
14 this is the visualization ESFV, East San Fernando Valley.
15 This includes Sylmar, Mission Hills, most of Panorama
16 City, Arleta, Pacoima, the city of San Fernando, Sun
17 Valley, city of Burbank, Foothills District, Sunland-
18 Tujunga, and part of Angeles National Forest.

19 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair.

21 Jaime, the San Fernando Valley business group. I
22 forgot their name. And they identified one of VRA
23 district focused on Latino majority. And I noticed that
24 on our West San Fernando Valley, we were, you know, we
25 were a 42, which isn't -- but did you explore that at all

1 to see if there was a potential majority/minority, if
2 there's an BRA district in this area?

3 MS. CLARK: This visualization that we're looking at
4 has Latino CVAP of 52.61 percent.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Whoops. I was looking at the
6 wrong one then. Which one -- okay. Sorry, I was at 81.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIR LE MONS: You can continue, Jaime.

9 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much.

10 I am -- next is page 84 of the handout. This
11 visualization includes these -- the following areas in
12 San Fernando Valley: Northridge, Granada Hills, Porter
13 Ranch, and Chatsworth.

14 And in Santa Clarita Valley, includes Santa Clarita,
15 Stevenson Ranch, Val Verde, and Castaic. This has a
16 percent deviation of negative 1.15 percent. This hasn't
17 changed since you last saw it.

18 And moving on to page 85 of the handout. This is
19 the last visualization I'll be presenting tonight. This
20 visualization is page 85 of the handout. It includes
21 Antelope Valley, and areas in Kern County that include
22 California City, Edwards Air Force Base, Mojave,
23 Rosamond.

24 And I'm going to zoom into this area just to show
25 detail. There was a change here. This includes the

1 Tehachapi and Mountain Meadows area. And now includes
2 Stallion Springs, Bear Vall -- Bear Valley Springs and
3 Keene. And these were included for population purposes,
4 working with Kennedy on this handoff area.

5 I'm just going to zoom back out to get a bigger
6 picture. This is .86 percent deviation.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Jaime.

8 Are there any -- Commissioner Sinay?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. There's two --
10 the -- there's two visualizations in Los Angeles. The
11 north LA -- NLA, and a South San Gabriel Valley -- San
12 Gabriel Valley. In both of them, I would -- are pretty
13 high on the, you know, it's a -- it's a dense Latino
14 population. And I was wondering if we could look to see
15 if there's ways to spread the Latino -- the Latinos among
16 the districts around them, as well?

17 MS. CLARK: I will do my best to do that.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Jaime.

19 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Jaime.

20 MS. CLARK: And if there are any specific ideas,
21 happy to hear about those too.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, I'll look -- I'll look a
23 little bit more, and maybe be able to give you some ideas
24 tomorrow.

25 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thank you.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. So I do see some hands up. I
2 do want to note that it's 7:26. I will be going to
3 public comment at 7:30. So if your comment is germane to
4 today, feel free to stay in the queue and talk to the
5 Commissioners. If not, then tomorrow we'll have to pick
6 up your comments on the Los Angeles map, because we do
7 want to go to public comment at 7:30.

8 Commissioner Fernandez?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

10 Actually, just really quick. Just kind of
11 responding to Commissioner Sinay's comment about this
12 area. I was looking at that area as well. But it -- it
13 appears the surrounding districts are also high in Latino
14 CVAP. So I think it's going to be very challenging. So
15 it's -- I'm sure Jaime's up for the challenge. But it
16 just seems to be a heavily Latino populated area.

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

18 Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Jaime, I'm just
20 curious. Because this could also have ripple effects
21 too. Looking at the South San Gabriel Valley, I know
22 it's a -- because it's in yellow, I'm assuming it's a VRA
23 district. But I just want to reiterate again, Hacienda
24 Heights, there's been lots of COI testimony that Hacienda
25 Heights, Rowland Heights and Diamond Bar should be

1 together. I will say that they -- their profile does not
2 match the profile of this current district. And I know
3 that this is going to have ripple effects too.

4 I think Sivan is the one that's now doing the Orange
5 County, LA, San Bernadino Area. Because that CNF
6 visualization, I think that one is probably one of the
7 oddest ones that I've seen, to be frank. So we don't
8 have to talk about that today. But I think there's going
9 to be ripple effects, if you move Hacienda Heights out.

10 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

11 MS. CLARK: And I will look at it. Thank you.

12 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Andersen?

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. I agree, and I
14 like that we're looking at Hacienda Heights, Woodland
15 Heights area. This is back to the -- what Commissioner
16 Sinay said about the switching population a little bit
17 from the South San Gabriel Valley in the east, and
18 Gabriel Valley. What I'd like to see is, if possible, if
19 I guess is if La Puente went into the East South San
20 Gabriel Valley. And then Azusa could go up into the
21 forest one because, you know, that's the gateway -- it's
22 a gateway city for a million minorities -- those minority
23 programs into the Los Angeles Forest.

24 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani?

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. Yes.

1 I actually -- we actually gave -- I think I gave the
2 test -- the direction last week around this region of
3 Hacienda Heights, Roland Heights, Diamond Bar, et cetera.
4 I think we just need greater synergy here between LA,
5 Orange County. I do think, to Commissioner Sinay's
6 point, if we can figure out a right -- I -- words are
7 escaping me at this time of night. The right --
8 architecture for that district, it might actually
9 alleviate some of the -- these other VRA districts that
10 look fairly packed.

11 The other area that I just wanted to go to really
12 quickly is, back in the -- the San Gabriel Valley, we had
13 received testimony from that region where it -- in Santa
14 Clarita, where it dips down into the San -- sorry, the
15 San Fernando Valley -- sorry, San Fernando. In San
16 Fernando currently, I think we're dipping into, like,
17 Chatsworth kind of areas, Porter Ranch. I believe we've
18 received some testimony here about that Santa Clarita's
19 more connect with Sylmar/Pacoima areas. But I think
20 that -- that can -- that hits into some of the VRA
21 considerations in the San Fernando Valley. So I wanted
22 to raise that. I think it's something worth looking at
23 and kind of playing around with to see what our options
24 might actually be in that area. Thank you.

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Commissioner Vazquez,

1 you'll be our final comment for today on this before
2 going to public comment.

3 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thank you. I actually
4 strongly, strongly disagree with Commissioner Andersen's
5 direction to move Azusa into that, sort of Forest Gateway
6 visualization.

7 I just, Azusa is just such a -- it's very much part
8 of the San Gabriel Valley, in terms of the communities
9 that are there. Particularly, the Latinx communities,
10 second and third generation Latinx in particular. Very
11 working class. The school district there serves kids
12 largely from below the 210. And just -- they're very
13 much connected to the San Gabriel Valley portions.

14 I know that they are also a gateway into the Forest.
15 But I think the folks who live and work there and go to
16 school there, very much identify with -- with those whom
17 they're currently district -- visualized with currently.
18 So I just -- I really disagree with that direction.

19 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you for that.

20 So with that, I'm going to switch over to Katie. I
21 want to thank our callers for waiting patiently.

22 And let's get right to public comment, please,
23 Katie.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

25 In order to maximize transparency and public

1 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
2 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
3 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is
4 877-853-5247.

5 When prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided
6 on the livestream feed. It is 845-9522-1762 for this
7 meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply
8 press the pound key.

9 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a
10 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
11 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
12 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message
13 that says the host would like you to talk and to press
14 star 6 to speak.

15 If you would like to give your name, please state
16 and spell it for the record. You are not required to
17 provide your name to give public comment.

18 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
19 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
20 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
21 when it is your turn to speak. And please turn down,
22 again, turn down your livestream volume.

23 And we will be giving a warning at 30 seconds, and
24 15 seconds remaining, of the two-minute public comment
25 period.

1 We will be starting with caller with the last four,
2 0497, and up next after that will be caller 0645.

3 Caller 0497, if you will please follow the prompts
4 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6?

5 The floor is yours.

6 CALLER 0497: Hi, can you hear me?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

8 CALLER 0497: Awesome. Thank you so much for taking
9 my comment. I'm a current -- I'm a resident of Chino
10 Hills. Chino Hills is in San Bernadino County. But
11 we've -- we have much more in common with North Orange
12 County than the rest of San Bernadino County. Chino
13 Hills and North Orange County, they have similar
14 interests and concerns, such as high price of housing,
15 traffic and infrastructure, and wild card issues.

16 We have unique problems, and I was disappointed to
17 see Chino Hills separated from North Orange County in the
18 most recent congressional lines. So let's keeps Chino
19 Hills, Brea, Yorba Linda, and Anaheim Hills together in
20 the next rendering. Thank you so much.

21 PUBLIC COMMENTER MODERATOR: Thank you. And right
22 now we will have caller 0645. And up next after that,
23 will be caller 1862.

24 Caller 0645, if you will please follow the prompts
25 to unmute, the floor is yours.

1 CALLER 0645: Hi. Yes, thank you for having us and
2 having so many meetings.

3 Yeah, so I -- I live in the 93550 area. I have a
4 rental in a 93535 area. And it is the Antelope Valley.
5 I -- I don't know if I'm seeing right or not, because I'm
6 only on a telephone. But I -- am I'm still seeing that
7 Lancaster -- parts of Lancaster is still not all together
8 with the Antelope Valley, and also Littlerock?

9 Because we all commute all over the Antelope Valley.
10 And then, we definitely commute to the Santa Clarita
11 Valley, so you got to keep those together. And then we
12 go into Simi Valley. So I hope I'm not seeing, like, the
13 San Fernando Valley with us, because they really kind of
14 have nothing to do with us. We -- we share the Santa
15 Clarita Valley and the San Fernando Valley; I think have
16 the Santa Susana Mountains separating them. But the
17 Santa Clarita Valley, and the Simi valley have pretty
18 much all the same common -- common, you know, the -- the
19 demographics, the common -- the wildfires, the -- we
20 share water, sheriff resources, the film industry,
21 mileage and -- and just on and on. There's a lot of
22 things that we share between the Antelope Valley and
23 Santa Clarita Valley. And then the Santa Clarita Valley
24 to the Simi Valley. So I just wanted to give that little
25 excerpt. And I appreciate you having us.

1 Okay. And then I don't know if you can answer the
2 questions that I had asked but, you know, where do I
3 listen for those answers?

4 CHAIR LE MONS: We -- we will take your feedback
5 into consideration, and note all of the points that
6 you're making. We're not looking at the map you're
7 referencing. So it's a little difficult to speak
8 directly to that right now. But we have captured your
9 feedback. And we'll make sure that it's incorporated.
10 Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 right now, we'll be going to caller 1862. And up next
13 after that will be caller 2146.

14 Caller 1862, if you will please follow the prompts
15 to unmute. The floor is yours.

16 Caller 1862, can you hear me?

17 CALLER 1862: Yes. Can you hear me?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. The floor
19 is yours.

20 CALLER 1862: Okay. My name is Denise Robertson
21 (ph). I live in the Central Valley. And I want to thank
22 the Commission for all of its hard work, and the efforts
23 you've put in to ensure the Central Valley is fairly
24 representative.

25 And I wanted to take the time to say, I feel like

1 you got it right for the senate and the assembly lines in
2 this weeks' visualization map. Specifically, the
3 assembly handout pages 42, 43, 44. And just please keep
4 on this direction, and keep our agricultural areas
5 intact. And that's all I have to say. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 And right now we will have caller 2146. And up next
8 after that will be caller 2668.

9 Caller 2146, if you will please follow the prompts
10 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
11 yours.

12 CALLER 2146: Thank you. Good evening
13 Commissioners. My name is Jeff Flores, president of the
14 Kern High School District, Board of Trustees. Just for
15 some context, our high school district is the largest
16 district in the State, with 42,000 students. And we have
17 a budget of 600,000,000. I myself represent a voting
18 rights district. We have a majority ethnic majority
19 district. And I'd like to make a few comments about VCD
20 Madera-Kern. To me the latest visualization does not
21 make sense. I believe they do a disservice to the Kern
22 constituency that we represent. Our district's been
23 navigating the pandemic. We've been dealing with
24 mandates, learning loss, keeping our students safe, and
25 many critical issues in education, and our district lines

1 represent -- and representation have given us effective
2 voices in Washington every step of the way. We don't
3 want to lose this structure.

4 Kern County is a unique community of interest with
5 industries in geography, like aerospace, energy, military
6 bases, and mining, and renewables, and logistics. We've
7 spent a hundred million dollars in career technical
8 education developing our future workforce and career
9 pathways, and I just feel that the proposed maps would
10 dilute the voices of Kern County residents by leaking
11 our -- by linking our county with Fresno, over two hours
12 away to the north, with dissimilar industries and
13 geographies. So I just urge the commission to keep this
14 in mind as maps are developed and adopted. Thank you so
15 much for the time to address your Commission.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right now we will have caller 2668, then up next
18 after that will be caller 3028. Caller 2668, if you will
19 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
20 pressing star six. The floor is yours.

21 CALLER 2668: Hi, so I'm a first generation college
22 student at Cal State, Bakersfield. I think that the
23 Kern/Fresno district is too geographically diverse to
24 maintain equitable representation for all of our
25 community interests, and for that reason, I think that

1 Fresno and Kern should not be linked together. That's
2 all. Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 Okay, now we will have caller 3028, and up next
5 after that will be caller 3220. Caller 3028, if you will
6 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
7 pressing star 6. The floor is yours. Go ahead, 3028.
8 Can you hear me?

9 CALLER 3028: Sorry. Hello, is it working?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure is. The floor is
11 yours.

12 CALLER 3028: All right. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Uh-huh.

14 CALLER 3028: Hello. I'm a student at Bakersfield
15 College, born and raised in Bakersfield, and I don't
16 think that Fresno and Kern County should be in the same
17 district. The resulting district would be too large and
18 far too geographically diverse to feasibly be represented
19 as a single group. The people of Bakersfield have
20 different needs than the people of Fresno, and the two
21 districts should have separate representation. Thank
22 you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And right now we will have caller 3220, and up next
25 after that will be caller 5410. Caller 3220, if you will

1 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
2 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

3 CALLER 3220: MR. SAYLOR: Thank you. My name is
4 Don Saylor. I'm in -- I live in Yolo County, have been
5 here since 1987. I want to thank you all for your hard
6 work. It's been a pleasure to watch the Citizen
7 Commission going through this -- this puzzle.

8 You're making some amazing progress in terms of Yolo
9 County's interests, and I -- you know, been very
10 responsive to our concerns and comments. I want to
11 especially thank Commissioners Fernandez and Toledo for
12 their comments today. We see Yolo County as a community
13 of interest, as a county in whole, and we think that
14 moving Benicia and Vallejo to Tehama District and having
15 Yolo County be united in the Solano District makes a lot
16 of sense. I know for a fact that the cities of American
17 Canyon and -- South Napa would welcome Benicia and
18 Vallejo to the fold.

19 The splits of Yolo County that are depicted on page
20 17 are problematic for several reasons. One of them is
21 that it separates a neighborhood called "El Macero" from
22 the rest of Davis. El Macero is a part of the Davis
23 School District, it's served by the water and wastewater
24 system of the city of Davis. You can't get from El
25 Macero to Sacramento or to Napa or anywhere without going

1 through the city of Davis.

2 This -- this division of the county also -- also
3 splits the planning area -- the -- the general plan
4 planning area of the city of Davis, and it splits the
5 University of California, Davis campus area from the
6 built area to their agricultural space.

7 It's -- it also splits rural communities aligned by
8 the rural communities of Madison/Esparto from the areas
9 adjacent to them that are farm country, and it says it
10 right on the street line.

11 Thank you very much. I really appreciate the hard
12 work you're doing. I'd like you to keep Yolo whole --
13 Yolo whole, include -- included in the Solano assembly
14 district. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And right now we will have caller 5410, and up next
17 after that will be caller 5454. Caller 5410, if you will
18 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. And
19 the floor is yours. Hello, 5410? You were unmuted.
20 Caller 5410, if you will please press star 6 again, this
21 will unmute you. Awesome. You are unmuted. Can you --

22 CALLER 5410: Can you hear me?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- hear me? Yes, we can.

24 CALLER 5410: Yes.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

1 FEMALE SPEAKER 8: Okay. Thank you. Hi, so my name
2 is Carrie (ph.). I'm from the Central Valley, and
3 I've -- I've been following what -- what's been going on
4 for the last couple months for -- for a while now. And
5 first off, I just want to say that I feel like
6 Commissioner Turner and Andersen are correct and things
7 don't need to be moved. Stockton and East Stanislaus
8 County have nothing in common, and I feel like the
9 Central Valley needs to be kept together just for the --
10 the community of interest. And you know, Commissioner
11 Sinay's recommendation to tie East Stanislaus to Stockton
12 would just completely disenfranchise the -- East
13 Stanislaus from representation.

14 You know, I agree with Commissioner Turner that
15 Riverbank and Del Rio should be put back with Stanislaus
16 in order to keep community of interest whole. You know,
17 Stockton does not need to be tied to Stanislaus. And
18 again, I feel like by tying them together you're doing a
19 disservice and completely disfranchising the voters of
20 the Central Valley in this community, and it's -- you
21 know, it's something not a lot of us are very passionate
22 about, and I hope that's taken into consideration.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And right now we have caller 5454, and up next after
25 that will be caller 6278. Caller 5454, if you will

1 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
2 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

3 CALLER 5454: Good evening. My name is Nikki
4 Nguyen, and I live in Garden Grove City. I want to thank
5 you for your time; I know it is not easy.

6 I'm asking you to keep Little Saigon in Orange
7 County whole and help to keep our families together. The
8 new map does not make any sense by adding Costa Mesa and
9 taking away Huntington Beach. Please keep Midway City,
10 Westminster, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Los Alamitos,
11 Huntington Beach, Seal Beach, and Rossmoor more together.
12 That is where my family, my children, and friends live
13 here. Our kids attended school here, our temple and
14 church is here, so a parent and where my children go from
15 Garden Grove to Huntington Beach for Vietnamese
16 (indiscernible) education. Our schools, churches,
17 medical doctors, and hospital that has Vietnamese
18 language available are all within this area. Please
19 don't split us apart. We would like to be able to have
20 representatives who will work and fight this for us.
21 Leaving us in (indiscernible) will just -- just lose us
22 our voice. And again, please keep Midway City,
23 Westminster, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Los Alamitos,
24 Huntington Beach, Seal Beach, and Rossmoor together.
25 Thank you so much for your time. Well, thank you so much

1 and God bless.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 Right now we will go to caller 6278, and up next
4 after that will be caller 6491. Caller 6278, if you will
5 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
6 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

7 CALLER 6278: Thank you. Thank you for your work, I
8 know this is not an easy task. I'm Laura Lee Martin
9 (ph.). My comments are regarding the Monterey Bay
10 region.

11 I've lived in Santa Cruz County for over thirty
12 years, and I'm distressed by the preliminary
13 visualizations that divide Santa Cruz County into several
14 parts and separate us from Monterey County. The images
15 radically change what previous districting efforts have
16 established, and the conclusions of the last
17 reapportionment commission and legislative bodies before
18 them. They all kept the integrity of Monterey Bay
19 together. It makes no sense to split our county from
20 Monterey County or to split Santa Cruz County into
21 disconnected regions.

22 The watershed in Monterey Bay is one contiguous
23 community of interest in one economic region. This is
24 easily demonstrated by school sports leagues, cultural
25 programs such as our symphony and theaters, economic and

1 professional associations, our specialty agricultural
2 industry, growing crops in our microclimates on the
3 coast, or academic institutions, and our world-class
4 marine research consortium that rings around Monterey
5 Bay.

6 The preliminary redistricting visualizations are
7 dividing significant communities of interest in ways
8 determinantal to our health and safety as well as our
9 cultural and economic links. Any adjustment to the
10 current districts -- assembly, congressional, and state
11 senate -- should move further east or south to
12 accommodate the population change. Moving inland from
13 the coast of Monterey Bay makes more sense than linking
14 us north to a major metropolitan district in Silicon
15 Valley and up to San Francisco.

16 Santa Cruz County residents who drive north to
17 Silicon Valley refer to this as going over the hill.
18 When disasters hit, we are literally isolated. I have
19 five reasons that I've submitted, but two that I want to
20 just mention here. One is the emergency response: our
21 firestorms, our earthquakes, our floods. We are
22 literally cut off from San Jose and anything north. Our
23 regions connect together, and our economic ties around
24 the crescent are world-class institutions. Thank you so
25 much.

1 My last comment is just that somebody commented
2 about the Highway 17 corridor linked to Los Gatos.
3 That's not a community of interest; it's a way for --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 And right now we have caller 6491, and up next after
6 that will be caller 7883. Caller 6491, if you will
7 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
8 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

9 CALLER 6491: Hi, good evening. My name is Emily
10 Ramos (ph.). As a lifelong community -- community member
11 of Highland Park, I think that it's important to keep
12 Northeast L.A. and other eastside communities together.
13 Our communities share many common interests, and we
14 believe we should be inside within the same congressional
15 district.

16 We believe that Eagle Rock should remain part of our
17 district as -- as well as parts of Highland Park,
18 continue to be together with Congressional District 14.
19 Thank you and have a good evening.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 And right now we will have caller 7883, and up next
22 after that will be caller 8091. Caller 7883, if you will
23 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
24 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

25 CALLER 7883: Thank you for having me today,

1 commissioners. My name is Jack (ph.), and I have lived
2 in Long Beach for the past two years. Long Beach is a
3 place that has something for everyone, especially from my
4 perspective as a member of the LGBTQ+ community.

5 I wanted to call in today to voice my deep concerns
6 about the most recent congressional visualizations that
7 include the city of Long Beach. These new visualizations
8 are disenfranchising the LGBTQ+ vote and voice. We have
9 made so much progress and this map puts us back. It's
10 not acceptable to our community.

11 Recently, Equality California presented to the
12 Commission and identified Long Beach as one of the most
13 populous communities in the state with a concentration of
14 LBGTQIA+ culture and gay-focused businesses and
15 residents. The most recent map splits our community down
16 the middle and disconnects our historically gay
17 neighborhood from our downtown and from Long Beach
18 communities to the north that also have many gay-friendly
19 businesses.

20 All -- all across our city, from the shoreline and
21 Retro Row, to downtown, and up to where I live on the
22 east side, we have businesses that represent our needs
23 and interests. I strongly support keeping our city in as
24 much of the same district as possible in the next
25 visualization, and I encourage the Commission to use the

1 Equality California map as a guide to unite our community
2 in our city.

3 Long Beach is a diverse community and one that --
4 that's closely knit, and that community collaboration and
5 culture has created an incredible sense of place which I
6 am proud to call home. I join my neighbors in asking the
7 Commission today to keep Long Beach together as the
8 previous Citizens Redistricting Commission has done so
9 that we keep our unique culture and identity intact.
10 Keeping us in a single district will allow us to organize
11 and ensure our rights as LGBT people are -- and that
12 we're respected and advocated for at all levels of
13 government. I know you have a lot of work ahead of you,
14 and I thank you for your service and for this opportunity
15 to speak.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 Right now we have caller 8091, and up next after
18 that will be caller 9069. Caller 8091, if you will
19 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
20 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

21 CALLER 8091: Hi, I'd like to first thank the
22 Commission for all their hard work and for hearing my
23 comment.

24 I'd just like the Commission to consider that
25 combining the two most populous agricultural communities

1 in the state that link the representation of farmers and
2 farm-working families, Fresno and Kern County should have
3 separate representation in the next visualization. Thank
4 you again.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And now we have caller 9069, and up next after that
7 will be caller 9745. And as a reminder to all of our
8 wonderful participants out there, the line will be
9 closing at 8 p.m.

10 Caller 9069, if you will please follow the prompts
11 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
12 yours.

13 CALLER 9069: Thank you so much. My name is Lisa
14 (ph.), and I live in Valencia. I'm a sixteen-year
15 resident and wish to state that I do not approve of Simi
16 Valley being part of Santa Clarita.

17 The city of Santa Clarita council members are bowing
18 to political pressure by advocating for placing Simi
19 Valley back in the district. Considering that the city
20 of Santa Clarita is knee-deep in litigation for its
21 refusal to abide by the California Voting Rights Act,
22 their input is inappropriate and irrelevant. The
23 Commission has worked hard to ensure voting rights are
24 fair and properly represent the community interests of
25 our city, and the current visualization map of Santa

1 Clarita demonstrates this, and I thank you very much for
2 your hard work.

3 Additionally, adding another city exceeds the
4 population requirements under the California
5 Constitution. As a registered voter in Santa Clarita, I
6 ask that the Commission take serious consideration of the
7 legal problems that the city of Santa Clarita is involved
8 as anything they have to say is stained by their refusal
9 to follow the California Voting Rights Act.

10 I want to thank you very much for all your hard work
11 and appreciate the time. Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 And right now we will have caller 9745, and up next
14 after that will be caller 3496. Caller 9745, if you will
15 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
16 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

17 CALLER 9745: Hi there. My name is Gail Pellerin,
18 and I served as the county clerk register of voters for
19 twenty-seven-and-a-half years before I retired this past
20 December. This is actually my fourth redistricting,
21 having worked for the state legislature in 1990.

22 First, I want to thank Karin Mac Donald and her
23 amazing female mappers and David Becker for serving as
24 experts on this very important democratic process.

25 I also want to thank the Commission for all your

1 hard work and for keeping Santa Cruz and Monterey
2 counties together at the senate level in your latest
3 visualization. And I want to express how important it is
4 to do the same thing for our assembly and congressional
5 districts. The Monterey Bay is a community of interest
6 on many levels: environmental, educational,
7 agricultural, and disaster awareness and prevention.

8 As a region, we share our commitment to preserve our
9 Monterey Bay. We share a watershed, we have shared
10 community-based organizations such as AMBAG and Central
11 Coast Community Energy. Our community colleges feed into
12 UCSC and CSUMB. We share experiences dealing with
13 disasters such as fires, flooding, drought, earthquakes,
14 and other impacts of climate change, and we are bound
15 together by our geography. Splitting our small, unique
16 county into three assembly districts is not in the best
17 interest of our residents and divides our communities of
18 interest.

19 I believe Commissioner Sinay questioned splitting up
20 our county as well this evening, so thank you for that.

21 I strongly urge you to take another look at Santa
22 Cruz and Monterey counties to preserve our (audio
23 interference) of interest when you release the draft maps
24 for the assembly and congressional district lines. Thank
25 you so much for your time.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now we will have caller 3496, and up next
3 after that will be caller 1270. Caller 3496, if you will
4 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
5 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

6 CALLER 3496: Good evening, Commissioners. This is
7 Karen Goh, K-A-R-E-N G-O-H. I'm mayor of the city of the
8 Bakersfield. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

9 As mayor of Bakersfield and a long-term resident of
10 Kern County, I believe that Kern and Fresno counties
11 should not be linked. The current visualization of
12 congressional lines combining Kern and Fresno do not take
13 into account our very different communities of interest.
14 The energy sector is a core industry in Kern County not
15 shared by Fresno County. The line should keep Kern's
16 vital community of interest together.

17 Bakersfield and Fresno/Clovis are the two largest
18 cities in the Central Valley. In fact, no other city is
19 close to their size until you go 200-plus miles north to
20 Stockton/Sacramento. It is possible to not split these
21 cities in a way that one member of congress represents a
22 large piece of each of these very distinct cities
23 separated by over 100 miles of highway. Commissioners
24 have made it clear that they don't want to split up
25 Sacramento or Stockton, so it certainly would make the

1 same sense to not split Bakersfield and to not split
2 Fresno/Clovis. I ask that you keep our communities of
3 interest together by not linking Kern and Fresno
4 counties. Thank you again for your willingness to
5 listen.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 And at this time, we have caller 1270, and up next
8 after that will be caller 4828. Caller 1270, if you will
9 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
10 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

11 CALLER 1270: Hi. Good evening, Commissioners.
12 Thank you for your time and thank you for the work that
13 you've put into these visualizations. As you have heard
14 several callers today saying that they have no
15 commonality with Stockton, I, however, am here to
16 advocate for -- please give us Stockton back. I'm
17 calling from Brentwood, I live in East Contra Costa, and
18 there is more commonality between the farmers in the
19 delta south of Mokelumne River than in the valley
20 districts of North Walnut Grove.

21 For decades, Antioch/Brentwood/Oakley has been the
22 (indiscernible) for shipping, fishing, and recreation
23 into Stockton. The sailors left and right of the delta
24 frequently travel back and forth through the area to
25 Stockton. There is less equestrian terrain or

1 constituency northwest of the Sacramento River than we
2 have south of the Mokelumne.

3 We also have no commonality with the cities in Yolo
4 County as far north as Rumsey -- I'm calling to -- and as
5 far as west as Orinda. This visualization of
6 VCD_CONCORDTR_1102 does not work for many reasons similar
7 to the pri -- previous callers have highlighted. We need
8 to keep these communities that rely on the San Joaquin
9 Delta together. Right now, the visualization that you
10 published today is -- is not manageable, and it has so
11 many different communities that have no commonality. And
12 there's no way to have a strong, healthy delta and keep
13 these communities intact with a common visualization. A
14 visualization from 10/27 called "East Contra Costa" was
15 perfect. If we could go back to that, we would all
16 really appreciate it. Thank you again for your time.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And now we have caller 4828, and up next after that
19 will be caller 2252. Caller 4828, if you will please
20 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing
21 star 6. And one more time, caller with the last four --
22 4828, if you will please follow the prompts. The floor
23 is yours.

24 CALLER 4828: Hello?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. The floor is

1 yours.

2 CALLER 4828: Good afternoon. My name is Jeremiah.
3 So the Commission's directions are great. San Gabriel
4 has been unified and so has Northeast with the exception
5 of Eagle Rock. Eagle Rock is part of the Northeast and
6 should unify with the rest of the congressional district.
7 Echo Park and Silver Lake share many common interests and
8 populations, and should be considered a community of
9 interest along Sunset Boulevard. They should be unified
10 with the Hollywood Congressional District. That's about
11 it. Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 And right now we have caller 2252, and up next after
14 that will be caller 9316. Caller 2252, if you will
15 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
16 pressing star 6. The floor is yours. Caller 2252, if
17 you will please mute your livestream audio, and now,
18 again, press star 6 to unmute. The floor is yours.

19 CALLER 2252: (Spanish-speaking caller).

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 And right now we have caller 9316, and up next after
22 that will be caller 6654. Caller 9316, if you will
23 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
24 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

25 CALLER 9316: Hi, I'm calling because -- I'm just

1 calling on behalf of the communities of Northeast Los
2 Angeles, and specifically Highland Park and Eagle Rock,
3 and I would like for those parts of Northeast Los Angeles
4 to stay unified with the rest of the congressional
5 district. The map seems to split them up into the two
6 different valleys: San Gabriel and San Fernando, and we
7 have nothing in common with those communities, and it
8 just seems a little unfair to the people living there
9 that you're trying to split them up like that.

10 You know, for the assembly visualizations, the
11 Northeast has been, you know, like I was saying, split
12 up, and there's a high -- there's still -- although you
13 may not believe -- a high population of Latino population
14 here in these communities, and you know, we're hopefully
15 opening -- wanting to create an -- an extra -- a seat for
16 our Latino population and continue the representation
17 that we're trying to cling on to. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now we will have caller 6654, and up next
20 after that will be caller 2716. Caller 6654, if you will
21 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
22 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

23 CALLER 6654: Hi, commissioners. Thank you for the
24 opportunity to provide feedback on today's
25 visualizations. My name is James Robinson, and I'm

1 calling from Long Beach as a long-time resident and a
2 business owner in the downtown area.

3 My community and I have been following the updates
4 from the Commission, we are very interested in keeping
5 our city together as much as possible. After seeing
6 today's congressional visual -- visualization, which tear
7 apart our downtown community from much of the city, and
8 I'd like to share my deep disappointment in these
9 renderings. We have been consistent in asking to stay as
10 intact as possible and many of our community members have
11 engaged in this process since the very beginning. Having
12 followed many of the meetings of this Commission, we do
13 not recall a single commissioner giving directions to
14 completely split our city. We also have not heard a
15 single Long Beach resident ask to split our city in any
16 way.

17 We ask that the Commission work to put us back
18 together in a single congressional district. We believe
19 asking to keep downtown Long Beach connected with the
20 rest of our coastline and the rest of our city is a
21 reasonable request that unites our residents, small and
22 large businesses, communities, and nonprofits. Downtown
23 Long Beach represents the core of the city and anchors so
24 much that happens at our university, CSULB, Long Beach
25 City College, and business organizations throughout our

1 community. Please restore the Long Beach map to the way
2 things were before today's visualizations. Thank you for
3 hearing our calls in the past, and thank you for your
4 work this week.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now we have caller 2716, and up next after
7 that will be caller 7175. Caller 2716, if you will
8 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
9 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

10 CALLER 2716: Hello, my name is Connie Ramirez. I
11 am from Merced County, Senate District 12.

12 Based on the current visualization presented, this
13 is not reflective of what we would like to see. It is
14 analogous to the previous redistricting. It dispreserves
15 (sic) Latino voting power for both sides of the coastal
16 range from Merced County and Monterey County. This map
17 and the map surrounding it makes sure that seats in the
18 Central Valley that are reasonably expected to be Latino
19 won't be reduced; right now it's two, and these maps keep
20 it that way. Thank you very much.

21 If they get split up, they get lumped in with other
22 areas and leave the power that they have when kept
23 together. Thank you so much for your time and
24 consideration, it's been a long night. So thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1 And right now I'm going to caller 7175, and up next
2 after that will be caller 2638. Caller 7175, if you will
3 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
4 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

5 CALLER 7175: Hello there. Thank you,
6 commissioners. This is Jeremy Payne with Equality
7 California, the nation's largest statewide lesbian, gay,
8 bisexual, transgender, and queer civil rights
9 organization, LGBTQ+.

10 I am here to bring attention to an assembly district
11 down in San Diego where, over the last decade, LGBTQ+ San
12 Diegans in Assembly District 70 have been able to
13 repeatedly elect candidates of choice, two of whom went
14 on to make history when they were elected to higher
15 offices. But in the current batch of visual --
16 visualizations for this general area, they have removed
17 South Park, Golden Hill, and downtown San Diego from the
18 historic LGBTQ+ communities in San Diego that surround
19 Balboa Park; those include the Mission Hills, the Bankers
20 Hill, the Hillcrest, University Heights, North Park,
21 South Park, Normal Heights. And then the downtown San
22 Diego region, including Little Italy, the Gaslamp
23 District, add the regions to Golden Hill.

24 And as this is done, it dilutes the LGBTQ+
25 community's power to elect candidates of choice, and for

1 the LGBTQ+ communities, these neighborhoods have served
2 as major building blocks of community organizing and
3 leadership, as I've shared in my previous presentation.
4 And these neighborhoods have a long history of voting
5 (indiscernible) to elect candidates of choice, as I
6 mentioned at the beginning of my public comment.

7 Quite simply, I'd ask that you please do not remove
8 the residents of South Park, Golden Hill, and downtown
9 San Diego from the greater LGBTQ+ community of San Diego.
10 It is paramount that the LGBTQ+ community kept together
11 as much as possible.

12 I recognize that this may be require -- this may
13 require some cutting in other areas in the visualization
14 to kind of make room for those residents, and I would
15 urge the Commission to remove some of the northern end of
16 the visualization which shares far less in common with
17 the historic LGBTQ+ communities that I mentioned before.
18 Thank you so much for all your work, and look forward to
19 seeing the draft map in the coming weeks.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 And right now we will have caller 2638. If you will
22 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
23 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

24 CALLER 2638: Hi, this is Bill (ph.) (audio
25 interference). I'm calling from Oakhurst. I represent

1 Mountain (audio interference. We're a group of loosely
2 affiliated folks that represent the -- the portions of --
3 of Fresno County and Madera County. And we're happy to
4 see that the map has changed, but we're not (audio
5 interference) represented by a member of the -- of the
6 group (audio interference) that's up -- up towards
7 Sacramento that you have down now into Fresno.

8 So what we're concerned about is the -- the
9 communities of Oakhurst and -- have nothing to do with --
10 with what's going down in -- in Kern County. And also,
11 we're in the Central County (audio interference)
12 Mountains, whereas this part of the district that we're
13 in is in the Southern California coastal range, and we're
14 in the Central California Eastern range near Mammoth
15 Mountain and Yosemite. There's no community of interest
16 between our two communities. We do our shopping and our
17 medical care is in -- in Madera. In Clovis and Fresno we
18 have nothing to do with -- with Kern.

19 What's interesting in (indiscernible) presentations
20 earlier is we're seeing on four visualizations in the
21 Central Valley combined for nearly a hundred (audio
22 interference). (Audio interference) after ours failed so
23 miserably in drawing these numbers so low. And what
24 they're trying to accomplish, it looks to me, based on
25 the first vis -- visualization. Now the second

1 visualizations, there's lots of games being played. The
2 reality is in the past we were represented by a member of
3 congress from Fresno/Clovis area that we could go and
4 visit. For the last ten, twenty years, we've had to go
5 to -- all the way up to Sacramento. That doesn't make
6 sense. It'd be very simple to -- to adjust districts, to
7 increase the populations on all these floor seats to make
8 them more whole -- and more compact, and we'd hope that
9 you would do that. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 And Chair, at this time, we are up against a break.

12 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay, we will go on and take our
13 break now.

14 And callers, we'll be back at 8:29 to continue
15 public comment.

16 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

17 CHAIR LE MONS: We want to thank the 220 commenters
18 that sent in comments via form throughout to date --
19 throughout the day today and encourage people to continue
20 to do so. With that, Katie, let's get back to public
21 comment. Thank you so much.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

23 Caller 8050 will be the first, and after that will
24 be caller 9744. Caller 8050, if you will please follow
25 the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star 6.

1 The floor is yours.

2 CALLER 8050: Good evening, commissioners. My name
3 is Noel Hacegaba, and I'm calling to represent the Port
4 of Long Beach tonight.

5 First of all, thank you for the opportunity to share
6 the disappointment with this week's congressional
7 visualization. The Port of Long Beach has consistently
8 shared how important it is to keep Long Beach whole.
9 This week's congressional map separates a downtown and
10 west side of Long Beach where our port is located for
11 much of the city. As an organization that is rooted in
12 our community but works across the city, I cannot
13 overemphasize how important it is to keep the city of
14 Long Beach together. Our port, for as long as I can
15 remember, has never -- I mean, never -- been separated
16 from the Long Beach coast. It would be devastating for
17 building community support and partnerships.

18 We're also very mindful of goods movement, shipping,
19 and the way that these impact the local community. That
20 is why we partner with Cal State University, Long Beach
21 on the east side of the city on curriculum and have a
22 robust internship program for local students, too.

23 So I urge you to please keep Long Beach together
24 just as the independent Commission did so ten years ago.
25 We are grateful the State Assembly and the senate vis --

1 visualizations kept Long Beach mostly together. Please
2 look to those maps as models for remapping our
3 congressional lines. Congress is vital to our port and
4 our ability to build a world-class port together, so I
5 urge you again not to separate us from our coastline.
6 Please keep Long Beach together. Again, thank you for
7 your time and your service on this Commission.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 Up next will be caller 9744, and up after that will
10 be caller 0073. Caller 9744, if you will please follow
11 the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star 6.
12 The floor is yours.

13 CALLER 9744: Hi, thank you, good evening. Thank
14 you for taking comments. My name is Ann Moore (ph.). I
15 live in the city of Hesperia. I wanted to thank you for
16 hearing from our community today.

17 I also want to thank you for keeping San Bernardino
18 County/High Desert mostly whole at the assembly, senate,
19 and congressional level. Although, I will be honest, I'm
20 not thrilled to see us grouped with L.A. County at the
21 senate level. A lot of folks who live up here have felt
22 that, over the years, we're the redheaded stepchild
23 whenever we get lumped in with L.A. County. This has
24 happened a lot over the years, and usually they split up
25 us -- split us up as well. So I wanted to call and urge

1 the Commission to not repeat history, and keep us
2 together and separate us from the Antelope Valley. Thank
3 you so much for your time, and have a good evening.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 And right now, we will have caller 0073, and up next
6 after that will be caller 7994. Caller 0073, if you will
7 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. The
8 floor is yours.

9 CALLER 0073: Hi, commissioners. My name is Mike Ai
10 with Equality California, the nation's largest statewide
11 LGBTQ+ civil rights organization. I'm calling to ask the
12 LGBTQ+ community's interest in the Coachella Valley be
13 kept together.

14 LGBTQ+ community of interest in the Coachella Valley
15 is large, vibrant, united both physically by the urban
16 and geographic landscape of the Coachella Valley, and
17 culturally by the flourishing number of LGBTQ+ businesses
18 and organizations in the valley that are frequented by
19 members of our community. They also have a clear,
20 consistent history of electing candidates of choice, both
21 LGBTQ+ leaders and allies who are responsive to the
22 community at the federal, state, and local levels.

23 We recognize that there are VA -- VRA issues that
24 keep the entire valley from being united, but we ask the
25 Commission do everything possible to keep the valley

1 together. We think this visualization does a good job of
2 teaching -- keeping the Coachella together, but it also
3 notably has a 7.85 percent deviation as a result of
4 the -- as a result of pulling in the large spots of San
5 Bernardino County to the north.

6 As you look to reduce the geographic and population
7 size of this visualization, we urge you to remove areas
8 of -- from the north rather than splitting the Coachella
9 Valley any further than it already is. It is paramount
10 that our LGBTQ+ communities can be kept together. Thank
11 you so much.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 And right now we will have caller 7994, and up next
14 after that will be caller 0793. Caller 7994, if you will
15 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
16 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

17 CALLER 7994: My name is Tom Edmonds, E-D-M-O-N-D-S,
18 and I'm calling regarding the Central Valley. We did not
19 want to be part of -- I live in Bakersfield, and we don't
20 want to be part of Fresno. It's two hours from where we
21 are, and in certain times of the year we have tule fog
22 that would make it extremely dangerous for the
23 representatives to cover the region. Two hours driving
24 in tule fog on Highway 99 is not a fun thing.

25 And the cities are totally different. The only

1 thing we have in common with Fresno is that we're both
2 agricultural regions; so we don't need to have our
3 representations skewed. Thank you very much for your
4 work, and I appreciate the consideration. Thank you very
5 much. Have a good night.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 And right now we will have caller 0793, and up next
8 after that will be caller 7296. Caller 7 -- caller 0793,
9 if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this
10 time by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

11 CALLER 0793: Good evening, commissioners. My name
12 is Kimberly (ph.), and I live in Pinon Hills; it's a
13 rural community in the San Bernardino County High Desert
14 where I refer to it as where the Mojave meets the
15 mountains.

16 So currently, our Assembly member is from Antelope
17 Valley, while our neighbors in Phelan have a Victor
18 Valley Assembly member. I really wanted to thank you for
19 keeping us in San Bernardino County in the new assembly
20 and congressional maps. While Pinon Hills on the county
21 border, we really don't share anything with Antelope
22 Valley. I appreciate that we will have the same Assembly
23 member with our neighbors moving forward since we're so
24 similar.

25 We don't ever go to the Antelope Valley. Our only

1 way to get there is by driving on Highway 138, which is a
2 two-lane road; it's very dangerous; lots of deaths, lots
3 of accidents. My neighbors and I all travel into
4 Hesperia and Victorville when we need anything we can't
5 get in town, and it just doesn't make sense to have a
6 representative so far to the west in Antelope Valley. So
7 I appreciate you recognizing this in these maps.

8 Please continue the good work of keeping our
9 community in San Bernardino County and not in L.A. Thank
10 you for your time.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 And right now we have caller 7296, and up next after
13 that will be caller 4205. Caller 7296, if you will
14 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
15 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

16 CALLER 7296: Good evening. This is Deanna Kitamura
17 with Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law
18 Caucus, and also with the AAPI and AMEMSA State
19 Redistricting Commission. Thank you for making a lot of
20 good changes.

21 In the South Bay, I've mentioned before that there's
22 a long, existing Japanese American COI in South Gardena
23 that goes down through Torrance. I heard one
24 commissioner this evening give instructions to separate
25 all of Gardena from Torrance at the assembly level.

1 Please do not do that. It is also split at the senate
2 level. An easy fix is to cut Gardena just above Marine.
3 We worked out this split with The Black Hub.

4 Next, I want to go to the San Gabriel Valley. There
5 are a lot of issues with how the Asian American COI in
6 East San Ga -- San Gabriel Valley is treated. I
7 appreciate hearing commissioners trying to keep the COI
8 whole and fixing it so that it's not with March Air Force
9 Base in Temescal Valley in Riverside County. I want to
10 point out that at the senate level, the COI -- COI is
11 drawn in with cities in South Orange County. While East
12 SUB (ph.) has some similarities with Chino Hills and
13 maybe with some North OC cities, it does not have
14 similarities with South OC.

15 The API COI in West San Gabriel Valley in the senate
16 visualization -- visualization is drawn in a gateway
17 city's district. The API COI in West San Gabriel Valley
18 should be in a West San Gabriel-Valley based district.

19 For metro L.A., my colleague has sent shape files
20 for all the Asian American neighborhoods as defined by
21 community members. The community's definition
22 of Koreatown is cut in all three visualizations. The
23 Chinatown's community's definition of Chinatown is cut in
24 the assembly visualization.

25 I heard commissioners ask about the Punjabi and

1 Hmong COIs in Fresno. They are split. My colleague will
2 be sending you shape files for those COIs and more
3 details later. Thank you so much. Bye.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

5 And right now we have caller 4205, and up next after
6 that will be caller 8013. Caller 4205, if you will
7 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
8 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

9 CALLER 4205: Thank you, commissioners. The
10 petition for (audio interference) exception of Eagle
11 Rock. Eagle Rock is (audio interference) and it's
12 unified with the rest of the congressional district.
13 Echo Park and Silver Lake (audio interference) very
14 common interest in operations and serve community of
15 interest on (audio interference). (Audio interference).
16 Again, I repeat, Eagle Rock (audio interference). Thank
17 you so much, and have a good evening.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now we will have caller 8013, and up next
20 after that will be caller 8226. Caller 8013, if you will
21 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
22 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

23 CALLER 8013: Yeah, hello, I'm from -- I'm from
24 Stockton; I've lived here about fifteen years. And I
25 want everybody to know Stockton has to be kept whole. I

1 don't like these comments about Stockton not being whole.
2 We've been cut up too much over the years, it's time for
3 our community of Stockton -- we're a big city, we need to
4 be stay -- we need to be kept together. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 Right now we have caller 8226, and up next after
7 that will be caller 8499. Caller 8226, if you will
8 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
9 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

10 CALLER 8226: Hi, I'm a thirteen-year resident of
11 what I think is the best that California has to offer, a
12 city with diversity, culture, and grittiness; that's
13 Oakland, California. I'm a former teacher in Oakland, a
14 board member on nonprofits, and a volunteer in my
15 neighborhood. And I'm calling to draw your attention to
16 two visualizations tonight: the East Bay and Oakland.

17 You know, sometimes the loudest voices are the ones
18 that tell you to change things, but I'd like to thank the
19 leaders in the Commission who have listened to Oaklanders
20 who have -- who have actually supported these great
21 visual -- visualizations. There are a few key components
22 that I appreciate. First of all, you've kept together
23 the bay waterfront and the 8 -- 80 and 880 corridors,
24 which are very important. Second, our each -- our East
25 Bay regional parks are what bring us together as East

1 Bayers. What we don't have much in common with is those
2 who are across bridges and through tunnels.

3 We -- we like to keep our East Bay and Oakland
4 community together. Ten years ago the -- the Commission
5 did a great job of -- of setting up this community of
6 interest, and I want to support that going forward.

7 Thank you for your service.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 Right now we have caller 8499, and up next after
10 that will be caller 5428. Caller 8499, if you will
11 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
12 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

13 CALLER 8499: Hi. Yeah, our cultural communities of
14 interest in Kern and Fresno counties are not
15 (indiscernible) and cannot be well represented in the
16 same district. That is all. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And right now we will have caller 5428, and up next
19 after that will be caller 0816. Caller 5428, if you will
20 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
21 pressing star 6. The floor is yours. Caller 5428, can
22 you hear me? Might want to double-check and make sure
23 that your phone is not on mute as you are unmuted in the
24 meeting. Now you are muted. Caller 5428, if you will
25 again follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

1 There you are. The floor is yours.

2 CALLER 5428: All right, finally. Thank you,
3 commissioners, for spending your night with all of us.

4 As -- I want to speak to VCD_NORTHCONT. As a
5 forty -- as forty-five-year residents of Concord, we've
6 seen at least four versions of this congressional map.
7 I'm calling to thank you for this version, this
8 visualization; it contains the energy sector in the Bay
9 Area: five refineries, and the communities most impacted
10 by that industry. As this industry transitions to
11 greener production, it's important for the citizens and
12 the representatives to guide them. To have one
13 congressman who picks up the refinery in Benecia and
14 represents the whole industry gives us a member of
15 congress who's familiar with the jobs and the community
16 members that hold them. Thank you for keeping this
17 important sector of our economy whole.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 Right now we have caller 0816, and up next after
20 that will be caller 4397. Caller 0816, if you will
21 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
22 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

23 CALLER 0816: Hi. Thank you, commissioners. My
24 name is Susan, and I'm calling from Long Beach. I'd
25 like to join others who have reached out to the

1 Commission today and express my frustration with the most
2 recent maps that have been released of visuals in Long
3 Beach congressional district.

4 For this entire redistricting process, my community
5 and I have been incredibly consistent about asking this
6 Commission to keep us together. We think that this is a
7 reasonable request for a city of our size, and it is
8 supported by businesses, residents, and community groups
9 of every kind across Long Beach. This is why it felt,
10 frankly, baffling to see this visualization as it is run
11 aligned right down the middle of our city. This border
12 makes no sense for our neighborhoods or residents. And
13 more importantly, it deprives us of our wish to be kept
14 whole.

15 I also have no memory of anyone on this Commission
16 requesting we be split in half. In fact, most of you
17 have spoken in support of keeping Long Beach together;
18 something I want to thank you for. Please restore the
19 Long Beach maps to the way you had them previously
20 visualized, with our city whole. Please do not support
21 visualizations that split the Long Beach. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 And right now we have caller 4397, and up next after
24 that will be caller 329 -- 3290. Caller 4397, if you
25 will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by

1 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

2 CALLER 4397: Hello. I want to thank you for the
3 opportunity to share my thoughts. I'm a lifelong
4 resident of the city of Clovis in Fresno County, and I
5 was surprised to see that the current visualization has
6 one representative covering an area that spans from
7 beneath Kern County all the way up to Ork -- Oakhurst.
8 That's a large geographical area prohibit an effective
9 representation in my community of interest.

10 One member of congress has not represented
11 Bakersfield and Fresno and Clovis in over fifty years
12 because Fresno and Clovis have distinct issues and
13 situations that are very different from those in
14 Bakersfield and Kern County. Clovis is two and a half
15 hours away from Bakersfield, and it would be very
16 difficult for citizens in our area to get to their
17 representative if it was all the way in Bakersfield. And
18 I think that Clovis and Fresno should be drawn into a
19 district with communities that are more similar to us,
20 like maybe parts of Madera County. Drawing more compact
21 districts that don't span hundreds of miles is something
22 that I would request that the Commission could do, and it
23 should be done.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 And right now we will have caller 3290, and up next

1 after that will be caller 5600. Caller 3290, if you will
2 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
3 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

4 CALLER 3290: Good evening, commissioners. My
5 name's Samantha Mehlinger. I'm calling in from Long
6 Beach where I've been a lifelong resident, and I'm
7 calling to oppose the congressional maps that were up for
8 discussion this evening.

9 My community and I have been following this process
10 very closely throughout, and many of us have called over
11 the months to make sure that Long Beach was kept
12 together, and we would really like to respectfully ask
13 that the Commission not support the maps that would break
14 us into multiple districts. We've been consistent in
15 expressing this desire and concern, and we probably
16 have -- have the largest community engagement of any city
17 in the state. On top of this, we don't remember a single
18 commissioner giving any direction to split us in half, so
19 we were all pretty shocked to see those maps today.

20 And I've just appreciated hearing so many of my
21 fellow community members speaking about the similar
22 concerns, and -- I'm -- I'm glad that you've listened to
23 us up until this point, but we really think keeping Long
24 Beach together is a reasonable request, and that it's
25 universally supported across our community. It unites

1 residents from every neighborhood in our city, our
2 business community, nonprofits, civil rights groups, and
3 other community-based organizations. Most of us have
4 called and written in to show that we are united in this
5 request. We, again, please ask you to please restore the
6 Long Beach maps to the way that they were before. We
7 need to be kept together. Thank you for recognizing our
8 comments from earlier, and please keep our city whole.
9 Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 And right now we have caller 5600, and up next after
12 that will be caller 5658. Caller 5600, please follow the
13 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The
14 floor is yours.

15 CALLER 5600: Good evening, commissioners. My name
16 is Herlinda Chico. I am a long-time Long Beach resident,
17 and -- and I'm very proud to serve as vice president of
18 the Long Beach Community College District Board of
19 Trustees.

20 I'm calling to express my deep concern with the
21 fourth round of visualization the 2020 Citizens
22 Redistricting Commission released earlier this week.
23 Long Beach City College is one district with two college
24 campuses. These maps propose -- propose to put each of
25 our Long Beach Community College campuses in different

1 congressional districts. With all the great work that
2 we've been doing at the college around equity, justice,
3 and inclusion, this proposal to split our college
4 district will not ser -- serve our students well. Our
5 campuses must be kept together in this redistricting
6 process to ensure we can work with our congressional
7 representative to support federal grants that will expand
8 opportunities for student success.

9 Over the past several months our students, community
10 members, and board members, including myself, have called
11 in to voice our preference for Long Beach to be kept as
12 whole as possible in our state and federal legislative
13 districts. Please do not dismiss our voices. We know
14 our community, and this would be very detrimental to it.
15 Long Beach City College is the fifth largest single
16 college district out of the 116 colleges in the statewide
17 system. We are nationally recognized -- we are a
18 nationally recognized institution of higher education
19 within the California Community Colleges system, and we
20 maintain a hyper local focus and work closely to bring
21 students in from the greater Long Beach area. We rely on
22 your -- our ability to organize with our state and
23 federal partners to fund some of our most important
24 programs, including the Long Beach College Promise, our
25 economic and workforce development programs, and our

1 career pathway program. I urge --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now we have caller 5658, and up next after
4 that will be caller 8885. Caller 5658, if you will
5 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
6 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

7 CALLER 5658: Hey, good afternoon, commissioners.
8 My name is Danny; I'm calling in from Long Beach. I just
9 want to say thank you for being so patient and listening
10 to all of us and putting in the effort tonight to review
11 all this and also listen to all of us. So thank you.

12 With that being said, I do want to express,
13 truthfully, my disappointment in the congressional maps
14 that were released late last night. Our community has
15 been consistently asking to stay together as a city, and
16 we've been encouraged that Commission staff has
17 summarized their feedback as such, and I think we've even
18 heard commissioners support us as well. It seemed to me
19 that we were on the same page, which is why that
20 congressional map that we were looking at this week feels
21 like it really came out of left field. I'm not sure
22 where this came from, but it doesn't represent our
23 community, it doesn't represent Long Beach, so we ask
24 that you please restore the Long Beach maps to the way
25 things were before. It's important that Long Beach is

1 kept together; it's important to all of us as a
2 community. Thank you very much for listening.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 And right now we have caller 8885, and up next after
5 that will be caller 6688. Caller 8885, if you will
6 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
7 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

8 CALLER 8885: Hi, I just want to thank you guys for
9 your continued work on these maps. My name is Gavin; I'm
10 a resident of Fresno, born and raised.

11 Again, you guys have done a tremendous job,
12 especially on the assembly maps in the San Joaquin Valley
13 released this week. They look really good particularly
14 in the city of Fresno. In these maps, you anchored a VRA
15 district in the city of Fresno, which is, you know, what
16 the commissioners urged last week during the overview of
17 the last visualizations. Unfortunately, the
18 congressional maps don't reflect the same logic and fail
19 to -- fail to incorporate the changes that commissioners
20 recommended.

21 Now, as the assembly maps reflect, the city of
22 Fresno should be split into two different congressional
23 districts with the VRA district anchored in the city of
24 Fresno; that includes the city of Fresno south of Shaw
25 and west of that -- west of the 99 in a separate district

1 that includes Northeast Fresno. This ensures that the
2 Latino communities of south of Shaw and west of 99 are
3 represented together in one district.

4 The current congressional maps split the city of
5 Fresno into three districts instead of two. This will
6 dilute the Latino community in Fresno and prevent them
7 from electing a candidate of their choice. This likely
8 does not meet the VRA obligations the Commission is
9 required to follow.

10 Commissioner Kennedy last week asked for a Fresno-
11 based VRA district that did not go beyond Fresno, Madera,
12 and Merced, which was not accomplished in
13 these congressional maps.

14 Commissioner Fornaciari asked for a Southwest
15 Fresno-based VRA seat, which was also not entirely
16 accomplished in these congressional maps.

17 Commissioner Sadhwani last week said that the
18 Commission needs to untie the knot in the Central Valley,
19 and I think she is absolutely correct.

20 Again, the Commission should apply the same logic to
21 the congressional seats as they did with the assembly
22 seats as it relates to the city of Fresno and the Latino
23 community. Thank you so much.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

25 And now we have caller 6688, and up next after that

1 will be caller 8037. Caller 6688, if you will please
2 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing
3 star 6. The floor is yours.

4 CALLER 6688: Thank you. My name is Stacy Fortner,
5 and I'm calling regarding the Santa Clarita/Antelope
6 Valley congressional visualization.

7 The very first caller of the night made some very
8 patently wrong statements, and I felt like I needed to
9 correct the record. I'm a member -- or I was a member of
10 the Groundwater Sustainability Advisory Committee, so I
11 know where our water goes, and it doesn't go anywhere
12 near Simi; so we don't share any waterways with Simi.
13 Our river flows west to Fillmore and then into Ventura,
14 so it never makes it across the Santa Susana Mountains
15 and drops into Simi.

16 Next, we don't have any shared transportation with
17 Simi because that would mean crossing county lines and
18 bus systems just don't do that; it just simply doesn't
19 exist. Most of the Santa Clarita commuters go into Los
20 Angeles, not Simi. And even to get to Simi, we have to
21 go through the San Fernando Valley to get on another
22 freeway to take us to Simi.

23 The next thing I wanted to mention was the city of
24 Santa Clarita has spent over 600,000 dollars of taxpayer
25 money, willfully divine California CVRA, themselves, so

1 anything that they would have to say about districting
2 should be highly scrutinized because they don't follow it
3 themselves. And -- and why they would send a letter in
4 July supporting one map, and -- and then in October
5 sending another letter supporting another map that
6 includes Simi Valley, should be suspect to political
7 involvement and -- and political pressure from
8 the California GOP.

9 I would really sincerely hope that you take into
10 consideration that we've made mistakes on these districts
11 in the past, and I would really like to see some
12 corrections made in the future. We have a good map.
13 The maps that we see now are -- they're -- we like the
14 map now. We do not want Simi Valley as part of our
15 district. We share --

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right now we have caller 8037, and up next after
18 that will be caller 7952. Caller 8037, if you will
19 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
20 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

21 CALLER 8037: Thank you for allowing us to call in
22 today, commissioners. We're eager to provide feedback on
23 your most recent visualizations.

24 I live in Long Beach, I work in the tourism
25 industry, my name is Courtney Russell. Over the past

1 several months, my neighbors and I have been calling in,
2 participating in the process, sending visualization
3 feedback to explain why our diverse, inclusive city is a
4 unique community of interest. Seeing today's
5 visualization would split our community in -- in two
6 honestly brought great concern. The way the map has been
7 drawn in this visualization sets us back to before the
8 first independent redistricting commission united most of
9 our city.

10 The current maps have allowed us to make great
11 progress in community building, electing representatives
12 that reflect our experiences and interests, and overall
13 has led to huge improvement for our city, specifically in
14 the tourism and business community. Each year, thousands
15 of people flock to our city to experience the food, the
16 shoreline, the festivals, the events that are hosted all
17 around the city. Our tourism bureau works to promote
18 these attractions not just for the downtown area, but you
19 know, for the whole city of Long Beach.

20 I'm asking that you please restore the Long Beach
21 maps to the way things were before today's visualization.
22 Our east side and west side communities work closely
23 together to build a strong economy, con -- shoreline;
24 they're strengthened by those who come to visit. I
25 appreciate the opportunity to provide my feedback, and I

1 want to thank you. Have a good evening.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now we have caller 7952, and up next after
4 that will be caller 3879. Caller 7952, if you will
5 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
6 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

7 CALLER 7952: Hi, my name is Jennifer Kumiyama, and
8 I'm calling from the city of Long Beach. I want to thank
9 the Commission for the chance to speak today.

10 I think it's really important for this independent
11 Commission to keep Long Beach together; I saw that in the
12 early draft visualization, but I'm not sure why the one
13 we're looking at changed this week. As someone with a
14 disability, I rely on public transportation to get
15 around, and something that I don't think has been looked
16 enough throughout the redistricting process are the ways
17 that transit impact communities of interest like mine.

18 Long Beach transit (audio interference) my own city,
19 but also communities in the greater Long Beach area, like
20 Signal Hill, Lakewood, and Bellflower. These are places
21 that we are literally connected to through public
22 transit, and that people like me travel between each day.

23 As you consider -- as you continue to look at
24 visualizations for our area, please keep Long Beach
25 together. Thank you all again for your hard work and for

1 listening to community feedback like mine.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now we have caller 3879, and up next after
4 that will be caller 4062. Caller 3879, if you will
5 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
6 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

7 CALLER 3879: Good evening, commissioners and staff.
8 My name is Colleen Cecil, and I'm the executive director
9 of Butte County Farm Bureau.

10 I know the Commission has been inundated with
11 comments online, so I wanted to call in just to highlight
12 a letter that our farm bureau submitted that was also
13 signed by our neighboring farm bureaus in Yuba, Sutter,
14 Colusa, and Tehama counties. The letter lays out several
15 of the reasons why Yuba, Sutter, Butte, Colusa, and
16 Tehama should be mapped together. These counties make up
17 the northern Sacramento Valley.

18 Our area is essentially a bowl-shaped valley rich in
19 water and agriculture. We're surrounded by mountains to
20 the east and west, and share much more in common with the
21 flatlands than we do with the mountain communities. For
22 the most part, the new maps respect the connections our
23 regions share. We appreciate the Commission listening to
24 our feedback about keeping our rural (indiscernible)
25 counties together. Only the assembly map separates Butte

1 County away from other counties nearby, and we're hoping
2 this can be changed before the maps are final.

3 Butte County agriculture works hand in hand with
4 Yuba and Sutter. We share the same concerns with water,
5 flood control, land use, and economic development. It's
6 common for Butte County farmers to cross county lines
7 working the land in Yuba or Sutter. Also, Butte County
8 is where Lake Oroville is located. When Stow Lake
9 collapsed in 2017, it was Butte, Yuba, and Sutter
10 counties that were forced to evacuate along the Feather
11 River. Separating our counties would hurt efforts to
12 hold the Department of Water Resources accountable and
13 keep a disaster like this from happening again.

14 I hope that the commissioners will take the time to
15 read our north state farm bureau letter. The north
16 Sacramento Valley needs to be united and have
17 representation that will prioritize these issues outlined
18 in this letter. Please keep Butte County -- please keep
19 Butte together with other rural (indiscernible) counties
20 like Yuba and Sutter. Thank you for your time this
21 evening, your work, and your consideration.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 And right now we have caller 4062, and up next after
24 that will be caller 6836. Caller 4062, if you will
25 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by

1 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

2 CALLER 4062: Thank you for hearing my comment. I
3 live in Clovis, California; my name is Dave.

4 I've been here for about twenty years or so and
5 looking at the -- the mapping of this district, it goes
6 all the way from Madera down to the bottom tip of Kern
7 County. I think the -- the issue I -- I can see with
8 this is these two areas are very different; they have
9 extremely different needs. I mean, the agricultural is
10 a -- a major industry up here in -- in the Fresno area
11 and -- and Tulare. And I know there is agriculture in
12 Kern County as well, but they also have a large energy
13 industry down there dealing with oil and -- and things of
14 that nature, and they also have desert communities.

15 I feel that the district is going to be so large
16 that it is not going to be adequately represented.
17 Either one of us, the people on the north or the people
18 on the south, will not be served well by how this is
19 drawn out right now, I mean, it's -- it's easily over a
20 hundred miles long. It'd be hard to get a hold of your
21 rep, possibly, it just -- and there's just too many
22 things going on, too many different needs to be able to
23 have one person serve all those needs for both of those
24 areas very well.

25 I don't even know if we would be able to elect a rep

1 from our region if this were the case, if this would go
2 into effect. So I can understand the concern from people
3 of both areas -- both from Kern and -- and eastern Fresno
4 County and Tulare. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now we will have caller 6836, and up next
7 after that will be caller 5404.

8 I'd like to invite the following callers to please
9 press star 9 to raise your hand so that I know that you'd
10 like to give comment this evening. This caller with the
11 last four 0232, caller 0866, caller 4047, caller 4346,
12 caller 4527, caller 4678, caller 5833, and caller 6443,
13 you -- none of you have made comment this evening. If
14 you wish to make comment, please press star 9. This will
15 help me in my job.

16 Caller 6836, if you will please follow the prompts
17 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
18 yours.

19 CALLER 6836: Hello?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello.

21 CALLER 6836: Hi. Fresno and Kern counties need to
22 be separate districts. Kern County has a heavy
23 agricultural industry with farmers and farmworkers who
24 need to have their voices represented; having Fresno in
25 the same district would dilute that voice. I'm asking

1 the Commission to take this into account when drawing the
2 districts in Kern County. My family works in
3 agriculture, so these issues are close to my heart.

4 Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now we will have caller 5404, and up next
7 after that will be caller 7548. Caller 5404, if you will
8 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
9 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

10 CALLER 5404: Hello, my name is Tim Collins. I'm a
11 lifelong resident of Bakersfield in Kern County, and I
12 also have concerns about the district reaching all the
13 way up into Fresno and into Madera even in those cities
14 in Fresno County. I think there's a lot of differences
15 in industry and communities here that would not be well
16 represented with that large of a district. I would urge
17 the Commission to reconsider those lines. Thanks.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now we've got caller 7548, and up next
20 after that will be caller 4340. Caller 7548, if you will
21 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
22 pressing star 6. The floor is yours. And one more time,
23 caller with the last four 7548, if you will please follow
24 the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 7548,
25 please do not hang up, but you may have a connectivity

1 issue at this moment in time. I will come back to you.

2 Right now we will have caller 4340, and up next
3 after that will be caller 0232. Caller 4340, if you will
4 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
5 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

6 CALLER 4340: Thank you. My name is Kate Laddish,
7 that's K-A-T-E L-A-D-D-I-S-H. I live in the Yolo County
8 city of Winters, right along the county line with Solano
9 County and down the road from Napa. The greater Winters
10 area is in both the coast range and Central Valley
11 region, and our community members are in Yolo, Salano,
12 and the Lake Berryessa region of Napa County.

13 First, thank you so much to commissioners, line
14 drawers, and all of the staff for your ongoing work.
15 This undertaking is both enormous and enormously
16 important, and I really appreciate you taking public
17 input on board and incorporating it in your discussions
18 in the visualizations process.

19 The Commission has received public input about
20 keeping Yolo County whole and requests to recognize our
21 shared communities of interest by grouping Yolo and
22 Solano together in districts rather than grouping with
23 Yolo with counties reaching far -- to the far northern
24 portions of -- of Cen -- the Central Valley. Focusing on
25 the assembly visualizations for Yolo County, I appreciate

1 that the Yolo and Solano portions of the Winters area are
2 shown in the same district, and that all of the Yolo
3 County parts of the Winters community are now shown in
4 one district.

5 However, I'm quite concerned that Yolo County is
6 squeezed into two districts, VAD_SOLANO_1102 and VAD_ --
7 I don't know how I'll pronounce this -- TE --
8 TEHENAPA_1102. There are four incorporated cities in
9 Yolo County: Winters, Davis, Woodland, and West
10 Sacramento. The current visualizations show all of those
11 cities except Winters in one district together. We're
12 the smallest city of the four, and leaving us out of a
13 district with the other cities doesn't recognize how
14 deeply interconnected our county is. The current
15 visual -- visualizations also shave parts of Davis off
16 and the -- the delta portions of our county where
17 Clarksburg is from the rest of the county.

18 Yolo County is a community of interest and the
19 current assembly visualizations could expand to
20 include all of Yolo County, and that would be a good way
21 of manifesting that. And then I look forward to the next
22 couple days with the senate and congressional lines. And
23 thank you so much for your ongoing work.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 And right now we have caller 0232, and up next after

1 that will be caller 0866. Caller 0232, if you will
2 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
3 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

4 CALLER 0232: Hi, my name is Lori Aguillar (ph.),
5 and I'm a Long Beach community member. I was looking at
6 the maps that were released today and I'm not sure what
7 happened with the congressional map. The congressional
8 map does not represent Long Beach at all. Long Beach is
9 a big city with many unique neighborhoods, but no matter
10 where you go in the greater Long Beach area, there's an
11 element of urban coastalness to us.

12 We have been consistent in asking to stay as intact
13 as possible and have probably had the largest community
14 engagement of any city in the state. Please do not split
15 us in half. We used to be gerrymandered like that and we
16 don't want it to happen again. Long Beach needs to be
17 kept together, and it benefits our businesses, our art
18 groups, and our communities. Please keep Long Beach
19 together. Thank you very much for your time.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 And right now we will have caller 0866, and up next
22 after that will be caller 4678. Caller 0866, if you will
23 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
24 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

25 CALLER 0866: Thank you so much. I will make this

1 very brief. I am from Kings County, and I called, I
2 think it was last week, to talk about the assembly maps,
3 and I want to thank you for listening. Kings County in
4 the -- the latest visualization has been kept full, and
5 we are also with a portion of Tulare County that we would
6 share interests with. I really appreciate the fact that
7 you did listen. We did not need to be put in a -- in a
8 district that went all the way up into Merced. And
9 that -- the map right now, as it stands, with all of
10 Kings County plus the rural parts of Tulare County is
11 probably quite fair. Thank you very much.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 And right now we have caller 4678, and up next after
14 that will be caller 5833. Caller 4678, if you will
15 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
16 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

17 CALLER 4678: Hello, my name is Joel Block. I'm a
18 resident of Rossmoor, adjacent to Long Beach. I called
19 several weeks ago. At that time, the visualization
20 showed that Rossmoor and Los Alamitos were going to be in
21 the same congressional district with all of Long Beach.

22 We've been in the same congressional district with
23 Long Beach for the last ten years. I'm surprised to see
24 that the Commission has decided to take us out of a
25 congressional district with Long Beach and put Rossmoor

1 and Los Alamitos in a gerrymandered district which
2 creates a -- a big arc going through Cypress, Buena Park,
3 Fullerton, Placentia, Yorba Linda, Brea, Anaheim, Villa
4 Park.

5 What's surprising is that I know there was an
6 opposition to including Rossmoor and Los Alamitos with
7 Long Beach, but the result -- what I see is happening is
8 that you decided to divide up Long Beach and create a
9 gerrymandered district, which is very, very similar to
10 the last district that we were in that was determined by
11 politicians. Your mission is not to be better
12 politicians than the politicians were. The political
13 pressure that is on you now should not change the common
14 sense, the original determination to include all of Long
15 Beach as one district and include Rossmoor and Los
16 Alamitos with them; that's our community of interest.
17 Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now we have caller 5833, and up next after
20 that will be caller 4346. Caller 5833, if you will
21 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
22 pressing star 6.

23 MR. CAMPOS: Hello?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

25 Hello?

1 CALLER 5833: Hi, yes, my name is Joel Campos (ph.).
2 I'm from Stanislaus County, Modesto, and as a fellow
3 geographer, I'd just like to say that the mappers are
4 doing an amazing job, and so -- I'm a -- I'm a map nerd,
5 and so I love this stuff. But hey, I want to say a
6 couple things.

7 First, if you guys could please go back to the
8 congressional assembly districts from October 27th. I've
9 talked to many folks in Stanislaus, those are what we're
10 asking for; these ones that just came out are horrible;
11 and we would just ask if you could do that. We
12 understand that you guys need to do a lot of things in
13 the Fresno area to not split Fresno so many times, but we
14 don't think that affects Stanislaus County, so we don't
15 think you need to change Stanislaus County. So please go
16 back to the October 27th maps, especially -- specifically
17 for congress and assembly.

18 And specifically, assembly, in the state legislature
19 no one that represents Stanislaus County lives in
20 Stanislaus County, and so we have no representation in
21 the state; they live in San Joaquin or Merced or even
22 Monterrey County in Salinas. So we need representation
23 in the state here in Stanislaus County. So that's why
24 it's important to go back to those assembly maps from
25 October 27th and the congressional districts from that

1 time.

2 Also, I'm going to say something crazy that you guys
3 are hearing tonight, but I'm just -- and I might get some
4 flack from a lot of people, but look if (indiscernible)
5 needs population, you know, just go up the watershed, go
6 to the eastern Sierra/Nevada counties. Tuolumne and
7 Calaveras, I'm sure those folks would rather go with
8 Stanislaus County, which is our neighbor than go with
9 Roseville. And I'm sure Mariposa and Madera mountain
10 areas and Fresno mountain areas would rather go to Clovis
11 and Madera and North Fresno than Kern County. So we know
12 we want to keep those mountain counties together --

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 And right now we'll have caller 4346, and up next
15 after that will be caller 4527. I'd like to invite
16 caller 4047 and caller 6443 to please press star 9, as
17 you have not spoke this evening.

18 And caller 7548, if you will please press star 9 so
19 we can retry that connectivity issue.

20 Caller 4346, if you will please follow the prompts
21 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
22 yours.

23 CALLER 4346: Hi, good evening. My name is Lisa
24 (ph.), and I have been a Cypress resident nearly my
25 entire adult life. I feel very closely aligned with Long

1 Beach. Both my daughters live in Long Beach, and I go
2 there often; lately, it's to take care of my grandkids.
3 In fact, I was just there today. Sometimes my son-in-
4 law, who lives in Long Beach but works in Cypress, drives
5 the kids to my house so that my husband and I can watch
6 the kids together there. Even though I raised my family
7 in Cypress, I will go to Long Beach for competitive
8 swimming events.

9 There -- there's confusion in our city that
10 (indiscernible) started by some group who are telling
11 people that Cypress, Los Alamitos, and Rossmoor will
12 leave Orange County if we are in the same congressional
13 districts as Long Beach. I have told them that that's
14 not true. Cypress, Rossmoor, and Los Alamitos are
15 already in congressional districts with Long Beach. Long
16 Beach and Cypress have always connected in my life. For
17 me, my family, the two cities were connected when I was
18 raising my kids, and now they are still connected as my
19 kids are raising their kids. Please keep these two cities
20 together for real working families. This is how our
21 community actually connects. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 And right now we have caller 4527, and up next after
24 that we will give caller 4047 an opportunity. Caller
25 4527, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at

1 this time by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

2 CALLER 4527: (Audio interference) --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 45 -- oh, the
4 floor is yours.

5 CALLER 4527: Thank you. Good evening,
6 commissioners. First off, my name is Tammy (ph.), and
7 I've lived in Stanislaus County for thirty years. I'd
8 like to thank you, I know it's been a long day, so I will
9 keep mine brief and to the point.

10 So basically, I feel like you guys have -- have got
11 it right verbally for San Joaquin and -- and Stanislaus.
12 These are great communities of -- of interest and
13 representation. If any cases are made to the assembly
14 maps in these counties, they should be small because you
15 guys got the community of interest right for the most
16 part.

17 I heard earlier a commissioner say Stockton should
18 be put in Stanislaus, and I just don't think that should
19 happen at all. We don't have communities of interest
20 that are similar. And I also feel that Riverbank and Del
21 Rio -- they're just a big part of -- of Stanislaus, and I
22 just -- they -- they need to be on the map. Other than
23 that, I hope you guys have a great evening, and thank you
24 for listening to me and taking my call.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1 And right now we'll be going to caller 4047, and
2 after that we will be giving caller 6443 an opportunity.

3 Caller 4047, if you will please follow the prompts
4 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6 if you wish to
5 give comment. The floor is yours.

6 CALLER 4047: Great, thank you so much. I've just
7 listened all day, and I listened last week in the other
8 meetings. My hats off to you folks. I'm learning so
9 much.

10 The assembly map for our district is
11 VAD_ANTELOPE_1102, and I just want to thank you for it.
12 You have us in the right place. The senate map -- so in
13 the assembly, you have us with our neighbors to the
14 north, in the senate map you have us with our neighbors
15 to the east, and in congressional map you have us with
16 our neighbors to the south, and so I think you've managed
17 (indiscernible) choice really well. So thank you so much
18 for hanging in there. Goodnight.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

20 At this time we -- we will be going to caller 6443,
21 and we will then be -- after that we would be giving
22 caller 7548 one last opportunity.

23 Caller 6443, if you will please follow the prompts
24 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6 if you wish to
25 give comment this evening. And one last time, caller

1 6443, as you did not raise your hand, we'd like to just
2 invite you one more time to press star six if you wish to
3 unmute. All right.

4 At this time, we will go back to caller 7548, as
5 they had -- did have their hand raised earlier and could
6 not seem to unmute. Caller 7548, if you could possibly
7 be able to get through this time, that would be
8 wonderful, by pressing star 6.

9 I apologize, caller 7548 I am unclear as to other
10 than connectivity. Please reach out to the Commission in
11 the various other ways.

12 And at this time, Chair, that is everyone in the
13 queue.

14 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Katie. Thank you for
15 doing a tremendous job.

16 Also, thank you to all of the callers that have
17 called in this evening with your feedback. We really
18 appreciate it. We'll be continuing to take feedback over
19 the next couple days as well; this worked out great.

20 Thank you to all the commissioners for hanging in.
21 And you all have a good evening, and we will see
22 everyone -- we'll be recessing until tomorrow at 11
23 o'clock. Goodnight, everyone.

24 (Recessed at 8:04 p.m.)

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