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1 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

3 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Here.

5 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Le Mons.

6 CHAIR LE MONS: Here.

7 MR. SINGH: Thank you. Chair, you have a quorum.

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Ravi.

9 So let me just give a quick overview of the day. So  
10 we're going to revisit Los Angeles just briefly this  
11 morning. We do have a few commissioners that want to  
12 provide some additional input, and then we will move onto  
13 Southern California for the Assembly, and then we'll  
14 begin to move into the Senate visualizations, and then  
15 we'll get as far as we get today, and then we'll move  
16 into Congressional.

17 So we will have -- we'll need to review the minutes  
18 and approve the minutes. So you -- hopefully  
19 commissioners have reviewed them. So we won't review  
20 them live. Hopefully, (indiscernible) will get them  
21 posted. We'll do that toward the end of the day, so  
22 please make sure that you review so if you have any  
23 comments on minute corrections, we can take care of that  
24 right before we go into our evening public comment for  
25 today.

1           So we will get feedback from the public. You know,  
2 I'll ask for a motion on minute approval, we'll go to  
3 public comment, and then we'll also take general public  
4 comment for the whole day at that time. So I just want  
5 to give you a heads up on that. So Commissioners, please  
6 make sure you have reviewed the minutes.

7           Also, I am going to step away for -- right after our  
8 first break for one hour, and my Cochair Turner will take  
9 us through to lunch, and then I'll see you guys again  
10 after lunch through the evening.

11           We're looking forward to a robust day. It was  
12 really exciting yesterday. I think that things went  
13 really well, I think commissioners were very engaged. So  
14 we'll try a very similar case today. Please be mindful  
15 of your direction, that it's direction and not  
16 necessarily discussion with the line drawer, but more so  
17 you giving them direction, and please listen to your  
18 fellow commissioners, too, so that you're thinking about  
19 the direction that you're going to give and we're mindful  
20 not to give contradictory direction to our line drawers  
21 as best as possible. It's going to help them do a good  
22 job for us, and I think that will help the day flow a  
23 little smoothly as well.

24           So without further ado, I'm going to ask Jaime to  
25 put this -- the Los Angeles map up. They have it here.

1 And commissioners that wanted to give some additional  
2 direct or clarification questions, now would be the time.

3 Commissioner Kennedy.

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. On the issue  
5 of Long Beach Congressional visualization, I wanted to  
6 take us back to the Assembly visualization and say that  
7 there's a small part of northern Long Beach that is in  
8 the 710 gateway visualization. Again, this is for  
9 Assembly, and I'm -- I would like to see a Congressional  
10 visualization that used that same portion of Long Beach  
11 as a -- as a bridge, as it were, to get from the SP 710  
12 visualization down in the port of -- well, in the  
13 Wilmington area up to Carson, and then using that same  
14 portion of Long Beach from the 710 gateway Assembly  
15 visualization to connect to Lynwood, South Gate, et  
16 cetera, so -- and then exchange population. So you would  
17 take population from the northern end of LB North and put  
18 it into that SP 710 visualization to compensate for  
19 moving the rest -- most of the rest of Long Beach into  
20 the LB North visualization.

21 I hope that's clear, Jaime.

22 MS. CLARK: For Congressional?

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Correct, correct. And what I'm  
24 trying for is if we're able to use the -- pretty much the  
25 exact same portion of Long Beach, then it's going to be

1 easier for voter education and so forth. People in that  
2 small section of Long Beach will know that they're not  
3 with the rest of Long Beach on both Assembly and  
4 Congressional.

5 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

6 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

7 MS. MACDONALD: Chair Le Mons, you're muted.

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you for that, Karin.

9 Thank you Commissioner Kennedy. I just wanted to  
10 remind commissioners that we're on Assembly right now.  
11 I -- I'm clear on what Commissioner Kennedy was doing  
12 there, but I want us to keep the focus on Assembly, and  
13 if you can pull your Congressional notes, and if we need  
14 to reference that to an Assembly map and service of a  
15 Congressional -- I mean, visualization and a service of a  
16 Congressional visualization, feel free to do that.

17 With that, let's move to Commissioner Sadhwani.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you, Chair Le Mons.

19 I wanted to go back to the NELA visualization, which  
20 is on page 72. I made this comment last week, I think  
21 when we were discussing the Congressional maps, but I  
22 want to raise it again. For me, this district is a major  
23 anchor point for LA County. This is -- the VRA  
24 obligations here are so clear and obvious, and I don't  
25 think we have this right yet, and my direction to line

1 drawers is to see what other options are possible.

2 I see here that we're already over in our population  
3 deviation right, at 3.3, 3.5 percent. So I think there's  
4 a couple ways that I -- I'd like the line drawers to  
5 explore, and it is exploratory, it's not a hard and fast  
6 thing, but I don't think we have it right yet. We  
7 received quite a bit of testimony last night by Echo  
8 Park, Highland Park, and even up into Eagle Rock. I  
9 would assume that includes also Glassell Park.

10 This district looks and feels like it's potentially  
11 an overpacking of the Latinos in this area, and so I'm  
12 curious to find out what are our options. If we were to  
13 bring in those regions of Echo Park through Eagle Rock,  
14 including Highland Park, into that VRA district, it's  
15 going to have enormous ripple effects, right?

16 So first of all, we would have to lose something,  
17 and my initial thought is that we lose in two places, but  
18 I don't know what that's going to do to the population.  
19 One option is we cut off downtown Los Angeles. Let me  
20 see here. I have it all beautifully drawn on this map,  
21 which I know you all will totally follow along with me  
22 here on this.

23 I think we cut -- possibly cutting off downtown Los  
24 Angeles, Pico-Union northward to Rampart. One of the  
25 problems that I see here that was identified from some of

1 our callers in that visualizations, we're cutting off  
2 Koreatown in half, and so I -- I'm trying to find ways of  
3 keeping Koreatown whole while at the same time  
4 maintaining a VRA district, and so that's really the  
5 piece that I find exploratory. So it would be that we --  
6 we're cutting off that southern portion of what this  
7 current district is.

8       Alternatively, portions of that stay and potentially  
9 reunite Koreatown because I know that this is also  
10 encompassing a whole bunch of other Asian-American COI  
11 testimony that we received from Chinatown, which I  
12 believe is -- may or may not be cut in here, Filipinotown  
13 and others as well.

14       Another alternative that I think we could explore --  
15 I don't know what the population density is for East LA  
16 and Boyle Heights. I do think, and I've said before in  
17 these meetings, that I think Boyle Heights and East LA  
18 have so much connectivity that they do need to stay  
19 together, but an alternative is if we're bringing in Echo  
20 Park through Eagle Rock, could Boyle Heights and East LA  
21 be cut off from this VRA district and paired with a VRA  
22 district further south? That would, again, have a ripple  
23 effect on everything happening down below, so potentially  
24 pairing with Vernon, Montebello, Commerce. Oh, I've lost  
25 some -- okay, yeah. Commerce, if need be from a --

1 Vernon, I know doesn't have a big population, but if need  
2 be, pulling into the Bell, Bell Gardens, et cetera,  
3 possibly.

4       And I think if we were to move in that direction, it  
5 might open up possibilities further south in Los Angeles  
6 to that area we haven't explored yet, which includes  
7 Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, La Habra. Those are  
8 areas that are populated by both Latinos and  
9 Asian-Americans. We've received a whole bunch of  
10 testimony there. To me, it's the piece that we're still  
11 not fully getting right in these maps. It's that  
12 intersection between LA and OC, but I think a lot of it  
13 stems from what we do in North LA, and so across the  
14 board, I'm saying let's explore other possibilities  
15 because I don't think we're -- I think this is better. I  
16 don't think -- I don't think we're there yet. Thank you.  
17 And I'm happy to take any clarifying questions, if it's  
18 helpful.

19       MS. CLARK: Thank you. Actually, one clarifying  
20 question that I do have is that I have received  
21 Commission direction that East LA, Boyle Heights, Lincoln  
22 Heights, and Neighborhood Council LA 32, sort of the El  
23 Sereno area should all stay together. Just based on sort  
24 of populations and the direction you just gave, I'm  
25 understanding this direction to be that Boyle Heights and

1 East LA should remain together, but not necessarily with  
2 Lincoln Heights and El Sereno, LA 32 Neighborhood  
3 Council.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's correct. I would be  
5 okay to explore what our other options might be.

6 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It's not that I'm opposed to  
8 keeping them with LA 32 and Lincoln Heights. I think  
9 given the testimony that we're receiving about Highland  
10 Park and Eagle Rock and Echo Park not wanting to be with  
11 places like Burbank and Glendale, I think I'm still  
12 looking to see what our options are, particularly at this  
13 Assembly district level where things are smaller.

14 MS. CLARK: I understand. Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thanks.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.  
17 Commissioner Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, thank you. I'll just  
19 weigh in on what Commissioner Sadhwani said, and there's  
20 another intent that I had. I do agree with her. I'm  
21 just wondering also, as an alternative, and Commissioner  
22 Sadhwani, tell me if you might think this might be  
23 workable, what -- would it be possible to remove LA 32  
24 Neighborhood Council, Lincoln Heights, put it together  
25 with Echo Park, the Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood

1 Council, the Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council,  
2 Arroyo Seco, Glassell Park, Eagle Rock, and Historic  
3 Highland Park into a district that would, one, be of  
4 appropriate size, and one that would also honor this  
5 district.

6 I don't believe it is noted as a VRA unless I'm  
7 looking at the colors on the map on the screen  
8 incorrectly. So I'm just suggesting that because it may  
9 give some flexibility then.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: May I respond to that,  
11 Chair?

12 CHAIR LE MONS: Sure.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And -- oh, I'm sorry. And  
14 then also possibly dipping down into -- no, that's okay.  
15 Let's just stop there.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: If I can just respond,  
17 that's exactly what I was thinking. So the NLA district,  
18 which to me is like NELA, right, which is the -- kind of  
19 the neighborhood shorthand for this area, is a VRA  
20 district. To the best of my understanding, it is, and  
21 I'm curious if we were to make that switch, if we would  
22 maintain that VRA district.

23 Those areas that we're identifying, Echo Park, Eagle  
24 Rock, et cetera, as the testimony we heard last night  
25 suggested, you know, those are historically Latino

1 communities. They are, you know, facing a lot of  
2 gentrification and as well as issues around the unhoused.  
3 So I think keeping them together makes a whole lot of  
4 sense, and it -- you know, what I'm hearing is they're --  
5 and I mean, it is true, they are a part of Los Angeles  
6 and want to stay a part of Los Angeles, not necessarily  
7 with these other areas.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Because then to what  
9 you're saying, then the ripple effect is then to keep  
10 Boyle Heights and East LA together with the historic  
11 downtown LA core because I think they do belong together,  
12 and then perhaps extending into Chinatown and perhaps, I  
13 don't know if this makes sense, you know, to keep  
14 Koreatown -- or I'm sorry, extending into Koreatown and  
15 to keep Koreatown whole, extending into the Greater  
16 Wilshire Neighborhood Council, too, instead of splitting  
17 them. I know that they really did not want to be split  
18 again.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And that would then  
21 encompass the Wilshire corridor that stops at essentially  
22 I think it would be like La Brea or Fairfax or somewhere  
23 thereabouts where the neighborhood does become much more  
24 different.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's correct. And I think

1 the other piece I didn't mention there is obviously if  
2 we're splitting up that Burbank/North LA district, and  
3 tell me, Commissioner Akutagawa, your thoughts here, that  
4 would leave open Los Feliz/Silver Lake areas, which were  
5 also --

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: To keep with Hollywood.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Exactly, which were --

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- identified by LGBTQ  
10 communities. It --

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It would require rethinking  
13 Glendale. I think you can go into up La Canada, La  
14 Crescenta areas, South Pass might be able to go into that  
15 East 210 corridor. So I think figuring out that North LA  
16 Piece -- Northeast LA, it's going to have a major ripple  
17 effect, but I think it would be a good one.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And I know that Glendale  
19 and Burbank also asked to be put together. I know  
20 yesterday we also talked about possibly splitting up that  
21 210 corridor, COI, into two separate districts instead of  
22 one very long district. So given some of these  
23 directions that we just discussed, that may also give  
24 some flexibility if they had to break it up.

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioners.

1 MS. CLARK: Can I just respond just to that last  
2 piece?

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Yes.

4 MS. CLARK: I'm happy to explore all of these  
5 options. Thank you so much for this direction, and just  
6 noting that in these areas, there are areas may have VRA  
7 consideration, so do -- I'll do what I can with the 210  
8 corridor, and the movement might be further west as  
9 opposed to further east, and, of course, just happy to  
10 explore and work on -- work on making all these  
11 directions come true to the extent possible. Thank you.

12 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Jaime.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chair? My --

14 CHAIR LE MONS: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I originally wanted to  
16 comment on the San Gabriel Valley, but perhaps I can just  
17 say to Jaime, given some of these additional changes in  
18 LA, which are going to have ripple effects, I think I'm  
19 going to hold off on my comments around the San -- the  
20 South San Gabriel Valley specifically. I'll just hold  
21 off until I see the new set of visualizations.

22 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Commissioner Vazquez.

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. Thank you. I'd like  
24 to -- I'd like to see some visualizations that explore  
25 keeping Echo Park and Highland Park together in

1 particular. Glassell Park would be great, although that  
2 probably then requires folks who -- Mount Washington,  
3 which is where I live, which is a very, very high income  
4 and not really like the rest that surrounds these  
5 communities, but just I -- yeah.

6 I'm moved by a lot of our comments from last night,  
7 and I'm -- I'd still like us to keep an eye on, not just  
8 the CVAP -- the Latino CVAP in this area, even if there  
9 aren't sort of all three conditions met for a voting  
10 rights district. I think to -- there's a community of  
11 interest historically of Latino population that is  
12 shifting with gentrification, and so just want us to take  
13 a wider view of sort of who is in these neighborhoods now  
14 and just don't want to dilute the power and experiences  
15 of the communities that are -- you know, like Boyle  
16 Heights and East Los Angeles by putting them with  
17 communities that are so influx that they won't look  
18 anything like they are even now in two or three years.  
19 Thank you.

20 CHAIR LE MONS: Mr. Toledo.

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. And I just wanted  
22 to give a general direction in terms of some of the  
23 districts, including this one, has pretty high Latino  
24 CVAP. In trying to get some of the -- to shift the CVAPs  
25 to other VRA districts that may not be as high,

1 especially these that are in the 70s and 60s, trying to  
2 get them a little bit lower so that they're -- so that  
3 they can -- so trying to reduce the deviation closer to  
4 zero, and then trying to get the CVAP lowered and more  
5 even and balanced across the VRA districts, if possible,  
6 and I think -- so that would be my direction. Thank you.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

8 Commissioner Yee.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Following that -- up on  
10 that, I'm wondering if VRA council could comment on the  
11 NLA district as it's drawn, and then in relation to some  
12 of the suggestions that are being made and whether -- and  
13 what -- what are the extent -- what is the extent of our  
14 VRA obligations there. I did not actually understand  
15 that to be a VRA district in my notes, but I could be  
16 wrong. So if Mr. Becker's available, possibly.

17 MR. BECKER: Yeah, absolutely. It is an area where  
18 we do not see three Gingles preconditions. So the Voting  
19 Rights Act does not require a particular district to be  
20 drawn to protect minorities in that area. It also  
21 doesn't preclude that communities of interest be kept  
22 together given that there are some natural concentrations  
23 of communities within that area, but this is not an area  
24 that the Voting Rights Act -- Voting Rights Act  
25 considerations are particularly strong.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Any other direction to  
2 the line drawers with regard to Los Angeles before we  
3 move to Southern California?

4 Thank you, Commissioners, for your thoughtful  
5 feedback this morning.

6 Thank you, Jaime.

7 At this time, I'd like to acknowledge Andrew.

8 MR. DRECHSLER: Thank you, Chair.

9 Sivan will be coming on in just a second, and she  
10 will be pulling up the map in the southern region of the  
11 state.

12 In this region, we have a total of twenty-three  
13 districts we're going to be talking about. The  
14 population overall is -- we're above by 80,000 as we  
15 heard just this morning from Commissioner Sadhwani, you  
16 know, there -- there's considerations of -- on the  
17 LA/Orange County border, some conversation yesterday with  
18 Kern and Tulare borders, so I think there will be some  
19 changes there.

20 Given the -- the swap in mappers, I would just ask a  
21 little patience. We adhered to a lot of the requests  
22 that -- that we received from last week, and we got most  
23 of them in. There were a couple situations where we  
24 found we still need to -- to add those in, and Sivan will  
25 highlight a couple of those areas.

1           There are, you know, for the most part, I think  
2 twenty of the twenty-three are in the deviation of the  
3 minus five to five. There are two -- just two  
4 visualizations that are currently just over five percent,  
5 and there's one that is -- is over seven percent that we  
6 will be addressing, but just wanted to let you know  
7 we're -- we're aware of that, and the -- those are  
8 changes that we aware of and -- and will be making.

9           With that, I will hand this over to Sivan, who we  
10 are going to start with the visualizations that have VRA  
11 considerations first, and so I will turn it over to  
12 Sivan.

13           MS. TRATT: Hi, everyone. In case you missed it  
14 yesterday or forgot, my name is Sivan. I'm part of  
15 HaystaqDNA team, and I'm really honored to be here. I'll  
16 be taking over for John's region, so Southern California,  
17 and as Andrew mentioned, we're just going to jump right  
18 into the districts that have some potential VRA  
19 considerations.

20           This is largely going to be in order of the PDF  
21 booklet, so if you wanted to turn to page 90 to follow  
22 along, I'll going to start with the SEC district,  
23 Southeast California.

24           So there were not many changes that were made to  
25 this district from last time, and I'll just being also

1 toggling on and off last week's district -- or sorry.  
2 Excuse me -- visualization boundaries just to kind of  
3 further highlight where those changes were made and where  
4 we kept what we had.

5       The main change that was made to this visualization  
6 right here is that as you can see up here near Needles,  
7 we received direction from multiple commissioners to try  
8 and add more of a buffer around some of these rural  
9 communities, just keeping in mind that there are folks  
10 who live outside of those incorporated boundaries who are  
11 likely associated with the city or town nearby, and so  
12 you can see here that we just added a little bit more of  
13 a buffer around Needles.

14       So also regarding changes that were made to  
15 accommodate commissioner requests, we -- we definitely  
16 heard loud and clear that we want to have it as a goal to  
17 keep as many tribal lands intact as possible. So keeping  
18 that in mind, there are thirty-one reservations or Indian  
19 associated lands that are in this visualization. We were  
20 able to keep twenty-nine of the thirty-one intact, and  
21 the two that are split are actually just land splits, not  
22 population splits, and we have some ideas of how to kind  
23 of wiggle things around to maybe even reduce that  
24 further.

25       But as you can see, this was a little bit more

1 successful at incorporating some of those instructions  
2 that we received, and this district currently -- or this  
3 visualization, excuse me, currently has a deviation of  
4 negative 1.97 percent with a Latino CVAP of 54.75. And  
5 with that, I'll turn it over to Mr. Becker in case he has  
6 anything else to add.

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

9 MS. TRATT: All right. This will be the only jump  
10 in order, so bear with me for just a second. If you  
11 would turn to page 112, I just wanted to quickly talk  
12 about this district. Not much to say as it maintains the  
13 same boundaries that you saw in the last round of  
14 visualizations.

15 Mr. Becker, did you have anything else to add?

16 MR. BECKER: No. I don't have anything else to add.  
17 In fact, I'll just -- I'll just interject if I have  
18 anything, or I'll obviously respond to any questions that  
19 you all have as we go through these.

20 MS. TRATT: Okay. Perfect. In that case, I will  
21 move right along. So if you would flip back to page 91,  
22 and then we'll be on track. We should be on track to  
23 stay in order. I'm just going to zoom in this area here  
24 where we have a cluster of these potential VRA districts,  
25 and pardon the buffering. So sorry about the lag.

1 Hopefully it will speed up soon.

2 All right. There we go. Thanks for your patience,  
3 everyone. So starting out right here, again, there were  
4 no changes in this PCO. That's the Pomona/Chino/Ontario  
5 visualization. So this maintained the same boundaries  
6 that you saw last week.

7 The next one on page 92 would be the RCFR  
8 visualization right here, which also did not have any  
9 changes from last week. On page 93, SBCHR right to the  
10 east of the previous visualization. Again, we did not  
11 make any changes from last week. So this is the same  
12 visualization that you've already seen.

13 And then going down into the Jurupa Valley, again,  
14 no changes were made to this visualization, and then the  
15 final VRA consideration visualization is this MPH  
16 district, and I'll just turn on last week's boundaries to  
17 highlight the changes that were made. It's really minor,  
18 and I'm actually going to have to zoom in just to  
19 highlight it, but it was in consideration with the same  
20 instruction to preserve Native lands.

21 So as you can see, the border last week kind of  
22 zigzagged to accommodate the -- the border of the City of  
23 San Jacinto, and all that was changed was that the border  
24 was actually just moved slightly farther to the west just  
25 to reunite the Soboba Indian Reservation that's right

1 bordering it, but otherwise, it is the same that you have  
2 seen.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sivan, would you mind  
4 giving us the page numbers also? Thank you.

5 MS. TRATT: Yeah, absolutely. So that last one was  
6 on page 95, and I'll just be going in order, so once we  
7 get to loading, I will move on to page 96. If you'll  
8 just bear with me for one more minute. Actually --

9 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. I -- I'm sorry I  
11 was late. I heard that we've already done Imperial  
12 County and the San Diego visualization, and I -- as we  
13 were waiting for to -- this to upload, I just wanted to  
14 know if I -- that one isn't going all -- the -- I think  
15 the most important, and this goes for just all the  
16 visualizations that includes that San Diego -- the South  
17 San Diego side is to make sure that we're keeping  
18 National City, Imperial -- Imperial Beach, National City  
19 Bonita, Barrio Logan, Logan Heights, Chula Vista and San  
20 Ysidro together as one COI, as one community of interest,  
21 and that's both looking at it as a -- as just a low  
22 income, working class Latino and Asian area.

23 And it -- and in some of them, I know, and I'm  
24 talking a little broad, we're connecting that area all  
25 the up to San Bernardino, and the truth the South Bay

1 area is very different than the far east area, and the  
2 most I think of it, the more that visualization wasn't --  
3 isn't making sense.

4 MS. TRATT: Commissioner Sinay, just to confirm, so  
5 are you talking about this Chula Vista/San Ysidro  
6 visualization that's on page 112, or are you talking  
7 about the southeast -- the SEC district that's on page  
8 90?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So the one on 112, I think is  
10 close, and I don't think it can expand to include barrio  
11 Logan and Logan Heights, but ideally, it would include  
12 barrio Logan and Logan Heights.

13 MS. TRATT: Absolutely.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Which -- and, you know, we can  
15 talk about where we would have to change, but Barrio  
16 Logan and Logan Heights is really part of that whole  
17 visualization.

18 Sorry. I think I jumped because I thought this one  
19 was the one that connect ed to Imperial County, but then  
20 I -- that's more in the Congressional and the Senate  
21 side, but I just --

22 MS. TRATT: No. That's totally fine.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- wanted to say in all of  
24 them, that that -- this should be -- the kind of the  
25 anchor is those communities.

1 MS. TRATT: Absolutely. We can definitely go back  
2 to our VRA counsel and try and potentially see if there  
3 are options to kind of extend this National City border  
4 north to include some of those neighborhoods in San  
5 Diego, such as Barrio Logan.

6 And yeah. Were there any other questions from  
7 commissioners about these VRA visualizations, or should  
8 and move on to the other ones?

9 CHAIR LE MONS: Continue.

10 MS. TRATT: Thank you, Chair.

11 All right. So we are going to talk about San Diego  
12 first, so good news, Commissioner Sinay, you did not miss  
13 it.

14 I'm going to start with page 96, so this is the  
15 SESDC district, which is right above that district -- or  
16 the visualization we were just talking about, and as you  
17 can see, these red lines are last week's visualizations.  
18 There were no changes that were made, so you've already  
19 seen that.

20 And pardon me. I just realized I still have my  
21 CVAP -- would it be helpful if I kept my CVAP numbers on,  
22 or should and just turn it to show the deviation? What  
23 would you all prefer?

24 CHAIR LE MONS: Just the deviation.

25 MS. TRATT: All right. Just give me one moment to

1 turn that off quickly. Sorry about that. All right. So  
2 now the labels are just displaying the deviation for your  
3 reference.

4 The next visualization is on -- pardon, is on page  
5 97, and this is the SDC visualization that kind of comes  
6 all the down that -- the coastal areas of the City of San  
7 Diego, and then going all the way north to actually split  
8 Carlsbad, which is new in this visualization, and also  
9 accompany -- excuse me, encompasses Coronado.

10 We definitely heard your feedback last week to kind  
11 of play around and see if Coronado could fit in a  
12 district with the downtown area of the City of San Diego,  
13 and unfortunately, we were not able to, kind of,  
14 incorporate that feedback for this round of  
15 visualizations, but if it's something that you would like  
16 us to keep in mind going forward, we will definitely hold  
17 on to that instruction and continue to try and fit that  
18 into a visualization so you can see what that would look  
19 like.

20 The only other differences between this district  
21 that you're seeing now and what we saw last week just  
22 highlighting again that Carlsbad is now split down a  
23 major street, and then also a little bit more of the City  
24 of San Diego was incorporated into this coastal district.

25 Moving on to page 98, this is the SDCY district, and

1 I'm going to zoom in just a little bit so you all can see  
2 more clearly, but this really encompasses just kind of  
3 the central area of the City of San Diego stretching from  
4 north to south, and the only change that was made from  
5 last week is that it was extended just a little bit north  
6 of the City of San Diego northern border right here, and  
7 I believe that was for population balancing. Any  
8 questions? Is this pace okay for everyone? Just  
9 checking in.

10 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Can we go back to  
12 the coastal one? The one --

13 MS. TRATT: Absolutely.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Because I think there's just a  
15 few things to kind of in mind. I did review kind of the  
16 report that we received from Equality California, and  
17 then compared it to some of the work that we're doing,  
18 and many of the LGBTQ+ communities also kind of butt in  
19 or are right next to or share areas that are also other  
20 communities of interest as well as in some cases VRA  
21 districts, and so I think that that's important to  
22 realize that, you know, we are looking at all the  
23 different communities of interest, but we do have six  
24 criteria that we need to follow with kind of the VRA  
25 being up at the top at number 2.

1 I do -- for this one, the coastal, one of the things  
2 that is -- that might be possible, and I'll explain, all  
3 of this kind of connects together, so the LGBTQ+  
4 community in San Diego encompasses North Park, Mission  
5 Hills, Hillcrest, South Park, Normal Heights, University  
6 Heights, Kings -- Kensington, sorry, down -- parts of  
7 downtown, I mean, downtown is a little bit of everybody,  
8 downtown, and if possible, Golden Hill. I mentioned  
9 those neighborhoods, they're all -- they are all  
10 basically together in the yellow, the San Diego City one,  
11 but if they could be with the coast, the reason I would  
12 like to see if we can move those neighborhoods to the  
13 coast, that would allow going up to the coast for  
14 Carlsbad to be whole because we -- wait, no. It would be  
15 the opposite.

16 So while it could be that Carlsbad could be whole  
17 going south, right, and be with the Camp Pendleton, but  
18 one of the things that came up on this up there is that  
19 Oceanside is really -- doesn't fit in with the Orange  
20 County communities that are on the other side of Camp  
21 Pendleton, so if -- we had said that as much as possible,  
22 we would try to keep it balanced, the cities from two  
23 different counties, and to keep it balanced and in  
24 similar community demographics, I know originally I had  
25 said go from Oceanside south to Carlsbad, but looking at

1 it, I would say Oceanside east to Vista, but we can keep  
2 playing with it as -- when we get there, and I would also  
3 include Coronado with downtown. So it might be that the  
4 coastal district just moves north a little bit or --  
5 anyway.

6 MS. TRATT: Okay. So just to reiterate, just to  
7 make sure that I understand, are you saying that you  
8 would rather Oceanside come in with vista to this VSME  
9 district so that Oceanside is --

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, no.

11 MS. TRATT: -- removed?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Camp Pendleton -- Camp  
13 Pendleton, Oceanside, and Vista.

14 MS. TRATT: Okay. So to extend the SOCN/SDE to  
15 include Vista?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right. And so we could --

17 MS. TRATT: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- take -- keep Carl -- you  
19 know, Carlsbad as much as possible together, whichever  
20 way it has to go, and then take Vista, and then if you  
21 still need more, then go south on Carlsbad.

22 MS. TRATT: Great. And I will definitely look for  
23 community of interest testimony that is talking about  
24 neighborhoods and San Diego. Unfortunately, we don't  
25 have an official San Diego neighborhood layer, so any

1 specific instructions you could give to kind of further  
2 define where those neighborhood boundaries would be  
3 extremely helpful.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. I'll --

5 MS. TRATT: -- in kind of adding those areas.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'll do a quick Google Map, and  
7 then get back to you.

8 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think Andrew's raising his  
10 hand, but I'm not sure.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: He is.

12 MR. DRECHSLER: Yeah. I was just --

13 CHAIR LE MONS: I got -- hold on, please. I'll  
14 manage the meeting. Andrew.

15 MR. DRECHSLER: Thank you, Chair, and I was just  
16 going to say we will also look at COIs that have been  
17 submitted as well, Commissioner Sinay, to see if there's  
18 any -- there's been a number of COIs that are submitted,  
19 so we'll look at those as well as we're considering  
20 that -- those directions for this visualization. Thank  
21 you.

22 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

23 Commissioner Fernandez.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Just  
25 quickly, in terms of Coronado, the San Diego one, the

1 SDCY is negative, so if possible, maybe move that because  
2 I believe Coronado is not as -- it's only 20,000, so that  
3 might fit in well there, and if that happens, trying to  
4 keep Carlsbad, yeah, not split. So I'm hoping that that  
5 will maybe open up Carlsbad not being split, plus that  
6 district is already a negative, almost negative 2. So  
7 maybe that will be enough to keep Carlsbad together.

8 Thank you.

9 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

10 Any additional feedback in this particular area?

11 Okay. Sivan, you can continue, please.

12 MS. TRATT: Thank you so much, Chair, and thank you  
13 for that feedback, commissioners.

14 All right. I believe we just covered the  
15 visualization that was on page 98. So moving on to the  
16 visualization on page 99, which is WSDC right here just  
17 to the east of the City of San Diego.

18 In terms of changes, the main change that you can  
19 see from last week is that the City of Ramona is now  
20 incorporated into the visualization as well as this  
21 unincorporated area that lies between Poway and Ramona,  
22 and that is really the big change that happened in this  
23 district, and that added about 21,000 people to this  
24 visualization district. So as you can see the deviation  
25 is a little bit over, but that is what happened when we

1 moved Ramona in.

2 And then moving to page 100 just north, obviously  
3 since we pulled Ramona out of this district and moved it  
4 south, that's one change that you'll see from last week,  
5 and then just give my map a second to load again.

6 Awesome. So as you can see, so Ramona was removed.

7 Sorry. I thought it was going to buffer faster, but it  
8 stays -- it's really slow. Excuse me. We'll work on  
9 getting this a little bit faster for last time.

10 All right. So this VSME visualization, which you  
11 can find on page 100 of the PDF, this removed Ramona and  
12 this unincorporated area. The other thing that it did  
13 was it added Bonsall as well as Fallbrook and Rainbow.  
14 So you can see in the previous version of this  
15 visualization, it was cut off just south of Bonsall, and  
16 so we've extended that north to the county border.

17 Moving on to the next visualization on page 101, so  
18 looking at this coastal area that includes camp Pendleton  
19 as well as Oceanside -- excuse me one second. I want you  
20 all to be able to see while I talk about it so it's in  
21 context. All right. Thanks again for everyone's  
22 patience.

23 So yes. So this district is incorporating Oceanside  
24 with Camp Pendleton, and obviously we received some  
25 direction today about some ways in which this could

1 potentially extend. It does cross the Orange County  
2 border to pick up the cities in the south of Orange  
3 County, and in terms of changes from last time you saw  
4 this version of this visualization, the border with  
5 Carlsbad we've already discussed in the San Diego coastal  
6 district, but this was split just slightly right here,  
7 and then obviously Rainbow, Fallbrook, and Bonsall were  
8 removed from this area. So now it stands at a slightly  
9 negative deviation.

10 All right. So moving on to the visualization on  
11 page 102, which will just move us slight lay north up the  
12 coast. This is the NOCCC, which I believe is North  
13 Orange County Coastal. I'm not sure what the last C is,  
14 but this is the North Orange County Coastal district, and  
15 the only changes that were that Laguna Woods and Laguna  
16 Hills were added, and then Costa Mesa was split, which  
17 was previously not split in order to add the southern  
18 part, and I will turn on last week's borders just so you  
19 can kind of see where that change occurred. Just up  
20 here, it extended a little bit north to include that  
21 portion.

22 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair.

24 Sorry. On the visualization, West San Diego City,  
25 the -- page 99. We've been -- one of the questions that

1 was asked before was where do we kind of split El Cajon  
2 because El Cajon is really part of East Count -- part of  
3 East County, which is a lot of what that pink district  
4 is, but also, we -- there's a lot of immigrants and  
5 refugees and Latinos. You know, it's a working class,  
6 lower income community and a very wealthy community, and  
7 I think in looking at where are most of the resources for  
8 low income and where -- there's -- there seems to be a  
9 line at -- El Cajon at Hammish (ph.) Avenue.

10 So I'm not sure if El Cajon would split here and  
11 what was used, but I just wanted to put that group --  
12 that west of Hammish is more the low income, and the part  
13 that should be connected with Lemon Grove -- City  
14 Heights, Lemon Grove, and Spring Valley, that -- and  
15 Southeastern San Diego and north can stay with the --  
16 that pink area. Thank you.

17 MS. TRATT: Thank you for that feedback. We'll  
18 definitely take a look at that.

19 Were there any comments on previous districts, or  
20 should I go back to where I was, Chair?

21 CHAIR LE MONS: Go back to where you were.  
22 Continue.

23 MS. TRATT: All right.

24 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

25 MS. TRATT: Just one moment. Absolutely. All

1 right. So the next visual --

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Sivan?

3 MS. TRATT: Oh, yeah.

4 CHAIR LE MONS: Excuse me. Andrew, did you have a  
5 comment before we continue?

6 MR. DRECHSLER: Yeah. I was just looking at the El  
7 Cajon just as we're waiting. It looks like we -- the --  
8 obviously it was a split, but there were 8,000 people in  
9 one district and about 90,000 in the other. So you know,  
10 we will look at trying to keep that as one.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

12 MS. TRATT: Thanks, Andrew.

13 Okay. So we're just going to move away from the  
14 coast slightly into this Santa Ana/Anaheim district, or  
15 SAA, and you all can find this on page 103.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Excuse me, Sivan. Before you  
17 continue, Commissioner Sinay, do you have a comment on --  
18 okay. Go ahead, please.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. I just wanted to reply,  
20 make sure I was being clear. El Cajon should be split.  
21 I just want to make sure that the split was at Hammish  
22 Avenue.

23 MR. DRECHSLER: Uh-huh.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Sorry. I thought that  
25 you were -- thank you.

1 MS. TRATT: Thank you for that clarification.

2 That's very helpful.

3 Okay. So yes. This SAA visualization actually did  
4 not see any changes from last week. So you have already  
5 seen this, and if there are any instructions on tweaks, I  
6 would be happy to hear that.

7 Otherwise, moving on to the following page, 104,  
8 this is the Garden Grove/Westminster district, and I'm  
9 going to zoom in to give you all a better look, and the  
10 instructions that we received about this visualization  
11 from last week included an instruction from Commissioner  
12 Akutagawa to move Cypress out of the district and move it  
13 in with a portion of Costa Mesa.

14 We also received direction from Commissioner Kennedy  
15 concerning Los Alamitos about shifting Los Alamitos from  
16 Harbor Gateway into the Garden Grove. We did not do that  
17 for this version of the visualization, but could  
18 definitely take a look at doing that for this next round,  
19 if that is an instruction that still stands.

20 And then we also received -- let's see. Obviously  
21 trying to keep intact COIs that are concerning Little  
22 Saigon, and I'm just show you, these are just two  
23 examples of community-submitted maps that describe what  
24 the potential borders of Little Saigon are, and as you  
25 can see, the current configuration of this visualization

1 does a relatively good job at keeping this COI intact;  
2 although, you can see there's a little bit that is  
3 excluded from this visualization, but overall, seems to  
4 encompass what a lot of folks were giving feedback about  
5 what is Little Saigon. So I will just turn that back  
6 off.

7 And let's see. So the changes that we saw in this  
8 visualization from last week, just to highlight, the  
9 northern part of Costa Mesa was added in. So previously  
10 Costa Mesa was not split, but now you can see this  
11 northern portion is added in with the green.  
12 Additionally, all of Cypress was removed just given that  
13 direction that we received from Commissioner Akutagawa.  
14 Stanton was also split, and we split Stanton along the  
15 39. So you can see that right here.

16 All right. Moving on to the NOC visualization,  
17 which is just to the north. So let's see. So the main  
18 instruction that we received last week about this  
19 visualization was from Commissioner Akutagawa and asking  
20 to see if there's flexibility to keep Little Arabia in  
21 one district.

22 So we were able to pull some testimony COIs about  
23 Little Arabia. This is just one example of what  
24 community members defined as like the Little Arabia kind  
25 of corridor, and so as you can see, this is kept intact

1 within this visualization; although, I believe the  
2 directions were initially more about this Santa Ana  
3 district, but we were able to keep this intact in  
4 visualization. It was just in this Santa Ana/Anaheim  
5 district.

6 The other things that were changed, all of Cypress,  
7 Artesia, and Cerritos were added, and I will just turn on  
8 the other -- the other borders to show you what that  
9 change looked like. And then other -- the other change  
10 was that the part of Stanton that was cut by this Garden  
11 Grove/Westminster visualization was added into the NOC  
12 area, and this is one of the visualizations that, as  
13 Andrew kind of mentioned at the very beginning, is a  
14 little on the high side for a deviation; although,  
15 keeping in mind that these are still very much kind of  
16 exploratory visualizations. We would be really happy to  
17 hear feedback in -- just concerning what populations to  
18 lose, and I will be working very closely with Jaime about  
19 this LA border area, which has we know, has been, you  
20 know, a little bit difficult to say the least to kind of  
21 split up and categorize. So any feedback about that  
22 would be greatly appreciated.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Fernandez.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

25 Sivan, I'm sorry. Did you explain why we split

1 Stanton? I probably missed it. So I apologize.

2 MS. TRATT: No. The -- I didn't give a reason. I  
3 believe it was for population. It was split along a  
4 major transportation corridor, the 39, I believe, but I  
5 can definitely -- if I receive an instruction to try and  
6 kind of reunite --

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well --

8 MS. TRATT: -- Stanton in either district. I could  
9 take a look at that.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, that -- that's what I  
11 was thinking is right now, the district below is  
12 negative, and if you added all of Stanton in there, it  
13 could also reduce the positive 5.8 in the current  
14 district. So I was trying to -- that might level both of  
15 them out. Stanton isn't huge, so that's just --

16 MS. TRATT: Absolutely. Yeah. We'll definitely  
17 take a look at that --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

19 MS. TRATT: -- adding that back in. Thank you.

20 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yep. To me the problem with  
22 this district stems from the previous one, the Garden  
23 Grove/Westminster one, I had disagreed with Commissioner  
24 Akutagawa last week about the Costa Mesa addition, and I  
25 continue to disagree with that change. I think we've

1 also had a lot of community testimony about Costa Mesa  
2 staying with Irvine, Tustin, possibly yes and noes on  
3 Newport Beach.

4 So I think that that needs to come out of this  
5 district, and perhaps that's one of those decision points  
6 that we need to be discussing about which direction we  
7 want to go there, but I don't think it belongs in that  
8 district. So I would be -- I was more comfortable with  
9 what was there last week that included Cypress, and I  
10 forget what else was included. I don't recall if Los  
11 Alamitos was a part of that district. I think so. No.  
12 No, it was not.

13 MS. TRATT: No, it wasn't. Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. Got it. Yeah. I  
15 forget what the deviations were on that, but I mean,  
16 certainly, I think the that cut we had had last week made  
17 a whole lot more sense. I do like where we're going with  
18 that district up above that we were just looking at, that  
19 North OC one, so if we took at all of Cypress to add it  
20 back into the Garden Grove one, you know, certainly  
21 that's going to shift the deviations there. I don't have  
22 a good answer for you. I don't recall what it was  
23 before, but I think it's also, again, stemming from that  
24 South LA/North OC district where there's also those API  
25 COIs. Again, I think we need to get that sorted out, and

1 that's going to help answer a lot of these questions in  
2 the North OC area.

3 MS. TRATT: Commissioner, would you like me to look  
4 up what the deviation was last week? I have it in a -- I  
5 can look that up quickly, if that would be helpful for  
6 you.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Either way. I mean, I think  
8 to me, you know, getting that Little Saigon area right,  
9 and then going -- as we move further up, you know,  
10 getting that area with Hacienda Heights, Diamond Bar,  
11 Walnut, et cetera, right will help us answer what needs  
12 to happen in that North OC area. It's the connective  
13 tissue, so to speak, between those two regions. So it's  
14 okay. It's okay. I'm okay with that. I can look it up.  
15 I have it.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you.

18 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. And  
20 Commissioner Sadhwani, I will admit, I was wrong on that  
21 one. So I have been trying to figure out how to move out  
22 Costa Mesa and put it back in with the -- with Irvine  
23 without throwing off the numbers completely because Costa  
24 Mesa is so big, and I have yet not quite figured it out.  
25 I've been, you know, trying to figure that part out.

1           But I will agree, I was going to -- one of my  
2 directions was to ask to remove Costa Mesa from this  
3 Garden Grove visualization. I know we've also heard  
4 quite a bit of testimony, there's also a lot of written  
5 testimony, both pros and cons, in terms of the placement  
6 of Los Alamitos and Rossmoor as well as now Cypress. I  
7 would maybe just say for right now, we leave those as  
8 kind of flexible areas. I think those are those  
9 LA/Orange County border areas that we'll have to grapple  
10 with whether or not they -- you know, we'll need to put  
11 them back in with Long Beach to, you know -- to balance  
12 out the populations in Orange County or whether or not,  
13 for example, we were to put Los Alamitos and Rossmoor in  
14 with the Orange County Coastal, which is Seal Beach,  
15 Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, and then make some  
16 adjustments to the Irvine visualization with the addition  
17 of Costa Mesa.

18           I do also agree with what you just said in terms of  
19 the North Orange County visualization. I do like where  
20 that is going as well too because I think it's hitting a  
21 number of communities of interest in those areas.

22           Sivan, maybe a thought, and this is where I think  
23 there's going to be somewhat of a dismantling because  
24 the -- it's the CNF. I know that you haven't -- I don't  
25 think you quite got to that one yet, but the CNF

1 includes, you know, just a really odd combination of  
2 cities. It's really huge. It includes a lot of  
3 Riverside County, but it also includes Rowland Heights,  
4 Diamond Bar, Walnut.

5 I'm mentioning this now because I think I said this  
6 yesterday, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, and Diamond  
7 Bar should be together. I know that Diamond Bar and  
8 Walnut want to be together. Brea is also pretty closely  
9 aligned with these communities as well too, so I was also  
10 quickly trying to figure out population numbers. I'm  
11 still working on that, but I think there's going to be a  
12 dismantling here. So it may be that I would just -- my  
13 direction would be, I think just globally --

14 CHAIR LE MONS: Can you hear me, Nadia?

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, I can now. Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So Sivan, just globally, I  
17 think given some of these additional changes, I'd like to  
18 see what you come up and see how these other areas turn  
19 out to be given some of these changes of moving a city as  
20 large as Costa Mesa will be.

21 MS. TRATT: Absolutely. Did you want me to jump to  
22 talk about --

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One second. Wait. I (audio  
24 interference).

25 MS. TRATT: Pardon. I can talk about --

1 CHAIR LE MONS: (Indiscernible, simultaneous  
2 speech) --

3 MS. TRATT: -- CNF next if that would be helpful for  
4 your directions, Commissioner Akutagawa.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sure. That would be great.

6 MS. TRATT: Okay. So that would be on page 108 just  
7 flipping forward slightly, and as was mentioned, some of  
8 the major changes were that Walnut and part of Industry,  
9 Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar, and Chino Hills were all  
10 added to this visualization, and I'll give it another  
11 moment to buffer.

12 So you can see the addition of those areas just over  
13 here. The other changes were that all areas in Orange  
14 County were removed. The ones that were previously in  
15 the district that kind of stretched from Silverado to  
16 Mission Viejo, additionally Meadowbrook and part of Lake  
17 Elsinore that's west of Meadowbrook was removed, and I  
18 will turn on last week's borders just to show.

19 There was kind of pretty drastic changes. So you  
20 can see the loss of Meadowbrook right here, that this  
21 border was moved up to exclude these kind of mountainous  
22 Orange County areas, and then extended northwest to  
23 capture Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar, and Chino Hills.

24 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I'm just going to say

1 a big no on this one and back to the drawing board. You  
2 know, I think we've mentioned numerous times, there's a  
3 whole bunch of COIs, COI testimony that we've received,  
4 you know, about this South LA County area. We have -- I  
5 think we have to figure that piece out. I just do not  
6 see that area as connected to Temescal Valley and some of  
7 those other -- NorCo and these other parts of Riverside,  
8 et al. So I think that we need to go back to the drawing  
9 board here. That's as much as I'll give it as -- at this  
10 stage.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

12 Commissioner Akutagawa, did you an additional  
13 comment?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. It -- perhaps I  
15 could just give direction in terms of what I would like  
16 to see with these cities, and then Sivan, maybe you can  
17 add other areas that might make sense for population.

18 MS. TRATT: Absolutely.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Because I think with  
20 what's -- similar to what Commissioner Sadhwani said, I  
21 mean, these are as diametrically opposed as you can get,  
22 very, very different COIs, very different kinds of  
23 communities. I'd like to see Walnut, Diamond Bar,  
24 Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights, La Habra Heights, La  
25 Habra, and I know that we're also looking at some

1 reshuffling of the San Gabriel Valley cities, which is  
2 why I'm also noting La Habra and La Habra Heights.

3 Perhaps we can also look at -- I saw some COI  
4 testimony speaking to the Phillips Ranch portion of  
5 Pomona, I believe is that little, teeny, tiny like, I  
6 don't know. It looks like an iPhone charger little block  
7 piece that seems to be right in between Walnut and  
8 Diamond Bar. We did also hear some testimony, both in  
9 terms of written and also last night, about Chino Hills.  
10 I don't know enough about Chino Hills. Maybe there's a  
11 portion of Chino Hills or we can take a look back again  
12 at the testimony, COI input to see, you know, if there's  
13 a specific portion of Chino Hills that may make sense to  
14 pull in.

15 I would also add in, if it makes sense to pull in  
16 Brea as well, too, and that unincorporated Carbon Canyon  
17 area that is right next to Brea for some population, and  
18 Brea and Rowland Heights, and Diamond Bar have a lot in  
19 common. They're all up the 57 there. Thank you.

20 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

21 Sivan, you can continue.

22 MS. TRATT: Great. Thank you so much, Chair.

23 I believe that last week we did receive direction  
24 that we -- that commissioners would prefer that Chino  
25 Hills stay with cities in Riverside County. Is that

1 still an instruction that you would like me to attempt  
2 for the next round of visualization? Does anyone feel  
3 strongly?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'll say for me, I think we  
5 heard some testimony last night, at least from one  
6 person, that he feels that they have more of an affinity  
7 to the Orange County/LA areas for -- more so than  
8 Riverside, and so again, I don't know enough about Chino  
9 Hills, and I would just go back and look at COI testimony  
10 to see if anybody noted like any specific borders that  
11 they feel might make a distinction between -- you know,  
12 is it the whole city, or if you split it, like if there's  
13 any re -- areas in Chino Hills that make sense.

14 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner. I just  
15 want to remind commissioners to cue themselves with the  
16 hand raise, please.

17 Commissioner Sadhwani.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. Thank you. And this  
19 question of Chino Hills, I'll say I think Chino Hills is  
20 one of those areas that could end up potentially in a lot  
21 of different places. It's right on that cusp, right on  
22 that border between LA, OC, and Riverside. So I really  
23 do see it could go in different directions, and we've  
24 received a lot of different kinds of testimony about  
25 Chino Hills.

1           Earlier in the summer, I recall getting testimony  
2 about keeping Chino and Chino Hills together, that they  
3 share school districts and all sorts of local resources.  
4 At the same time, we also received testimony that Chino  
5 is a more working class neighborhood whereas Chino Hills  
6 is not. So I think that there's definitely a divide  
7 there between Chino and Chino Hills, and for me, I would  
8 be very flexible about where it goes. I see it could  
9 potentially go in different places, and if need be, I  
10 don't have the population in front of me, but even if we  
11 needed to make a split within it, I'm sure the people  
12 wouldn't -- of Chino Hills wouldn't be happy about it,  
13 but I believe there's like a reservation or canyon or  
14 something that's in there, if we turn on the -- we don't  
15 need to turn the terrain layer right now, but I believe  
16 that there is some natural border within the city.

17           CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

18           Commissioner Vazquez.

19           COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. I was just going to say  
20 just from my experience of the region, Chino Hills is  
21 more culturally aligned with Orange County, and so that  
22 would be my preference; although, certainly I believe  
23 it -- Commissioner Sadhwani is right, it probably --  
24 there may be a split, or it could potentially go with LA  
25 County. Though I -- it is very distinct from the rest of

1 the visualization that starts with Chino and goes north.

2 So I'm less inclined to put them together with Chino.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

4 Commissioner Andersen.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. I also  
6 recall COI testimony from the summer, some including  
7 saying that Chino Hills could actually go with Yorba  
8 Linda as it's sort of all in the hills, that area. So  
9 that's another possibility as we decide where Chino Hills  
10 goes.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

12 Any additional feedback on this particular area of  
13 the visualization?

14 Okay. Sivan, you can continue, please.

15 MS. TRATT: All right. So I think the next logical  
16 one we should talk about then would be this LAOSB  
17 visualization, which you can find on page 106. The major  
18 changes, which are also reflected in some of the changes  
19 that I've already said for previous districts, so excuse  
20 me if I am repeating myself, but all of the change -- all  
21 of the areas in LA County were removed. So this does not  
22 include any LA County cities or areas.

23 So previously, what was in LA County that was  
24 included was Rowland Heights, Walnut, Diamond Bar, and  
25 Industry, and then also Chino Hills was removed.

1 Placentia was added, Tustin and North Tustin were  
2 removed, and the district also previously ended in the  
3 south at the edge of Anaheim, and now the district goes  
4 down to include the kind of canyon areas of -- and  
5 mountainous areas of that Orange County.

6 So that would be Silverado, Williams Canyon,  
7 Modjeska, Trabuco Canyon, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa  
8 Margarita, Las Flores, and Cota de Caza, and then that  
9 would also include all of the unincorporated area that  
10 goes up to the Orange County border.

11 So just to show again what that change looked like,  
12 major changes from the last time you saw this  
13 visualization, again snapping to Orange County borders,  
14 kind of moving to include Placentia, excluding North  
15 Tustin, and sweeping all the way down to Mission Viejo  
16 all the way up back to the Orange County border.

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So this  
19 visualization, LAOSB, I know that one of our directions  
20 was to add Costa Mesa back into Irvine. If we need to do  
21 that, my direction would be to remove Lake Forest and add  
22 it to the LAOSB visualization because it will then at  
23 least bring up the standard deviation a little bit more  
24 and -- yeah.

25 MS. TRATT: Thank you so much.

1           Was there any other feedback for this visualization,  
2 or should I continue?

3           CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani.

4           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Thank you. I agree  
5 generally speaking with Commissioner Akutagawa on this  
6 one as we shift Costa Mesa, I think parts of that Irvine  
7 district can get shaved off. Can you tell me in the  
8 Irvine area, there's like a lighter pink area on the --  
9 yep, right there. What's -- is that a part of the City  
10 of Irvine, or is that a different city?

11          MS. TRATT: I believe that's actually  
12 unincorporated. Let me just turn off this layer so we  
13 can see better. Yeah. This is actually just an  
14 unincorporated area, and I believe it's --

15          COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it.

16          MS. TRATT: I can turn the terrain layer back on if  
17 that would be helpful, but I believe this is pretty  
18 mountainous right here.

19          COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. Okay. So I don't  
20 know what the population swap would be between Costa Mesa  
21 and Lake Forest, but I do recall receiving some testimony  
22 about the, what is it, eastern parts of Irvine east of  
23 the 5 freeway being somewhat different from the western  
24 portions of Irvine. I'm not suggesting that we need to  
25 cut into Irvine, but if we do, that that would be a

1 border that we could think about.

2 My understanding, if I recall the COI testimony, and  
3 maybe it's worth it if staff or line drawers can go back  
4 and take a look at it, that that was sort of a natural  
5 border, I recall, between where UC-Irvine is and where  
6 there's a lot of renters versus homeowners, et cetera.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I was of the same  
9 mind about Irvine. However, I've read more recent  
10 testimony. Most people are asking for Irvine to be kept  
11 whole, including, I believe the vice mayor of the city.  
12 Of course, you know, for them, they'll probably prefer  
13 that the entire region or the entire city be together.

14 Commissioner Sadhwani, just to let you know, that  
15 pink corner that you were asking about, that's the Great  
16 Park in Orange County that used to be the El Toro Marine  
17 Base.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. Thank you so much.  
19 And I agree. Keep it whole, if possible, but if end up  
20 we needing additional population, I think cutting in that  
21 direction would make sense.

22 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

23 Sivan, continue, please.

24 MS. TRATT: Thank you so much. The only other thing  
25 I'll add before I move on is that the directions that

1 were incorporated from last week for this visualization  
2 were from Commissioner Akutagawa saying North Orange  
3 County, including Brea and Yorba Linda, to add Hacienda  
4 Heights, and then remove Chino Hills. So that was  
5 removed for this visualization, and then Yorba Linda and  
6 Brea remain in this visualization as well, and Hacienda  
7 Heights is not in this visualization.

8 The next one would be talking about this Irvine  
9 district, IRV, which is on page 107. We received  
10 direction from Commissioner Akutagawa to include all of  
11 Tustin with all of Irvine, and as you can see, we  
12 maintained that in this visualization. The changes in  
13 this visualization from last time were removing Laguna  
14 Hills and Laguna Woods as well as adding all of Tustin,  
15 which had previously been split, as well as North Tustin,  
16 and you can see those changes right here.

17 And then moving on to page -- oh, the next one would  
18 be CNF, which we've already covered. So --

19 CHAIR LE MONS: Sivan, excuse me.

20 MS. TRATT: Yeah.

21 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa, you have a  
22 comment?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Sivan, if it helps,  
24 because moving again Costa Mesa, the numbers are so much  
25 more larger than moving -- just moving out Lake Forest,

1 and I try -- I saw mixed testimony on this, but North  
2 Tustin, if it helps to move that out also into the CNF or  
3 LAOSB visualization, if that brings the numbers down for  
4 Irvine and the numbers up for the CNF one. Or no, I'm  
5 sorry, LAOSB. Thank you.

6 MS. TRATT: Thank you so much. We'll definitely  
7 give that a try and see what it looks like and show you  
8 all.

9 All right. Were there any other comments, Chair,  
10 or -- I'm sorry. I don't have the whole Zoom screen up  
11 on my --

12 CHAIR LE MONS: No, no. There isn't at this time.

13 MS. TRATT: Okay.

14 CHAIR LE MONS: You can continue.

15 MS. TRATT: Thank you so much.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: You're welcome.

17 MS. TRATT: All right. The next one I wanted to  
18 talk about was visualization MA. I'm just going to zoom  
19 out for one second. And MA is this Temescal Valley kind  
20 of corridor, and we actually did not receive any  
21 direction on this visualization last time. However, the  
22 changes that were made were to include more of Lake  
23 Elsinore as well as all of Meadowbrook, which had  
24 previously been split, so reuniting both of those cities.

25 And then moving to page 109 --

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Before you move --

2 MS. TRATT: Oh, yeah.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Before you move forward, Sivan,  
4 Commissioner Ahmad.

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Just a quick clarifying  
6 question. Is that bottom portion of Temecula cut off  
7 into SEC 1102?

8 MS. TRATT: I believe that this is actually tribal  
9 land, but let me just confirm that. Yeah. So it looks  
10 like this is actually part of a Native reservation.

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Got it. Okay. Thank you.

12 MS. TRATT: Absolutely.

13 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Sivan, I -- I'm  
15 looking at the South Orange County/North San Diego  
16 visualization. I know that the LAOSB visualization is  
17 still short some people, even with the addition of Lake  
18 Forest, I think if I'm looking at this right, yeah, Lake  
19 Forest and North Tustin. I'm also looking at perhaps if  
20 you were to incorporate in Ladera Ranch and Rancho  
21 Mission Viejo, would that bring up the numbers enough,  
22 and then could you then extend the North Orange County  
23 Coastal Coastline all the way down to the coast and  
24 including San Clemente with that? Because it's under  
25 deviation right now.

1 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So just to confirm, you're saying  
2 try moving Ladera Ranch and Rancho Mission Viejo into  
3 this LAOSB district? Is that what you're --

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

5 MS. TRATT: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

7 MS. TRATT: And then taking the --

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So that you can bring  
9 the --

10 MS. TRATT: The Orange Coast all the way down to  
11 this -- the county border?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Because the --  
13 because the deviation is pretty large right now still.  
14 So I want to see if it would bring that number up, and  
15 then seeing what you might have to do. Yeah.

16 MS. TRATT: Absolutely. We'll give that a try.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

18 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Kennedy.

19 MS. TRATT: Thank you.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: The population of North Tustin  
21 is a little bit over 25,000. That's in and of itself  
22 going to swing the variation on the LAOSB district to  
23 slightly positive, so --

24 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

25 We're going to be coming up on a break in five

1 minutes.

2 Sivan, continue, please.

3 MS. TRATT: Absolutely. I believe I only have two  
4 more. So that's the good news. Maybe I can get through  
5 them in the next five minutes.

6 The next one is going to be quite large, so let me  
7 zoom out quite a bit, and this is the Morongo  
8 Basin/Coachella Valley, MBCV, which is on page 110, and  
9 if you'll just bear with me while I get a good visual of  
10 that visualization.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa, while that  
12 that's loading, is your hand raised from before, or do  
13 you have a new comment?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No. My apologies. I'm  
15 going to --

16 MS. TRATT: All right. So again, this is one of the  
17 visualizations that is quite off for deviation. So this  
18 is going beyond that positive 5, negative 5 percent  
19 deviation. So we would really appreciate any feedback,  
20 especially kind of concerning these bordering counties,  
21 and I will be working very closely again with Jaime and  
22 Kennedy to incorporate those changes.

23 But this visualization, the main changes from the  
24 previous version that you saw were to remove low  
25 populated areas in eastern San Bernardino County.

1 Additionally, unincorporated areas that lie between  
2 Homestead Valley and Lucerne Valley as well as Big Bear  
3 City were removed.

4         Whitewater and Cabazon and the tribal area south of  
5 Palm Springs were added, and Desert Palms was removed.  
6 So it almost combines two visualizations, so there's  
7 quite a lot of changes, and I'm happy to zoom in a little  
8 bit closer to the Coachella Valley area, if that would be  
9 helpful for commissioners to get more detail on that.  
10 Just let me know.

11         CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Kennedy.

12         VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

13         Just my initial reaction is see about removing the  
14 portion above Interstate 40. You know, not sure what  
15 best to do with it, whether it's to attach it to a single  
16 other area, in which case, you know, that might be with  
17 Inyo County or to divide and put part of it with  
18 northeastern Kern County and another portion with Inyo  
19 County, but the area above Interstate 40, I don't think  
20 there's much population there. So that would be my  
21 initial reaction. Thank you.

22         CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Sivan, I think this is a good  
23 stopping point. We are going to take a break in about  
24 thirty seconds. So when we come back from break, which  
25 will be at 12:45, Commissioner Kennedy will be stepping

1 in on my behalf to chair the next ninety minutes, and I  
2 will see you all after lunch. I do need to step away for  
3 a moment. So I wanted to make everyone aware of that.

4 So at this time, let's take a break. We'll pick up  
5 where we are right here, again under the direction of  
6 Commissioner Kennedy. So enjoy your break, and see you  
7 all back a little bit later. Thank you so much.

8 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Welcome back from the break.  
10 Thank you for your patience, and I will once again turn  
11 it back Sivan.

12 MS. TRATT: Thank you so much, Chair.

13 All right. So I still have this kind of large-  
14 scale, zoomed-out view, and I just wanted to quickly  
15 highlight the Coachella area, so I'm just going to zoom  
16 in quickly so you can see some of those changes, and  
17 definitely feel free to interject at whatever point if  
18 you have feedback, but I just mainly wanted to point out  
19 how this -- the border of the visualization now goes  
20 outside of these cities in order to not split these  
21 Native lands right here, and then as I mentioned before,  
22 it removed Desert Palms, which was initially in this  
23 visualization.

24 And then if there's no immediate feedback, I can  
25 just move on to our final visualization for Assembly

1 districts. That's just to the north, and then let me  
2 zoom out to give you more of a macro view. So this is  
3 visualization VVHD, which is Victor Valley/High Desert,  
4 and it should be on page 111 of your PDF booklets.

5 The main changes from last time you saw this vis  
6 were that unincorporated areas between Lucerne Valley and  
7 Big Bear City were added, and I believe this goes along  
8 with the general commissioner feedback to give mere of a  
9 buffer to rural areas. We also added Barstow to this  
10 visualization; although, as you can see, it splits  
11 Lenwood, and it does not give Barstow very much of a  
12 buffer.

13 So I would definitely be open to hearing feedback  
14 about how to proceed with this area, but as you can see,  
15 currently we are over the 5 percent allowable deviation.  
16 So we're definitely going to need to lose some population  
17 from this visualization district in order to make it  
18 work, but that's what I have in terms of visualizations.  
19 So I'd be happy to hear comments and feedback.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Vazquez.

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thank you. Yes. To your  
22 question, Sivan, I'm wondering if it may make sense to  
23 include the portion of Highland that's currently not in  
24 SBCHR, yes, to start there. That may give -- I'm not  
25 sure how -- there's probably more population honestly

1 there in that portion of Highland than places up in -- in  
2 north in Barstow, so I'm wondering if drawing our  
3 boundary -- moving those boundaries will give you a  
4 little bit of play up north in Barstow.

5 I'm not sure where else. There's not really another  
6 clear line I see, but maybe other commissioners do.

7 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And Sivan, I also have a  
8 question because I believe there are tribal lands in the  
9 Highland area, and I'm not seeing them on the map.

10 MS. TRATT: You know, the layer that I have on the  
11 mapping software is -- I believe it's all registered  
12 tribal land. So it's possible that there could be some  
13 Native population over here, but unfortunately, it  
14 doesn't look like it is included on this map layer.  
15 You're --

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Oh, wait a minute.

17 MS. TRATT: You're talking about --

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Is that right here?

19 MS. TRATT: -- right here? Is this where you're  
20 talking about? Let me zoom.

21 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: That could be. I know there's  
22 a casino.

23 MS. TRATT: It looks like this is part of the City  
24 of San Bernardino, the San Manuel Indian Reservation.

25 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Okay. That's fine.

1 MS. TRATT: And currently this is in -- this is not  
2 in the -- this is in the SBCHR visualization.

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Right. Okay.

4 Commissioner Fernandez.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. And I'm  
6 probably going to have to rely on you, Chair, and others,  
7 I'm not as familiar with this area, and I do know that  
8 the district -- the visualization right next to it on the  
9 right is also over, and I believe Sivan said that the  
10 last visualization we had asked for Big Bear City to be  
11 in this VVHD.

12 Is that what you said, Sivan?

13 MS. TRATT: It wasn't actually a specific direction.  
14 I was just saying what had changed --

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh.

16 MS. TRATT: -- from the last time.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Because I -- I'm  
18 just kind of --

19 MS. TRATT: I'm actually not quite sure why --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, I see.

21 MS. TRATT: John had drawn these evaluations, so  
22 I --

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

24 MS. TRATT: I think he just moved this farther out  
25 to incorporate some of the unincorporated folks who might

1 be living outside of these, but are kind of associated  
2 with either Big Bear City or Lucerne Valley.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. So my -- so I mean,  
4 just -- you know, just looking at the maps and the -- how  
5 they stand right now, just potentially you can move Big  
6 Bear City to MBCV to get that -- because right now, it's  
7 at a positive almost 8, and then I'm not sure about  
8 Lucerne Valley and the Barstow area up there. I -- I  
9 think those are areas that we might have to play with too  
10 between the two visualizations, and then obviously if you  
11 move that, then the other visualization, the current one,  
12 the VVHD, will be even higher positive deviation. So  
13 we're going to probably have to move to the west to fill  
14 up some up some of those areas.

15 So I'm just -- unless, Commissioner Kennedy, you  
16 move north to grab some of the population in a different  
17 county.

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, I had said that the area  
19 of San Bernardino County north of Interstate 40 might  
20 possibly be connected with Inyo County, but I'll need  
21 some time to take a look at these two and surrounding  
22 districts, and I will come back with some other ideas.

23 Commissioner Akutagawa.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I just wanted to  
25 also respond to what Commissioner Fernandez was asking

1 about. I believe I had given direction to incorporate in  
2 Wrightwood because we got some COI testimony that  
3 Wrightwood, Pinon Hills, and Phelan were a community of  
4 interest, and then also Wrightwood is more of a ski area  
5 in this particular area, and so it just seemed like it  
6 would make sense to be in a district that also included  
7 Big Bear City and Running Springs because those are also  
8 ski areas as well, too, so more mountainous ski areas.  
9 That way then they're all contained in the same district.

10 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay.

11 Commissioner Vazquez.

12 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Some points. I do  
13 think Lake Arrowhead, Running Springs, and Big Bear City,  
14 we should try to keep them together. They're the ski  
15 mountain resorts, so wherever they go, we should try to  
16 keep them together. Same with Lytle Creek even, that  
17 those all sort of -- those are the mountainous, up --  
18 go-up-the hill recreation areas for folks in the suburbs  
19 in the IE.

20 What was I going to say? I just also wanted us to  
21 be mindful that while we are overpopulated for this green  
22 and sort of tan district and pretty much right on the  
23 money for that San Bernardino visualization right now, I  
24 do -- if I'm remembering correctly, we do have some VRA  
25 considerations in the San Bernardino area, so we don't

1 actually have as much play in terms of which -- where --  
2 or just around those areas. We don't have a lot of play  
3 because the CVAP there is really important for us to  
4 track.

5 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Very good.  
6 Andrew.

7 MR. DRECHSLER: Thank you, Chair.

8 And I was just going to make that exact point, that  
9 we will talk to the -- especially about Highland. Yes,  
10 it's split, but we do have some VRA considerations, and  
11 the other thing is this was the area where, you know, the  
12 border between Kennedy's maps and Sivan's maps is --  
13 wasn't as worked out as we had hoped for today, but  
14 definitely something that we will have a little bit more  
15 nailed down for someday when we revisit these next week.

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.  
17 Commissioner Sinay.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair.

19 Just one reminder. The East 210 is actually at a  
20 negative deviation, and that's also the one I think that  
21 we said that could be more -- the more flexible of the  
22 LA -- of the LA areas. I know we keep saying not to  
23 cross counties, but we've got to start crossing counties.  
24 There's no way around this. So I just wanted just to  
25 remind that that's one of the flexible areas, and I know

1 that's kind of that, Jaime, and, you know, it's a shared  
2 area.

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Thank you.

4 Commissioner Vazquez, is that another --

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah.

6 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: -- comment?

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah.

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Actually, so I may -- I would  
10 love to hear some feedback if you're out there, IE fam,  
11 would love to know what you think about extending the  
12 East 210 corridor to be very much a more mountainous  
13 community to include not just Lytle Creek right now, but  
14 also include Lake Arrowhead, Running Springs, and maybe  
15 even Big Bear City.

16 Again, I don't -- I don't know what those  
17 populations are, but is that something that the community  
18 would want? And so maybe could I see a visualization  
19 that extends, brings the Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear  
20 City, depending on population, into the East 210? Thank  
21 you.

22 MS. TRATT: Absolutely.

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: I think -- go ahead, Sivan.

24 MS. TRATT: Oh. I was just saying thank you for the  
25 feedback. We will definitely give that a try. I think

1 that makes a lot of sense given the COI testimony we've  
2 heard.

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Big Bear Lake is listed as  
4 5,000, so that's approximately one percent of a -- an  
5 Assembly district. Big Bear City is 12,738, so that's a  
6 little -- that's a little over two percentage points, and  
7 Lake Arrowhead is another 12,000, so we're starting to go  
8 way over on what we need to move, but I think the idea in  
9 general is possibly is sound one, and we might be able to  
10 accommodate those changes. So I'm with Commissioner  
11 Vazquez. We'd very much like to hear from the community  
12 if that's something that you think makes sense.

13 Commissioner Vazquez, did you have more?

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: No. I was just going to add,  
15 maybe there's some play. Again, it might honestly be  
16 with some live line drawing, but like portions of Upland,  
17 the southern portions of some of those -- that East 210  
18 corridor, we could maybe potentially lose some population  
19 there in order to keep -- in order to keep Big Bear and  
20 Lake Arrowhead together.

21 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Very good. Thank you.

22 Commissioner Akutagawa.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I want to support  
24 that. I also want to just remind everybody that we had  
25 given early in the line drawing start time, the

1 possibility of even breaking up the East 210. So if that  
2 were to happen because of some other reshuffling that's  
3 going to be done in the East LA/Downtown LA area, that  
4 that may even make that idea of bringing the mountainous  
5 areas of that Inland Empire even more feasible.

6 I like that idea of at least having a district that  
7 would include all of the mountainous recreations/ski/fire  
8 hazard areas all in one district. I think that that  
9 would work out really interestingly well. Thank you.

10 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Great. Thank you.

11 Okay. Sivan, did you have more?

12 MS. TRATT: That is it for me, unless there's other  
13 commissioner instructions. I'm happy to go back and look  
14 at any of the previous visualizations that I've shown.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Andrew, where do we  
16 stand from your perspective?

17 MR. DRECHSLER: From our perspective, I think we're  
18 ready to move on. I think we're -- I -- next, we are  
19 going to go to, I believe it's the --

20 MS. CLARK: Senate.

21 MR. DRECHSLER: I'm sorry. The Senate.

22 MS. CLARK: Next we're going to the Senate  
23 visualizations, and we can start in the Central Valley  
24 with the potential VRA areas, and Kennedy will start  
25 screen sharing very shortly. Thank you so much.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Thank you so much --

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Jaime.

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

5 MS. TRATT: Thank you so much, Commissioners.

6 MS. WILSON: Was that my introduction to start, or  
7 do we have something else? Okay. So I will get started.  
8 We're going to start again.

9 This is our Senate visualizations. I do have -- I  
10 know that you have them as well, but I'm just keep the  
11 deviations, percent Latino CVAP, percent black CVAP,  
12 percent Asian CVAP, percent indigenous CVAP, and percent  
13 white CVAP on just as we look at these.

14 And so I was ask for all of my plans to do a revamp  
15 of taking a new look at these Senate, Congressional, and  
16 Assembly VRA consideration districts, and so here we have  
17 us kind of piggybacking off of what you're going to see  
18 from Assembly and just kind of making them bigger, and  
19 it's going to start off, for this, we have two, and  
20 again, it's covering the same areas within Bakersfield,  
21 and again, I'll say some of those communities: Arvin,  
22 Benton Park, Cottonwood, Fairfax, La Cresta, East Niles,  
23 Hillcrest, Patomic, those are all together here in  
24 Bakersfield.

25 And then we move north, and unlike the Assembly, I

1 do add all of Shafter, again no splits, even out to the  
2 corner, and we have Wasco, McFarland, and Delano, and  
3 then if you recall my Assembly visualization, it took on  
4 a similar shape of Kings and Tulare, and I was able to  
5 kind of nest those in together and put those together,  
6 and so one thing I would like to point out that's  
7 different is that Visalia is not split, and it is  
8 noncontiguous. There's a piece over here, but all of it  
9 is together and with Three Rivers, which was not able to  
10 happen, as you saw before in my Assembly plan, but this  
11 is together now.

12 And then it reaches -- keeps Kings County completely  
13 whole, reaches north into Fresno and takes Selma, Fowler,  
14 Del Rey, Sanger, Reedley, Parlier, Orange Cove, and keeps  
15 those all together. And so that is the first one that I  
16 have. Again, I'll zoom out so you can see. We have  
17 Kings, Tulare, and down into Bakersfield for this one.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Kennedy, what was the page  
19 on that? Sorry.

20 MS. WILSON: Oh, and my apologies. Again, the page  
21 numbers, that is page 30.

22 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Kennedy, can you do me favor  
23 and turn off the -- the -- the blue dash --

24 MS. WILSON: Yes.

25 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: -- dashed lines.

1 MS. WILSON: And those are the existing -- and I was  
2 going to say, those are the existing lines as well, and I  
3 will turn those off so you can --

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you.

5 MS. WILSON: -- take a better look at this, and I  
6 will outline it with my hand and circle around where that  
7 goes. So here's the border within Fresno, and then  
8 follows Kings and down.

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good.

10 Commissioner Sinay.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. For the line  
12 drawers, will you all be taking all the comments that we  
13 said before on like the Assembly maps and applying them,  
14 when appropriate, to these maps as well, or should we be  
15 repeating our thoughts?

16 MS. MACDONALD: I think we're -- and thank you,  
17 Commissioner Sinay, for that -- for that question. We  
18 are going to take whatever we can into consideration  
19 unless you change the direction.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Go ahead, Kennedy.

21 MS. WILSON: So -- yeah. Sorry. So I will move on  
22 now, and to the second one. Here, we have something we  
23 have not seen before. I was told to take a look into  
24 adding San Benito as well as the Salinas Valley down to  
25 King City and putting this within a visualization. We --

1 I'm going to zoom in closer to Fresno so we can see what  
2 that looks like there, but we have one split of Fresno  
3 again, which was compared to, I think about three before,  
4 but keeping Old Fig Garden, Sunnyside, Southwest, West  
5 Park, and west of the 99 together, and I was told also to  
6 look into the -- where the Hmong community resides in  
7 Fresno, and we saw them -- I saw, in looking at Airtable  
8 through their testimony, saying that they were in a lot  
9 of the places that the black population was in Sunnyside  
10 and Southwest Fresno, and I would like to also say that I  
11 took a look, and I'm going turn this stream light on so  
12 you can see the streets.

13 The Muslim community -- and again, I cut this off  
14 actually at Shaw, so before, it was closer down by  
15 Shields, and we saw the community saying that if we were  
16 going to cut this city east-west, that Shaw, Ashlan, or  
17 Shields would be the streets in which we should cut, and  
18 then I also saw that there was a Muslim community that  
19 outlined itself between North 1st Street going down here  
20 to East Bullard to Ashlan Avenue and North Cedar, and so  
21 cutting at Shaw does split that up, just for future.

22 And so -- sorry. So I'm going to zoom out and just  
23 to let you know what's there. And I also would like to  
24 say that if San Benito isn't something that you want to  
25 be added in -- I could, within the two that I drew in

1 Assembly, I would, in a way, merge those together.  
2 However, the problem that we faced was population. So I  
3 was at a negative twenty-nine percent deviation, and that  
4 required me to take some things in because I had to take  
5 out Yolo, and so without taking out Yolo, I moved this  
6 in, and that's how I was able to explore this and --

7 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Commissioner  
8 Fernandez.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just a process question.  
10 Chair, are -- should we hold our comments until Kennedy  
11 is done, or did we want to do it with each one? I mean,  
12 I kind of prefer waiting until the end, and I like to  
13 have her just go through it. So I'm just -- I do have a  
14 question on a prior, but I am very willing to wait.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I was going to -- on  
16 these VRA districts, I was going to have questions and  
17 comments during, and then once we get into all the  
18 others, then we can hold until the end. So if you have a  
19 question or comment on that --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, just a quick one.

21 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: -- on the potential VRA  
22 district.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sure. Kennedy, on the page  
24 30, and I think -- and this is just related to the  
25 comments, public comments that we received yesterday

1 regarding concerns with Kern County and Fresno being  
2 together. Is the only visualization for Senate that has  
3 that -- the link from Kern to Fresno, and is there  
4 also -- on the Congressional side, will we see it as  
5 well?

6 MS. WILSON: Yes. You will see it in Congressional  
7 as well, and that is due to the fact that for this VRA  
8 district, it has to take into Bakersfield and --  
9 Bakersfield and Tulare alone isn't enough. So if it  
10 doesn't go up to grab Fresno, which as you see, we have  
11 North Fresno and Clovis kind of helping to populate this,  
12 but we would need to get population from somewhere, which  
13 I don't have direction to go south or west or east unless  
14 I was told to take San Bernardino out So Ridgecrest could  
15 be with Kern, but that is the reason for them being  
16 together is because they help to populate this region,  
17 and this kind of --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: For the VRA?

19 MS. WILSON: -- takes away a lot of that Bakersfield  
20 area.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. For the VRA  
22 purposes, correct, Kennedy?

23 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I appreciate  
25 that explanation.

1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

2 Commissioner Ahmad.

3 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair.

4 And you had this for a hot second, but could you  
5 turn on the terrain layer? I just want to --

6 MS. WILSON: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: -- take a closer look at  
8 Merced/Fresno.

9 MS. WILSON: Would you like me to zoom in a bit  
10 closer?

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes. That would be helpful.

12 MS. WILSON: And now that you've seen the labels, I  
13 can also turn those to make them not have as many  
14 numbers, if that helps the commissioners as well.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, go ahead.

16 MS. WILSON: Okay. I will do so right now.

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I was going to say, I don't  
18 know. Do people want it? I don't know. Thank you.

19 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Ahmad, did  
20 you have any further question?

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Sorry. No, that was it. Thank  
22 you.

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: You're good? Okay.

24 Commissioner Sadhwani.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. I would definitely

1 like to explore how to fit in those Islamic areas that  
2 had been identified. We had definitely received a whole  
3 bunch of testimony that they want to be kept with that  
4 south of Shah region, I believe. I don't know what our  
5 options would be there since we're already overpopulated  
6 in the district, but that -- I would like to, at minimum,  
7 explore that.

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

9 Mr. Becker, do you have any comments before we move  
10 on to the non-VRA areas?

11 MR. LARSON: I think -- this is Dale Larson here. I  
12 think Becker stepped off for a few minutes, but I have  
13 nothing else to add on this.

14 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. He said he was back, but  
15 anyway.

16 MR. LARSON: Oh, okay.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: That's fine.

18 MR. BECKER: I didn't know if you didn't hear me. I  
19 appeared on video, and I said no, there's nothing to add.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you. Okay.

21 Kennedy, please proceed.

22 MS. WILSON: Okay. So now we have finished with the  
23 VRA districts, and I will remember to tell you the page  
24 numbers now as we move forward. Those were 30 and 29,  
25 and now we're going to move to 31, and this is going to

1 be Madera down to Kern, and this is keeping those eastern  
2 parts of Fresno and Madera together and not with Mono and  
3 Inyo. We have Tulare here, which I said Visalia and  
4 Three Rivers is connected in this visualization, and down  
5 to Kern, the rest of Kern that is not a part of that VRA  
6 district, and that VRA district does create those  
7 constraints as far as what's connected going north  
8 instead of going opposite directions.

9       And so that is that on page 31. Don't know if I  
10 mentioned that, but I'll say it again for everyone. And  
11 now we are going to move on to our next one, which is on  
12 page 28. I'm going to move north -- continue moving  
13 north in the Central Valley.

14       So here in red, we have our San Joaquin down to  
15 Merced. It says Stanislaus, but it also includes Merced.  
16 This City of Merced, Atwater, Fairmead as well are in  
17 these -- or my apologies, not Fairmead, Winton. Atwater  
18 and Winton are in this as well, and then moving north, we  
19 have all of Stanislaus being kept whole, and it does  
20 include Mountain House and Tracy, Ripon, Escalon, and the  
21 eastern farming cities that are within San Joaquin County  
22 as well.

23       Now, we will move on to page 27. It says it went to  
24 Stanislaus, is does not, San Joaquin and Sacramento, and  
25 as you can again, the request to keep Stockton whole, it

1 is. Lathrup and Manteca are also added in here, and then  
2 moving north, though Elk Grove is with Stockton in this  
3 visualization, I would like to point out that Elk Grove  
4 is with this Greenhaven-Pocket area of Sacramento,  
5 foreign, Vineyard, Fruitridge Pocket is in here. I'll  
6 zoom in so that you can see that clear, but Fruit Ridge  
7 Pocket, Lemon Hill Parkway, Southeastern Sacramento are  
8 all together, and I believe we heard yesterday -- Elk  
9 Grove and Galt having some similarities, and they're  
10 together in this visualization as well.

11 And then continuing to move north, we go to page 24,  
12 and we do have West Sacramento, a part of this  
13 visualization, along with northern parts of Sacramento,  
14 Natomas being up here, Del Paso Heights over here, East  
15 Sacramento, there in the middle, keeping Arden-Arcade,  
16 Carmichael together. We have Rancho Cordova, up to  
17 Elverta, Rio Linda, Citrus Heights, and Fair Oaks, and  
18 Gold River, all kept in this area, as well as Rosemont,  
19 too, which is down here, and everything in green.

20 And now, zooming to the left, we have our Eastern  
21 California. So I'm going to zoom out so we can see that  
22 clear, as well. So in here, I was not able to keep  
23 Sierra, Nevada, Plaster (ph.), and El Dorado together,  
24 but in this visualization, unlike others, Plaster is kept  
25 whole. It is with El Dorado. Folsom is brought into

1 this visualization, as well as Rancho Murieta from the  
2 Sacramento County. And then, keeping Mono and Inyo up,  
3 and I also moved to keep Tuolumne, Mariposa, with  
4 Calaveras, as directed before.

5 And now, we are going to jump pages quite a bit and  
6 go to page 8, and that will have our Northern California  
7 visualization on here. And it's keeping together, as I  
8 said, Sierra, Nevada, Sutter, Yuba, and Butte, Colusa,  
9 going with the north. We did bring in Trinity. You can  
10 see, we're still under negative 7.43. Something that  
11 might be able to help that is bringing in Del Norte. And  
12 then we do have the part of Humboldt carved out that has  
13 the Karuk tribe. And that is it for the Senate  
14 visualizations in my area.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much.  
16 Commissioner Akutagawa.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, thank you. I'd like  
18 to go back to, starting with the Fresno/Kern,  
19 Merced/King -- or yeah, Madera/Kern maps. I'll start  
20 with Trinity. I'm going to have some questions, and  
21 then, also, specifically, directions, possibly.

22 So in the Merced/Fresno visualization, is it  
23 possible to cut off -- if you go and you zoom in on where  
24 the line -- the border between where Merced/Fresno and  
25 Madera/Kern is, if you could zoom in on that part?

1           Now, if you were to -- in Madera, there is the  
2 mountain areas, and I think Madera is partially split  
3 already. I'm just trying to think about, you know,  
4 taking into account thinking about what some of the folks  
5 from Kern, the callers that we had, giving testimony  
6 about just the length of this district.

7           If we were to incorporate in a little bit more of  
8 that Madera County, and then take all of what is the  
9 mountainous areas, Yosemite Lakes, Oakhurst, and put them  
10 into the Eastern California COI, which -- or not COI, the  
11 visualizatison, because I think that is almost just a  
12 little over four percent under deviation. I don't think  
13 there's a lot there that's going to throw off that  
14 number, but if we were to bring in that part of Madera,  
15 would it throw off the Latino CVAP for the Merced/Fresno  
16 visualization that we're looking at right now?

17           And also, on that same vein, Fresno County also  
18 includes Auberry and Big Creek. There's a mountainous  
19 area along that area. If we were to include that in the  
20 Eastern California, or the ECA visualization, that would  
21 also close that gap in terms of the being under the  
22 standard deviation; not by much, but it would. And then  
23 bringing in a larger portion -- I don't know if I want to  
24 say a larger portion of that Fresno area, maybe it's  
25 just, you know, taking away a little bit more of that

1 top-most portion from that Kern County visualization.  
2 Would it throw off the VRA numbers for this district,  
3 because I know that this Merced/Fresno one is a VRA  
4 district?

5 MS. WILSON: I will definitely take a look at it.  
6 Definitely taking something like this out would change  
7 that and make it lower, but I will take a look.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Because I'm also  
9 trying to think about, you know, how can we bring that  
10 northern-most border down on that -- on this  
11 visualization for a potential district.

12 The other question I have is specifically around  
13 Fresno. I know that, I believe, yesterday I was asking  
14 about the Hmong, and I know we've gotten a lot of COI  
15 testimony about the Punjabi/Sikh community, and I wanted  
16 to see -- I asked, yesterday, how this visualization is  
17 also taking into account these two communities, and I  
18 wanted to see if you might be able to give some  
19 perspectives. Because I want to make sure, and I know  
20 that we've gotten some additional COI testimony about  
21 community input for the Hmong and Punjabi communities,  
22 and I just want to make sure that we're not inadvertently  
23 disenfranchising, you know, a community that would have a  
24 lot in common with the communities that would be to the  
25 west.

1 MS. WILSON: Yes. So I did describe that briefly  
2 before that the Hmong communities working in Airtable and  
3 looking at their testimony and feedback, they're COIs and  
4 responses to visualization said that they reside in, you  
5 know, Sunnyside, and Southwest Fresno where a lot of the  
6 black COIs also reside. And then I -- there was a COI  
7 that described itself, which I'll turn on the street  
8 layers again, that said it has one of the biggest mosques  
9 in Fresno and there is a big Muslim community in COI that  
10 is founded between North 1st Street, East Bullard, down  
11 to Ashlan Avenue in Cedar (ph.).

12 And so I was told to make, at Shaw, you know, that's  
13 where a lot of communities' interest said that they would  
14 like that line split, but looking at Airtable and other  
15 feedback, I saw people saying that they -- COI saying  
16 they would be fine with Shaw, Ashlan, and even Shield's  
17 (ph.) being taken.

18 So I --

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I guess I'll just point out  
20 to you, if you could take a look; I think we've also  
21 received some new testimony about both the Hmong  
22 community and the Punjabi community in Fresno. It's hard  
23 for me to compare and contrast with what we're looking at  
24 on the visualizations and the descriptions on the, you  
25 know, on the testimony that we're getting, but it said

1 something about being east of the ninety-nine, and I'm  
2 not totally sure.

3 I also noticed that there were some comments, also,  
4 that said that there are communities in and around the  
5 Cal State Fresno area as well, too. So even though I  
6 know that a lot of testimony did say, you know, south of  
7 Shaw, I just want to make sure that we're mindful of not  
8 inadvertently leaving out, you know, a community that  
9 shares a lot of commonalities with the black community,  
10 the various Asian communities, as well as the various  
11 Latino communities. So I just wanted to make sure that  
12 that's taken into account.

13 MS. WILSON: Yes, understood. And I will say that,  
14 you know, continuing to move this border up would  
15 probably result in having to separate some of these  
16 communities that we've talked about already, as far as  
17 Bell Gardens and Sunnyside Westpark. But I will take a  
18 look at that and let you know further.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner  
21 Akutagawa.

22 Commissioner Fernandez.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

24 Okay, Kennedy, I don't know if I need to repeat my  
25 comments from the Assembly side, but -- and when you get

1 to, oh my goodness, twenty-seven and twenty-six, the  
2 whole Sacramento County -- yeah, if you can just go up  
3 there, that'd be great. Thank you. A little bit more  
4 would be great. Thank you so much. Yeah. If you can  
5 zoom in, that's perfect. A little bit more. Can you  
6 bring it down a little bit? Thank you. You already --  
7 like, you almost know what I'm going to ask, because you  
8 probably do. You already know. It's pretty much  
9 repetitive. If I miss anything from the Assembly, please  
10 take that into consideration as well.

11 Here, we have Sacramento that's -- the greater  
12 Sacramento that is split up in, one, two, three, four --  
13 probably four or five different visualizations. Again,  
14 from Elk Grove up north. Tight now, you've got -- you're  
15 splitting up -- I realize that you kept Lemon Hill and  
16 Parkway and Florin together with Vineyard and Elk Grove,  
17 but that is also part of the greater Sacramento area that  
18 is also a community of interest with the downtown  
19 Sacramento; we've heard various COIs on that. And then  
20 we also have the Rancho Murieta/Folsom Granite base. So  
21 pretty much repetitive of what I said before.

22 In terms of West Sacramento, I would prefer to keep  
23 that with Yolo County. I don't believe that we should  
24 add West Sac when we're removing some communities of  
25 interest from Sacramento proper. And again, also, up to

1 Roseville and that whole area. And this is going to  
2 bleed into Tamina's, and we'll probably end up looking at  
3 another visualization and potentially, breaking that up  
4 to try to create another potential district in this area  
5 to encompass those Sacramento-type communities, and you  
6 can also bring in some of the, like, Sierra, El Dorado,  
7 if needed, for numbers. And I think I'll stop there.

8       And in terms of Galt; I realize Galt is in  
9 Sacramento County, so it can go either way. I believe  
10 Commissioner Turner was saying it's more Sacramento.  
11 Galt, actually, there's quite a bit of agriculture and  
12 open land, so I kind of liked it being with Herald and  
13 Clay and some of the southern communities, which were  
14 more agriculture because once you get to Elk Grove,  
15 unfortunately, those agriculture lands are no longer  
16 there.

17       And there was another -- and I already said West Sac  
18 with Yolo. So any questions for me, Kennedy?

19       MS. WILSON: Just -- no, not too many. Just one.  
20 Like, just noting that a lot of this results, too, from  
21 trying to have as little splits as possible within  
22 counties, and this, you know, could lead to trying to  
23 push that up -- might lead into, you know, splits and  
24 Stanislaus in going further, and I just want to know that  
25 that's okay, because I see that as being a direct result

1 and I'm being told to, like, keep that whole -- and I  
2 know Merced isn't whole -- trying to keep as many  
3 together, but I do foresee this having to be split a bit  
4 more. And if I were to split it, I know, you know,  
5 Modesto and Turlock having to be together, and I just --  
6 yeah.

7 And I just -- I mean, I know that wasn't necessarily  
8 what you were talking about, but you know, moving that  
9 north, I'm going to have to continue to move upwards.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. Yeah.

11 MS. WILSON: And just was wondering.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't want to give that  
13 direction right now because that's probably a different  
14 commissioner's direction. But yeah, because right now  
15 you do have the NSAC and the SSSAC, they're both -- one's  
16 under, one's over almost a break-even point right there.  
17 But as you get to -- if you look at the ECA El Dorado,  
18 that's a negative, so we can pull from that as well,  
19 which was what I was getting to, to try to get some of  
20 the population from that area as well.

21 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Kennedy, are you clear  
22 from Commissioner Fernandez?

23 MS. WILSON: Yes. You -- sorry, you can continue.

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good.

25 Commissioner Yee.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair.

2 About Fresno; when you are looking at options for  
3 what to do around Shaw, just to give the specific  
4 instruction to experiment with Old Fig going north, with  
5 North Fresno, Old Fig Gardens.

6 And one other thing, the Northern California, the  
7 far north, you had mentioned this, but to give the  
8 specific instruction to experiment with, including, Del  
9 Norte, with the eastern Senate visualization. We've  
10 gotten mixed testimony about that, and maybe one way to  
11 honor that is to have it go eastward for the Senate, and  
12 then southward for Assembly and Congress. Thank you.

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

15 Commissioner Ahmad.

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair.

17 Just a quick question. On page 24, the  
18 visualization is NSAC. Can you please zoom in, into the  
19 Fruitridge Rocket area. I just want to take a closer  
20 look at that. The words on the PDF are blocking that  
21 area. Are those two separate cities? The two different  
22 shades of blue on the left side, and then the right  
23 side --

24 MS. WILSON: Oh, this --

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: -- of Lemon Hill.

1 MS. WILSON: This is -- these are both Sacramento  
2 together.

3 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Got it. Okay.

4 MS. WILSON: And then separated by these cities in  
5 the middle.

6 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay. Got it. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And I just want to clarify;  
8 they're not necessarily cities, they're communities  
9 within Sacramento.

10 MS. WILSON: Like, the census designated places.

11 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you,  
12 Commissioner Ahmad.

13 Commissioner Akutagawa.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I guess, a couple  
15 things. I just have some questions.

16 So Commissioner Fernandez, I was just comparing the  
17 Congressional and Senate maps and they're pretty  
18 different, and I think it was similar to the direction,  
19 Commissioner Kennedy, that you gave or somebody gave  
20 about trying to keep the Senate and Congressional  
21 districts as somewhat similar in size and shape so that  
22 it reduces the confusion as to who I'm voting for and  
23 what district I belong in.

24 So I am wondering if it would be possible to look at  
25 the Congressional map as foundation? I don't know if

1 that one's that much better, but maybe using one or the  
2 other as a foundation for this Sacramento area.  
3 Specifically, like the -- I'm looking at, like, maybe the  
4 Plaster/Sacramento map that was on the Congressional map,  
5 and I think there's -- just trying to get to that page  
6 again, but I think there is a similar map for the Senate  
7 map, too. Or maybe it's called NORCA.

8 So anyways, I wanted to suggest that. I also have a  
9 couple other questions for Kennedy.

10 Kennedy, can you tell me, where is Del Paso Heights  
11 on this visualization?

12 MS. WILSON: I will zoom in and show you.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was trying to look, and  
14 it was hard to just to get that content.

15 MS. WILSON: Yeah. Definitely is hard to do. It's  
16 here in Northern Sacramento under the Dwight Eisenhower  
17 Freeway, kind of following this Raley Boulevard, and Rio  
18 Linda Boulevard, in this area here.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. It is in the  
20 Sacramento visualization. Okay. I wanted to just  
21 double-check on that. I think this is -- I think, maybe,  
22 this is similar to what -- anyways, I think maybe just  
23 what I said in terms of trying to have somewhat similar  
24 basis for both the Senate and the Congress might be  
25 helpful, and then I guess I'll just comment on the

1 Congress one later on when we go to that one. Thank you.

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner  
3 Akutagawa.

4 Commissioner Toledo.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Chair.

6 I'm looking at the Napa, I think it's NAPABYRON, and  
7 I'm -- the lower part of the Delta and Contra Costa  
8 County seems a little bit -- I mean, I understand why we  
9 have -- why we have it here. First, I want to say, the  
10 map's sort of looking better, from my perspective. I'm  
11 just a little bit concerned about the lower -- the Contra  
12 Costa part of the Delta being with this district.

13 I do think this -- from Colusa County, there's farm  
14 worker communities up there, the Williams and Arbuckle,  
15 Grimes communities, as well as -- that potentially could  
16 be part of -- that I could see being part of this Yolo  
17 County, Napa, Solano district. The population may not be  
18 there to try to shut this a little bit up, to try to make  
19 it more of a agriculture district. And so I also would  
20 be supportive of adding the City of Sonoma and some of  
21 the wine producing areas of Sonoma/Kenwood area and to  
22 try to, maybe, even to run a park to try to bring in some  
23 population, if needed, if we can shift around the --  
24 shift the district up a little bit.

25 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We'll take that up in

1 greater detail with Tamina since that's part of her  
2 responsibility.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Chair. Sorry about  
4 that.

5 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: That's all right. Did you have  
6 anything else?

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No. And I concur with  
8 Commissioner Yee on Del Norte. I think that would be a  
9 good compromise. Thank you.

10 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good. Thank you,  
11 Commissioner Toledo.

12 Commissioner Fernandez.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair.

14 I just want to respond to Commissioner Akutagawa.  
15 And I do agree and would like the Senatorial as well as  
16 Congressional districts to look alike, so I obviously  
17 have the same issues with the Congressional. So I'm  
18 trying to get to that point, and what I'm trying to do is  
19 fix -- trying to, I don't even want to call it fix it,  
20 but trying to address it at the Assembly level, that  
21 hopefully, that then carries forward to the Senate, as  
22 well as the Congressional. So thank you for that.

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner  
24 Fernandez. Commissioner Toledo, is your hand still up,  
25 or is it a new comment? Thank you.

1 Commissioner Andersen.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Excuse  
3 me.

4 Back with that, the Madera/Kern, the area that we're  
5 sort of talking about. I was thinking this pops back  
6 into Sivan's area, that area that you were saying, say  
7 north of I-40, if we wanted to put that into that  
8 Madera/Kern area, and then take, possibly, the  
9 mountainous area of Madera out and put it with the East  
10 California, you know, the Sierra area, that one. That  
11 might give us enough population in both. It might help  
12 out a little bit with reducing some population in the  
13 Madera/Kern and also, locate it a little closer down to,  
14 you know, keeping the southern area, and add a little bit  
15 more population up north where we need more population.  
16 So that's something to consider.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Kennedy, are you clear  
18 on that?

19 MS. WILSON: I am. Thank you for checking.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good. Thank you,  
21 Commissioner Andersen.

22 Commissioner Akutagawa.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

24 I just wanted to -- one comment about Del Norte. I  
25 do agree that it seems like it would make sense to add it

1 to the Siskiyou, NorCal visualization. I just want to  
2 note that there were some COI testimony that said that it  
3 would be difficult to access Del Norte without going up  
4 and down the 101. The transportation corridor doesn't  
5 really allow easy access east to west, so I just wanted  
6 to just state that.

7 I do have a comment, I mean, on this NorCal one. I  
8 mean, with the deviation under seven percent, I mean,  
9 that's quite a bit. I'm thinking that perhaps we just  
10 need to start going south on this one because we don't --  
11 I mean, Del Norte's not going to add enough to it to  
12 really bring down that visualization more, especially for  
13 a Congressional district.

14 I'm thinking that we should look at placing portions  
15 of Plaster and El Dorado. I know that we've gone back  
16 and forth on this and I'm sure Commissioner Fernandez is  
17 going to have something to say about this, but that is  
18 just a thought that perhaps the eastern portions of  
19 Plaster and El Dorado might belong in this NorCal area so  
20 that, at least, the Lake Tahoe portions of this county  
21 will remain together and together with the northern part.  
22 And then for the ECA, maybe that might help with some of  
23 the Merced/(audio interference) issues. We'll just have  
24 to pick up -- I know that it wasn't what they wanted, but  
25 that might be the easiest way to pick up some of the

1 population to keep this as an intact district as well  
2 too, so. That's my guidance. Thank you.

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner  
4 Akutagawa.

5 Commissioner Andersen.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

7 And while I appreciate what Commissioner Akutagawa  
8 was saying, the numbers are -- Plaster has a 151,000, so  
9 that just sort of blows it right out of a ballpark,  
10 adding it up there, where Del Norte is at 25,000. So I  
11 believe that would take it from negative seven to about  
12 negative two, in terms of the numbers on this NorCal,  
13 which is not ideal, but you know, it's certainly within  
14 the ballpark. So I do agree, also, with Commissioner Yee  
15 and then Commissioner Toledo, second and putting Del  
16 Norte and then kind of leaving it like that.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez.

18 MS. WILSON: If I could add something to help you  
19 thinking about. With direction to have Elk Grove moving  
20 north, and then moving more of these cities to the east,  
21 that will populate this as well. Like, I can't remember  
22 the numbers of Citrus Heights and Rancho Cordova, but  
23 they are pretty populated. And so bringing -- I'm going  
24 to have to bring those out to put this in, and that's  
25 going to help with that. Although, you know, then we

1 have the Madera issue, but I'll figure that out later.  
2 But just something for you to -- to know each other's  
3 stuff as well.

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Good. Thank you very much,  
5 Kennedy. We appreciate that.

6 Any further comments on Kennedy's visualizations at  
7 this point? Okay.

8 Karin and Andrew, back to you for next steps.

9 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah. Thank you so much, Chair,  
10 Kennedy. We are going to move over to Tamina's area and  
11 if she could, please, just share the screen that will be  
12 fantastic, and then we can get started there. Screen's  
13 up, Tamina.

14 MS. ALON: Good afternoon, Commission.

15 We are starting today with north coast areas, and I  
16 was listening to the instruction that you gave to Jamie,  
17 so I'm going to do my best -- I'm sorry, Jamie; to  
18 Kennedy. I'm going to do my best to tell you a little  
19 bit about how the direction that you just gave to Kennedy  
20 may affect some of these regions. Just -- I'm just kind  
21 of doing some live numbers while we were here. So if  
22 you'll bear with me.

23 There are no areas in this -- in this map which are  
24 under consideration by BRA Counsel, so we're going to go  
25 ahead and start in the north with N-Coast (ph.). So

1 we're going to start on page 9. So N-Coast is similar to  
2 the N-Coast that we saw last week. The difference is  
3 that Trinity was taken out and moved into Kennedy's area.  
4 She needed it for population. This does bring the  
5 deviation -- this does bring the deviation down and -- to  
6 1.33. It was at a 2.96 percent before. So aside from  
7 that, nothing was changed.

8 A few comments about some of the movements that you  
9 just described. Del Norte's population is 25,140. So if  
10 we were to move Del Norte out of the north coast  
11 visualization district, then this would change the  
12 deviation to a negative 121 percent. So we're still  
13 within the deviation thresholds here.

14 There was also discussion of possibly taking Sonoma  
15 City from -- whoops, sorry, we're right down here.  
16 Taking Sonoma City and bringing it over into the  
17 NAPABYRON visualization. And so I am happy to look at  
18 that as well.

19 Again, we're going to kind of look at these in -- in  
20 sets because they all tend to affect one another. But  
21 because this is Senate, we have -- the sets are a little  
22 bit smaller, in terms of number of visualizations. So  
23 really, these two are the ones we are going to look at  
24 together, N-Coast and NAPABYRON.

25 N-Coast, we just talked about. NAPABYRON puts

1 together a lake in Napa, all of Yolo County, all of  
2 Solano County, the Delta area, and the northeastern  
3 Contra Costa County. I -- I'm sorry, this is page 12 for  
4 that; page 12. And did hear comments about possibly  
5 exploring an alternative to northeast Contra Costa County  
6 in order to make up this area. You'll notice that this  
7 visualization is under populated by 7.81 percent, and  
8 this is because we're going to be discussing it in very  
9 shortly with COCO, which is on page 15, which is over by  
10 six percent.

11 So I wanted to give you a couple of ideas of what we  
12 could possibly do with this area. The first is one that  
13 I just heard from you during your -- during Kennedy's,  
14 which is to take West Sacramento. West Sacramento is  
15 53,915 people. And so if I could add West Sacramento  
16 into this visualization as it is, and that would take  
17 this area, this NAPABYRON visualization district to a  
18 negative 2.34 percent. So that would fix the problem of  
19 the overpopulation here.

20 Another option are, we have Vallejo and Venetia,  
21 which are part of Solano. There was -- there were two  
22 request which conflicted. One was to keep Solano County  
23 whole. And the other was to move Vallejo and Venetia  
24 with North Contra Costa County.

25 So just giving you an idea of what those could look

1 like. I could move Venetia or Vallejo into this lower  
2 Contra Costa based area over here. I could not do both.  
3 Venetia is 27,167 people, so that would create NAPABYRON  
4 as like a 3.46.

5 And Vallejo by itself would actually move NAPABYRON  
6 up to a 4.99. And that would be without West Sacramento.  
7 So I could not do both, but I could do either one. They  
8 are both bridge continuous to this COCO area. And so if  
9 either one is moved back, the other one would still be  
10 able to stand with the COCO visualization.

11 Another solution here was to look to Colusa. Colusa  
12 is 21,898 people, so definitely can bring it in. It's  
13 still going to need more. But definitely could bring  
14 that in if that's your direction because that's such a  
15 small number of people.

16 Similarly, the city to Sonoma down here is only  
17 10,761 people, so that switch could be made without  
18 negatively affecting this population too much.

19 So I'd like to go to page 15. This is COCO. And  
20 we'll continue talking about this. This is a Contra  
21 Costa and Alameda based area.

22 So this -- if you'll recall, this visualization used  
23 to come out east. And it used to actually include  
24 Lathrop and Manteca. And I was given direction to cut  
25 this at the county line, so that is what I did. This

1 keeps the county line of Contra Costa and Alameda intact.  
2 This also keeps Pittsburg with Bay Point, which was a  
3 small change here, but there was -- the co-ed testimony  
4 and commissioner direction that they put in Pittsburg  
5 should be together, so this keeps them both together in  
6 this visualization.

7 As I mentioned, we do add Vallejo and Venetia here.  
8 And then, coming down, you'll see that the Tri-Valley  
9 area here is completely intact. We have Dublin,  
10 Pleasanton, and Livermore intact. And then all the way  
11 up through San Ramon, and actually all the way up to 6 AD  
12 corridor are together in this visualization.

13 This area over here actually used to go out east as  
14 well. And so this is per direction that we have this on  
15 this line currently.

16 And as I mentioned before, this is 6.21 percent  
17 overpopulated. None of the cities -- there are only two  
18 cities that are split in whole section. One is south San  
19 Francisco, which we'll talk about in a little bit. And  
20 the other is the City of San Jose, which is just massive.  
21 So I have not experimented with city splits in this area.  
22 So would love some direction as to where you believe  
23 population should move from these areas in order to  
24 balance.

25 And again, of course, if Vallejo or Venetia are

1 moved to the NAPABYRON area, then that would alleviate  
2 some of the overpopulation here, and I might be able to  
3 balance that just fine. But also open to any other  
4 suggestions that you may have of how you'd like to move  
5 that population.

6 And depending on how this populations moves as well;  
7 we may be able to get Sunol in there. I didn't include  
8 it, of course, because we're already overpopulated. But  
9 it is in the back on my mind to try to keep Sunol  
10 together with the eastern Alameda County neighbors.

11 And we'll move to page 13, which is Alameda. So  
12 Alameda starts with Oakland being whole and then going up  
13 the AD corridor all the way up through the rest of  
14 Alameda County and Contra Costa County, all the way up to  
15 Rodeo. It does preserve the Oakland Hills line. It does  
16 not go over it. And that's all I have to say about that  
17 one.

18 So we'll go to page 16, please. Page 16 is  
19 EDENTECH, and this keeps all of the EDEN area together,  
20 keeps the Tri-Cities together.

21 We did take Pleasanton out before Pleasanton was in  
22 here, which kind of created a little bit of a split. So  
23 by taking Pleasanton out, that was able to be  
24 accomplished. It was traded for this this Berryessa area  
25 in this little area of San Jose down here. So this line

1 is to keep some of the COIs intact that we have in the  
2 area. But that was really the trade that we were looking  
3 at.

4 This also took out North San Jose, which is this  
5 area right here and added it to this SCRUZ district in  
6 order to balance it for population.

7 And we'll move to page 18, which is SCRUZ. So SCRUZ  
8 is so named because this in Santa Cruz, so you can see  
9 how far this district has moved along. SCLARA used to be  
10 the one that was over here. And in fact, SCLARA used to  
11 come east all the way to Modesto, Turlock. And so it  
12 really -- it came out to this area, and you said, no,  
13 don't do that.

14 Definitely took a look at ending at the county line.  
15 And so this cuts off again at the Santa Clara County line  
16 and instead it has become a San Jose city-based district  
17 visualization. In this area, we stopped at the county  
18 line. We have all of south San Jose in here. We have  
19 quite a bit of it actually. The only areas that we don't  
20 have are areas around Cambrian Park over here, and then  
21 there's some areas around Burbank over here. The rest of  
22 San Jose City is intact, except for this Berryessa,  
23 Foothills area up here.

24 Now, this line here is according to the COI  
25 testimony. I want to note that this line does

1 technically split the Alum Rock, East Foothills areas.  
2 However, the COIs for Alum Rock actually draw it  
3 differently. And so they actually want their area to  
4 start down here. And so that's the line that we followed  
5 was the line for the COIs that were actually in that  
6 area.

7 Just an idea of some of the COIs that are here that  
8 we are preserving: North San Jose, Berryessa; the Latino  
9 Alum Rock neighborhood, Japantown and the Punjabi Sikh  
10 COIs. They're all overlapping right in this area and  
11 down in this area. And so that's where this line came  
12 from to make sure that those COIs could stay intact.

13 We'll move to page 14, SANFRAN, please. So SANFRAN  
14 hasn't changed since the last time we looked at it. San  
15 Francisco is still whole, and we include Daly City,  
16 Brisbane, Colma and South San Francisco.

17 What I'd like to go into a little bit more with you  
18 today is just where this split in South San Francisco is,  
19 so I'm going to zoom in a little bit and turn on some  
20 streets for us.

21 So you'll see this pink area over here. This is  
22 South San Francisco, the areas that are not included. So  
23 just to orient you with the area, we're starting this  
24 visualization up here right at the border of Daly City.  
25 So this is the skyline area here. Where this split

1 actually begins in South San Francisco is right at the 35  
2 point, and then we're going to go along east to Kings --  
3 there you go. So this is King Drive, which is going to  
4 go over to 280. After you go over to 280 it becomes  
5 Arroyo and then crosses over to 82 to Memorial. And  
6 that's it. Just that area.

7 And we'll go to PENINSULA, page 19. So PENINSULA,  
8 the difference here is we took -- the PENINSULA  
9 visualization was very closely related to the SCLARA  
10 visualization, and this was because of several different  
11 pieces of advice -- direction that I received. One was  
12 the Santa Cruz to Los Gatos. So here is Santa Cruz  
13 wanting to connect it with Los Gatos. In a previous  
14 visualization, Los Gatos was in with the PENINSULA area,  
15 so that was taken out.

16 The reason for this area, the shape which includes  
17 Saratoga, Campbell including it with Mountain View, this  
18 is all part of Santa Clara County by the way, but not  
19 going directly through, is to preserve the Sunnyvale,  
20 Santa Clara, Cupertino COI in this area. And so reached  
21 over to get Saratoga, Campbell, still part of the same  
22 county, but just moving one over in order to keep that  
23 COI together.

24 They're also are just those few areas of San Jose  
25 City in here that I mentioned from before. They are also

1 a part of this. But the main direction was to keep San  
2 Mateo with San Mateo, and we have all of San Mateo County  
3 in this visualization with the exception of those areas  
4 which were taken for the San Francisco area.

5 Which brings up to SCLARA. This is page 17. And  
6 before I zoom out, I'll just, again, point out the Santa  
7 Cruz to Los Gatos along Highway 17 corridor. We do have  
8 Morgan Hill, San Martin, and Gilroy in this visualization  
9 as well.

10 This is a costal visualization. So you've seen this  
11 before, but the difference is, as you've seen when you  
12 talked about Kennedy's areas, is that we have the San  
13 Benito and the Highway 101 corridor of Monterey County  
14 being connected to the eastern areas in those potential  
15 VRA area districts.

16 So we did some exploring on how to move around and  
17 try to bring up the CVAP -- LCVAP as directed in these  
18 areas. So currently this is not part of my area anymore  
19 because it is part of Kennedy's today. But the resulting  
20 district, which is from taking this part out -- I just  
21 want to zoom in and show you. We have -- this is Salinas  
22 down here. And this comes all the way down to King City  
23 and to Pine Canyon.

24 So this is a lot like what we were speaking about in  
25 the Assembly of a possible line that could be down to

1 King City. This is pretty much what it would look like  
2 with our particular line. The rest of Monterey County is  
3 included. And then in San Luis Obispo County, we come as  
4 south as Arroyo Grande, making sure that Arroyo Grande  
5 stays with San Luis Obispo County, and that is per  
6 direction.

7 Lastly, we have page 20. Page 20 has SCOAST.  
8 Direction to keep all of the islands together was  
9 followed, though I will be adjusting that to follow the  
10 new direction to keep the islands with their respective  
11 counties as directed earlier.

12 We have Southern Santa Barbra Coast staying with  
13 Southern Santa Barbra. And the Ventura split is still  
14 the same as you saw it before, just cutting right before  
15 Camarillo, Somis, and Moorpark, as you could see before.  
16 and as I mentioned, there are no other city splits.

17 And that is my whole area. I'm happy to take  
18 feedback.

19 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much,  
20 Tamina.

21 Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

23 Thank you, Tamina.

24 So if you can just zoom into, you probably already  
25 know, 12 and 15, which is the Yolo, Napa kind of area.

1 Okay. Perfect.

2 So on the NAPABYRON, on this one -- yes, in terms of  
3 what you said earlier, we can potentially pull out West  
4 Sacramento from the NSAC visualization. And then down  
5 below Southern Solano down there, can -- where is the  
6 Solano County line?

7 MS. ALON: The Solano County line is over along  
8 here --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

10 MS. ALON: -- and including Vallejo and Venetia.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So my -- what I'd  
12 like to see is moving Venetia and Vallejo into the  
13 NAPABYRON. And then where your hand is right now, moving  
14 Bethel Island, Oakley, Antioch, moving that to the  
15 visualization below, which is can't remember what the  
16 name of it is. That is --

17 MS. ALON: Understood. Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- that the COCO. But then  
19 I wanted to see what some of the -- okay. And COCO is  
20 already over. I already foresee an issue with this  
21 because I believe by moving Venetia and Vallejo, that  
22 population wise, is not going to equal what I'm  
23 suggesting to move in. So I was trying to see where --  
24 can you move down COCO real quick. Thank you.

25 Okay. Yeah. I have to think about that one a

1 little bit more. Unfortunately, Commissioner Fornaciari  
2 had to leave, and his comment regarding this was also the  
3 same, in terms of moving Vallejo and Venetia into the  
4 NAPABYRON. And then the Bethel Island, Antioch, moving  
5 that to the COCO visualization. Thank you.

6 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner  
7 Fernandez. Let's -- I don't know, at some point it may  
8 be useful to have a very bare bones map that just has the  
9 deviations and nothing else because we need to keep sight  
10 of the fact that we need to be moving population north  
11 rather than south. I see Commissioner Anderson nodding.  
12 So let's just keep that in mind.

13 So with that, Commissioner Yee and then Commissioner  
14 Anderson.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair.

16 So on that same point with Vallejo and Venetia, I  
17 think you said to me that you can't move both. So if we  
18 have to choose between the two, I would keep Venetia with  
19 COCO on a shared industrial interest there, that we keep  
20 all the refineries there together. And then Vallejo  
21 going to NAPABYRON. But that may depend on what we do  
22 with West Sacramento. So if we had to choose the two, I  
23 would keep Venetia with COCO.

24 And then I had a question about South San Francisco.  
25 And thank you for the detailed look at the split that you

1 made there. Could you say a little bit more about how  
2 you sided on the particular split? Thanks.

3 MS. ALON: Sure. It's really just knowing the  
4 streets in the area over here. Happy to entertain and  
5 trying to keep the census blocks looking as much of  
6 aligned and a little bit less jagged than they would.  
7 But happy to entertain any other street splits or any  
8 other ideas of where we can move that population.

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Yee, did  
10 you want any further detail?

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: I think it's fine. I just wanted  
12 to hear the thinking behind the -- you know, that  
13 particular line.

14 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And you're happy with  
15 what you've heard?

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: For now, yeah. Thanks.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good.

18 Commissioner Andersen and then Commissioner  
19 Akutagawa.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair.

21 On that one, actually, Tamina, again, I'm thinking  
22 of shifting populations and move it up north but it sort  
23 of starts going around. I'm just wondering if you  
24 could -- since south San Francisco is already split, if  
25 you could adjust that so that COI is more even, instead

1 of the, you know, close to four, if you could adjust it  
2 so that it's more even because then I'd like to take some  
3 things out of the PENINSULA one to move a little bit of  
4 population on the coast. But just for right now, if you  
5 could just have a look at that one, please.

6 And then I'd actually like to go back up to the  
7 NCOAST, page 9. And I appreciate your -- all your  
8 suggestions to me. And I really -- I liked your -- the  
9 way you've been giving us sort of this or that and  
10 these -- what happens with the changes. But we have  
11 said, take down the word out of this one. I would  
12 actually like to put Lake in. And then the populations,  
13 that's the change, there's around 40,000 people or so.

14 And then I'd like to add to the NAPABYRON by taking  
15 Lake out of NAPABYRON, I'd like to add more of the Wine  
16 Country. Commissioner Toledo said the City of Sonoma.  
17 I'd like to add more of those, like, Glen Ellen, that  
18 area, to bring the population up. Correct. Yeah.  
19 There's -- you see Kenwood, Glen Ellen, Hot Springs.  
20 Those are certainly all Wine Country -- wine cities. I'd  
21 like to add that into it.

22 So I don't want to put West Sacramento in this area  
23 because I believe if we add the Wine Country to Napa,  
24 Solano, Yolo, we've created that agricultural area.

25 And then with the Vallejo, Venetia area, with that

1 population, I don't believe we can add more. But if we  
2 want to, I agree with Commissioner Yee, add Vallejo. And  
3 I would put the Antioch, Bethel Island, Oakley, that  
4 area, back with COCO.

5 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Anything else, Commissioner  
6 Andersen?

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I will stop there. Thank  
8 you.

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very Good. Thank you.  
10 Commissioner Akutagawa?

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I'm going to try to  
12 contribute to this puzzle. I was thinking similar to  
13 what Commissioner Fernandez was saying. Let's add  
14 Vallejo and Venetia to the NAPABYRON visualization. That  
15 total based on the population numbers that I counted up  
16 is 153,663. If we then deduct the deviation because  
17 there's 77,151 under, that would leave us with 76,512  
18 over.

19 And then if you remove West Sacramento, we'll just  
20 placeholder them with North Sacramento for right now.  
21 That's 54, 071. Then that would then leave us still  
22 22,441 over, and if we remove some of those smaller Delta  
23 Towns, that may bring it down in terms of -- I don't know  
24 what the population numbers. I didn't have time to look  
25 up all of those populations just yet, but perhaps they

1 may get us a little closer to a standard deviation that's  
2 a little bit more reasonable.

3 But also, on this COCO visualization, one of the  
4 things that I was concerned about is the fact that we  
5 have a rather interesting array of industries that are  
6 not necessarily what I would call shared communities of  
7 interest. You have your Delta Towns like Bethel Island,  
8 Oakley Knights, and Brentwood, Discovery Bay, Byron. And  
9 then you have Antioch and Pittsburg split, as well as  
10 Martinez and Clyde, along with all of those, I'll call  
11 them bedroom communities, that share the 5 A -- I think  
12 it's the 5 AD corridor or the 6 -- yeah 6 AD corridor in  
13 the Tri-Valley community.

14 So this may be a way to not necessarily create  
15 something that's totally alike, but at least you have  
16 some more balance where you have your areas that are the  
17 Delta Towns, as well as those that follow the 6 AD  
18 corridor. So thank you.

19 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner  
20 Akutagawa.

21 We have five minutes remaining until lunch.

22 Commissioner Toledo?

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. On that same map, I'm  
24 just sort of -- the African-American community and their  
25 COI out in Vallejo is wanting to be with the Contra Costa

1 area or Richmond area, and so that is something that I  
2 just keep in the back on my mind. And I know that's one  
3 of the reasons why we pulled it down. But yeah, we do  
4 need some population.

5 I'm also thinking, attend to the City of Rohnert  
6 Park because of its hospitality focused. There's quite a  
7 bit of population there. I would want to balance the two  
8 districts so they have -- the deviations, they're both  
9 low. And with the movement of Del Norte into Siskiyou  
10 area, that's going to make the north coast district  
11 deviation bigger. And so if there's a way to balance the  
12 two and bring in some populations from the Wine Country  
13 area, exactly what Jane -- Commissioner Andersen  
14 mentioned, potentially going even into Rohnert Park,  
15 which has a significant alignment with Napa/Solano area  
16 as well, if we need to.

17 And I don't know how I feel about West Sac at this  
18 point. I think I'd like to keep the county whole if  
19 possible, but I also see significant similarities between  
20 West Sacramento and Sacramento, so I -- that's -- yeah.  
21 That where I'm at this point. Thank you.

22 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you,  
23 Commissioner Toledo.

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Just

1 really quick.

2       Just for clarification, I'm going ask Commissioner  
3 Akutagawa because we tend to refer to the Delta Towns.  
4 And I see Delta Towns as -- there's like two separate  
5 areas. There's the area that is northern most that is  
6 kind of the real vista all the way north. And then  
7 you've got, you know, from Bethel Island, Antioch,  
8 Pittsburg. So I believe Tamina was clear on what  
9 Commissioner Akutagawa was talking about, but I just  
10 wanted to make sure that we're specific as to which part  
11 of the Delta we're talking about. Thank you. Because  
12 there's lots of small little towns in the Delta. Thanks.

13       COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. You're --  
14 Commissioner Kennedy, if you don't mind, I'll just reply.

15       VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Please.

16       COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Yes. Commissioner  
17 Fernandez, you're absolutely right. I just don't have  
18 all the little town names. But when she has -- hold on.  
19 Sorry. Let me just look at the map here. Yeah. I'm  
20 talking about like Bethel Island, Oakley, Knights, and  
21 Brentwood, Discovery Bay, Byron. I'm referring to those.  
22 I think they refer to themselves as Delta Towns. I  
23 wasn't thinking going all the way up. I think that it's  
24 unnecessary to grab that much. I don't -- I know that  
25 there's also -- there's going to be other ripple effects

1 if we grab too many of them too.

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

3 And Commissioner Andersen?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you.

5 I apologize. I totally blew the one area. I left a  
6 lot of population hanging out there. I agree --  
7 Commissioner Toledo said, you know, the Vallejo, Venetia,  
8 and we talked about going across the top of Contra Costa  
9 County. So I would take Crockett, Martinez, Bay Point,  
10 Pittsburg. That's that area of Antioch, Bethel Island  
11 that I meant to take out of NAPABYRON. I did not  
12 actually mean to put it into COCO because that makes the  
13 population crazy.

14 And I don't know how much population is in that area  
15 if we, you know, go across the Highway 4, so we might  
16 need to come down into grabbing a Concord, Clayton, that  
17 area, to come up with the population to help.

18 And then -- excuse me -- if we go the south part of  
19 COCO, please. And then we might be able to grab Sunol.  
20 And then that would -- we could -- as a population, I was  
21 arranging on the PENINSULA to possibly move it up and  
22 around. That's what I would like to do in the area.

23 Tamina, I don't know if that was -- I apologize if  
24 that was sufficiently vague. But the idea being, can we  
25 capture across Highway 4, that area for the industries,

1 if that would help. Thank you.

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

4 That brings us to lunchtime. So continue  
5 contemplating how we resolve some of these conundrums in  
6 front of us. Enjoy your lunch. And see you back here at  
7 3 p.m. Commissioner Le Mons should be back in the chair.

8 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:15 p.m.  
9 until 3:00 p.m.)

10 CHAIR LE MONS: Welcome back. I hope everyone had a  
11 wonderful lunch and got a little bit of a break.

12 Before we went to lunch, Tamina, I just wanted to  
13 check in with Commissioners to see if there was  
14 additional feedback on your maps.

15 Commissioners?

16 MS. DONALD: Chair Le Mons, may I please ask a  
17 clarifying question?

18 CHAIR LE MONS: Yes. Absolutely.

19 MS. DONALD: Thank you so much. We were just  
20 wondering if you could please clarify West Sacramento,  
21 which way that's going to go. Thank you.

22 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Give me one second. I will  
23 clarify that for you. My understanding is that West Sac  
24 should go with Yolo. Is that what you're talking about?

25 MS. DONALD: Sorry. Yes. Just wanted to make sure

1 that that's on the record. Appreciate it.

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Perfect.

3 Before we jump back in, I'm sorry, I wanted to just  
4 remind the public that we're going to have public comment  
5 toward the end of the day. And also wanted to also  
6 remind the public that comments can be provided at any  
7 point throughout the meeting via our comment forum which  
8 is at our website. So feel free to utilize that  
9 particular tool to provide us comment. We are tracking  
10 that all during the day. So we do see it quickly, and  
11 we'll make sure that that information is being  
12 incorporated into the experience as well.

13 We got a lot -- several hundred comments via the  
14 forum yesterday which was very, very exciting. So  
15 continue to utilize it. And, of course, if you want to  
16 give live verbal comment, that will be happening a little  
17 bit later today.

18 So with that, I will go to Commissioner Andersen.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair.

20 I just actually want to lift a concern. We're  
21 splitting a significant community of interest in Gilroy,  
22 Watsonville, and Hollister by the -- this is the Santa  
23 Clara on page 17, and then -- then we said Fresno, which  
24 I don't have the page on. And I just wanted to know was  
25 this considered -- in the VRA, was these two cities were

1 eliminated from what's connected in the Assembly  
2 district. So I'm just wondering if we could address  
3 that, please, how that came about. It's just a little  
4 further -- yeah. You'll see Gilroy and Watsonville.  
5 That was with -- Hollister was that community of interest  
6 that was mentioned many, many times earlier in the  
7 summer, and all about San -- keep San Benito with that  
8 area.

9 MS. ALON: So in the Assembly, we have them together  
10 with this area, and it creates a fifty plus -- fifty  
11 percent plus LCVAP area in the Assembly. In the Senate  
12 district, they do not contribute to raising that LCVAP.  
13 And they were together in the previous visualization, but  
14 the prior direction we got last week was to take these  
15 areas of San Benito and Monterey and try to move them  
16 east for LCVAP purposes. So that's how we came up with  
17 this configuration.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. So yeah, you could  
19 not create another Senate Latino district in this area  
20 without going east?

21 MS. ALON: Correct.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

23 MS. DONALD: Would you like us to move on to a  
24 different area?

25 Chair Le Mons, you are muted. Sorry.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: No wonder no one is responding. My  
2 apologies. Yes, please, Karin.

3 MS. DONALD: Okay. So thank you very much. We're  
4 moving on to Jamie now. So just one moment while she  
5 pulls up the map. And there it is already fast as  
6 lightning.

7 And Jamie, take it away. Thank you.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Could you get a little closer  
9 to the mic, please? Thank you.

10 MS. CLARK: Last week, of course, we didn't get to  
11 go through in too much detail Senate districts. We  
12 talked about general directions. So based on that,  
13 that's what I have for you today.

14 First visualization we're going to look at that Mr.  
15 Becker might have comments about is page 41 of the  
16 handout. And this visualization is at a negative 4.40  
17 percent deviation. I got direction in San Gabriel Valley  
18 to have sort of north to south oriented districts. And  
19 that's what we see here.

20 I also was instructed to include these areas. It's  
21 San Marino, Alhambra, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San  
22 Gabriel areas to keep that -- those cities together, and  
23 then to sort of move south. So this visualization  
24 includes the cities I just mentioned. Also includes  
25 Montebello, Pico Rivera, Downey, Bellflower, Cerritos,

1 Artesia, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, East Whittier, and  
2 South Whittier. The City of Whittier is split for  
3 population and CVAP purposes. And again, this is a  
4 negative 4.40 percent deviation, and this was on page 41.

5 MR. BECKER: And I'll just say -- and this will  
6 be -- this will be applicable to both of these VRA  
7 visualizations. As you can see, they're both  
8 underpopulated towards the upper boundary. And given the  
9 current percentages of Latino Citizens Voting Age  
10 Population and the Voting Rights Act that we've  
11 determined here, if you're -- you probably only need to  
12 add population in here rather than subtract it, and you  
13 probably need to -- you probably don't have a lot of  
14 leeway to reduce the Latino CVAP. So I would just make  
15 those -- we give those pieces of advice as you consider  
16 direction of the line drawers.

17 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

18 And next, I'm going to be moving to page 43 of the  
19 handout. This is the sort of east 210 area. We receive  
20 direction to have Walnut, Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights,  
21 Hacienda Heights with Orange County cities. So that's  
22 why this area here is not included in the visualization.  
23 And this visualization includes areas in Angeles National  
24 Forest, includes Claremont, San Dimas, Glendora, Duarte,  
25 Bradbury, Azusa, Irwindale, Covina, West Covina, North El

1 Monte, El Monte, and South El Monte, La Puente, most of  
2 the City of Industry.

3 I'm going to zoom in to see some more detail on the  
4 southern end. And this includes the northern part of the  
5 City of Whittier, and also includes La Habra and La  
6 Mirada for population. This is also a negative 4.45  
7 percent deviation in this visualization.

8 And this is a visualization Mr. Becker also -- oh.  
9 I know you just gave some comments about the last --  
10 about this on the last one.

11 So moving on from here, I'm going to go to the  
12 Northern most part of Los Angeles County, and then move  
13 sort of south mostly following the pdfs and the handout.  
14 And first going to page 44, please. This is looking at  
15 the Antelope Valley and Victor Valley areas. So I'm  
16 going to zoom out, and then I'll zoom in to show more  
17 detail as discussing this.

18 On the east and northern most parts of this  
19 visualization, it includes the northern San Bernadino  
20 County areas. Near the Los Angeles-Orange County border,  
21 it includes Victor Valley, Barstow. It also includes  
22 some areas along 210 in San Bernadino County. These  
23 areas I tried to include for population with this SD east  
24 210 visualization, and for CVAP purposes, I could not  
25 include them. Then looking at northern Los Angeles

1 County, this includes the Antelope Valley in this  
2 visualization.

3       So from now on, we're going to go mostly in order of  
4 the pdfs. And our next visualization is on page 34,  
5 please. This visualization includes the Santa Clarita  
6 Valley. It also includes part of the San Fernando Valley  
7 including -- I'll zoom in to show you more detail of  
8 what's in the San Fernando Valley. This includes Sylmar,  
9 San Fernando, Mission Hills, Pacoima, Arleta, Van Nuys,  
10 Lake Balboa, Reseda, Sun Valley areas. These were  
11 included for population during our last meeting. I  
12 didn't receive general direction to try and keep Santa  
13 Clarita Valley and San Fernando Valley separate.

14       I'm just going to zoom out and talk about this  
15 direction a little bit more. So in this visualization,  
16 the Santa Clarita Valley is a little bit more than  
17 300,000 people or so and the San Fernando Valley is  
18 around 600,000 people. So making this change would be a  
19 really big change. It's about, you know, thirty percent  
20 of a district is that 300,000 population. So making a  
21 change like that, of course, we can do that, and would  
22 have ripple effects potentially throughout the entire  
23 state. And depending on just sort of the direction that  
24 that -- that that ripple would go could have less, more  
25 like half the state or the whole state.

1 Happy to discuss that further if this is a  
2 configuration that the commission, like, really, really  
3 doesn't like, or really wants to see changes to, or just  
4 has questions about. Happy to discuss that further.

5 And next, looking at page 35, please, of the  
6 handouts. This is the East Ventura and San Fernando  
7 Valley areas. In East Ventura, this goes all the way to  
8 Camarillo, and it additionally includes Moorpark, Simi  
9 Valley, Thousand Oaks areas. And then also includes  
10 areas in the San Fernando Valley of Granada Hills,  
11 Northridge, Chatsworth, West Hills, Hidden Hills, and  
12 then here following Mulholland all the way out to Sherman  
13 Oaks.

14 And this line here does include the Poso community  
15 of interest. This one goes all the way up to Oxnard. As  
16 I mentioned yesterday, there's differing testimony in  
17 terms of how far north that line goes. It is to some  
18 degree -- also this area here where the hand is also  
19 included in some COIs that go further north. So just  
20 making a note of that. I'm happy to go over that, of  
21 course, as well.

22 Next, page 36 in the handout. This visualization  
23 represents a percent deviation of 1.57 percent. It goes  
24 all the way from Malibu to Palos Verdes, including  
25 Lomita, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, El

1 Segundo. The airport itself is in -- is not included in  
2 this visualization. And this visualization also includes  
3 Venice, Santa Monica, Palisades, Bel Air, West Hollywood,  
4 such areas. I can zoom in on this. It includes Mid-City  
5 West Neighborhood Council, Westwood, and Westside  
6 Neighborhood Council, and Westside Neighborhood Council  
7 does include Century City.

8 And next, I'm going to go page 37 of the handout.  
9 It's this west of 110 visualization. This includes the  
10 City of Inglewood. It also includes parts of  
11 Westchester. And, you know, I'm going to correct what I  
12 said previously in the -- in this sort of, like, coastal  
13 visualization. LAX is included in the coastal  
14 visualization and is not included in this. So I --  
15 pardon me. I misspoke earlier. So this is, again, on  
16 page 37 looking at the west of 110 visualization. It  
17 includes Inglewood, northern parts of Westchester, Del  
18 Rey, Mar Vista, Culver City, Palms, South Robertson,  
19 Pico, Olympic Park, Westlake, the Empowerment Congress  
20 areas, Zapata King Neighborhood Council, Park Mesa,  
21 Ladera Heights, View Park, and also includes West Adams  
22 if I missed that in my list.

23 Next on page 38, please. This visualization  
24 includes San Pedro, Wilmington, Carson, Compton, East  
25 Rancho Dominguez, West Rancho Dominguez, Willowbrook,

1 Watts Neighborhood Council, Westmont, West Athens,  
2 Hawthorne, Lennox, Del Aire, Lawndale, Alandra Park, and  
3 all of Gardena.

4 And next looking at page 39 of the handout, please.  
5 This visualization includes all of the City of Long  
6 Beach, Hawaiian Gardens, Signal Hill, which is here under  
7 the label, Lakewood, Paramount, Lynwood, South Gate, Bell  
8 Gardens, Florence, Firestone, and Huntington Park. And  
9 this is a .54 percent deviation.

10 Going to move to page 40. In this visualization, I  
11 had received direction to include Boyle Heights, Lincoln  
12 Heights, LA-32 Neighborhood Council, and East Los Angeles  
13 together. Those are all together in this COI, and also  
14 to -- or in this visualization. And also to keep COIs.  
15 Also to keep API COIs together. And it already includes  
16 Little Tokyo, Chinatown, the Koreatown Neighborhood  
17 Council, and Historic Filipinotown. And this COI  
18 additionally includes Vernon, Commerce, Bell, and  
19 Maywood.

20 Now, if we could please go to page 42. This  
21 visualization is a -4.88 percent deviation. It includes  
22 areas in Angeles National Forest and additionally  
23 includes Monrovia, South Monrovia Island, Arcadia, Sierra  
24 Madre, San Pasqual, Pasadena, Altadena, South Pasadena,  
25 Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council, Los Feliz, Burbank,

1 Sunland-Tujunga, Foothill Trails District. These are in  
2 San Fernando Valley. Also includes La Crescenta and La  
3 Cañada Flintridge.

4 And that concludes -- that concludes the  
5 visualizations that were prepared for you today in Los  
6 Angeles County. Thank you so much.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioners, comments, direction?  
8 Commissioner Fernandez.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

10 As I noted earlier, Commissioner Fornaciari had to  
11 go home. So he did have one comment, which I agree with  
12 also. So I guess it could be both of ours. Page 34 and  
13 36. That is the San Fernando Valley -- yeah. It's right  
14 next to each other.

15 So the comment was -- and I think you did mention  
16 what the population is, Jamie, but the comment is to keep  
17 San Fernando Valley together and then combine the rest of  
18 that. Even -- event -- event with -- yeah. There you  
19 go. Thank you.

20 MS. CLARK: So the direction is to try to keep San  
21 Fernando Valley whole and have Santa Clarita and with the  
22 sort of eastern Ventura area.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. Yes. Thank you.

24 MS. CLARK: Thank you --

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner --

1 MS. CLARK: -- so much.

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Kennedy.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

4 I wanted to just check facts with Jamie first of  
5 all. My recollection of the input from VICA is that they  
6 were asking that to the extent that districts were not  
7 able to remain holy within the San Fernando Valley that  
8 we look at the possibility of having half or more of the  
9 population based in the San Fernando Valley. So I heard  
10 you say that in the SCSFV visualization, we have roughly  
11 thirty percent in the Santa Clarita Valley and sixty or  
12 seventy percent in San Fernando Valley.

13 MS. CLARK: That's correct.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. And what about for the  
15 other visualization?

16 MS. CLARK: For the other visualization, I believe  
17 that this population in eastern Ventura County is also  
18 less than -- less than fifty percent of the population  
19 that's included in the San Fernando Valley. And I  
20 believe that if these areas were to be together in -- in  
21 a district, the Santa Clarity Valley and then eastern --  
22 eastern Ventura County areas, then this -- then it would  
23 also need to include all the areas out including the City  
24 of Ventura to --

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right. So --

1 MS. CLARK: -- to create a whole district.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Good. So I'm going to  
3 express my acceptance of the visualizations as they stand  
4 in that they do, in fact -- they are set out, in fact, in  
5 line with the request from VICA that more than half of  
6 the population of a district be based in San Fernando  
7 Valley. Thank you.

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. I'd like to first go  
10 to the Orange County one. It's the -- I think it's the  
11 Santa Ana, Anaheim, Garden Grove, Buena Park, Cypress,  
12 Los Alamitos, and Rossmoor.

13 MS. CLARK: So --

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I thought we were focusing  
15 on LA County.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought  
17 she went through this part. So if -- if not, then I  
18 could just wait. I -- I'll just comment then on the LA  
19 County map then that I also have a comment on. And this  
20 is the SDNS.

21 On this particular one, I saw that Arcadia is  
22 removed from this particular visualization. Arcadia  
23 is -- even though they have a different social economic  
24 kind of level in terms of the residents of that area,  
25 they also do share a lot of the same affinities in terms

1 of their shopping, the kind of restaurants that they  
2 frequent. I think there's a lot of in between. And I do  
3 believe that we also saw, if my recollection, there was  
4 comments around keeping this particular area as close  
5 together in a district as possible.

6 So I want to -- I want to ask that we move Arcadia  
7 into this district. If we do, it will reduce the  
8 deviation a little bit, and actually put it slightly  
9 over. My thought is then, if we can, we -- I guess we  
10 either remove, or the other one is to actually instead of  
11 going north south like the way it is, we relook at the SD  
12 east 210 and actually incorporate in a east-west district  
13 that encompasses these cities, Arcadia, East San Gabriel,  
14 San Gabriel, Alhambra, Monterey Park, Rosemead, El Monte,  
15 South El Monte, stretching out to perhaps to Walnut,  
16 Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar in one  
17 super district that would then fit the numbers that are  
18 needed.

19 I know that we also discussed maybe breaking up the  
20 210, but it -- I'm looking at some of the other  
21 communities that are in the SD east visualization. And  
22 the communities of El Monte, Baldwin Park, Covina, West  
23 Covina, La Puente, Irwindale, they are different from the  
24 communities to the north in a lot of different ways. And  
25 I don't believe we had any community of interest

1 testimony expressing that they should belong together at  
2 any point in a district. So -- and they would rather --  
3 I think there was comments that going further east, like,  
4 to Walnut and Pomona would be preferable. Thank you.

5 MS. CLARK: If I -- if I may just respond to the  
6 very first part of that. And thank you so much,  
7 Commissioner Akutagawa, for all of that feedback. I  
8 tried to include Arcadia in this visualization, and for  
9 the CVAP purposes could not. And, of course, I -- I  
10 will -- I'm happy to try it. I just keep working this  
11 puzzle out, and I absolutely have noted you'd like to see  
12 Arcadia in this visualization. Happy to keep looking at  
13 that. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Jamie, if I --

15 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner --

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm sorry. If I could  
17 follow up.

18 Jamie, would -- if -- if you look at it going  
19 eastward, if you include that, would the CVAP go down,  
20 because I am conscious of the CVAP in both those  
21 districts too. Thank you.

22 MS. CLARK: That's -- I would have to look at it.  
23 It's pretty similar to what we had last week. And I  
24 would just need to go back and double-check. Thank you.

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani.

1           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI:  Yep.  Thank you.

2           First, I would agree with Commissioner Kennedy on  
3 that.  I'm okay with how that San Fernando Valley piece  
4 is looking for now, though my next comments might have  
5 ripple effects for it.  I want to take a closer look  
6 actually in the -- that North LA, the NELA district  
7 again.  Similar to my comments on the Assembly level, for  
8 me, this becomes a major anchor point for LA county  
9 because it's the confluence of so many different  
10 communities of interest.  And I think what's happening  
11 here is we have this district, again like in the  
12 Assembly, including Boyle Heights in east LA with some of  
13 these other areas.  And the effect is breaking up a lot  
14 of the LGBTQ communities of interest that we've received.

15           So again, it's exploratory.  So I think -- tell us  
16 what's possible, you know, in the next visualization to  
17 keep some of these communities together, because I think  
18 if we took out from that NELA district the Hollywood  
19 pieces, as well as pulling Los Feliz from the --- the  
20 Glendale-Burbank kind of area.  We're going to have to  
21 make it up somewhere.  So that's going to end up having  
22 those ripple effects.

23           I could see for the NELA piece -- oh.  It doesn't  
24 really then stay NELA if we're -- if we're taking off  
25 some of those northern parts and dipping down into, like,

1 Bell Gardens and Cudahy. I'm wondering if that might be  
2 an option, you know, for those areas.

3 I'm also -- just want to take a -- if we can zoom  
4 in. Is -- how are we doing on Koreatown? Are we split  
5 there or we're -- are we keeping K-town whole?

6 MS. CLARK: So the neighborhood council of Koreatown  
7 is whole. Last week, I asked if I should look at the  
8 neighborhood council lines or look at the lines that were  
9 submitted as a Koreatown COI. I was -- I was told to  
10 keep the neighborhood council lines intact for now  
11 because the COI version of Koreatown splits Greater  
12 Wilshire. So for now, or in -- in this visualization,  
13 the Koreatown neighborhood town council is together. I  
14 guess, also -- actually, I -- I do have a question and  
15 happy to let you finish. I'm sorry for interrupting.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No, go ahead. Go ahead. Go  
17 ahead.

18 MS. CLARK: I guess a question, in thinking about  
19 taking some of these East Hollywood areas out of this  
20 visualization is that Thai Town, I'm -- sorry, words here  
21 that Thai Town is in this area and that would be  
22 separating Thai Town from some of the other COIs that I  
23 was asked to keep together in this visualization. So  
24 just a matter of -- but that's a decision point. And I  
25 think some of this could be a live line drawing

1 discussion, because some -- not all of these Senate  
2 districts are just so big. Not all of these are going to  
3 necessarily trigger, like a whole structural change of  
4 the entire area.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. No. That makes total  
6 sense. I think -- let's see what we can do about those  
7 COIs now, you know, for the next round. But yes, I mean.  
8 Definitely when my line, live line drawing would be  
9 helpful to kind of compare and contrast the K-Town  
10 neighborhood council to the COI districts. The COI  
11 testimony that we've received. And I forgot the second  
12 part of your question for me. But yes, totally fine to  
13 leave some of this for live line drawing. But I did want  
14 to lift it up because I think this -- I think this  
15 district can shift southward a little bit and ease up  
16 some of those -- those COIs that we were trying to keep  
17 together as well, so.

18 The Thai Town piece, I mean, it's definitely a part  
19 of Hollywood, right? So I think that's where we have  
20 some conflicting testimony. So I'd like to take a closer  
21 look at what we're doing with Thai Town across all three  
22 sets of maps to better understand. I mean, I think one  
23 of the things I'm seeing is, in some places, for example,  
24 if we go back up to the -- the Antelope Valley, here we  
25 have Antelope Valley connecting with -- with Victor

1 Valley, you know, in other maps we don't. And so I think  
2 those are some of the tradeoffs that we're making as  
3 we -- as we're working across all three maps. So, you  
4 know, I recognize that that might need to be an area that  
5 we trade off. Thank you.

6 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Anderson.

7 COMMISSIONERS ANDERSON: Thank you. I have one back  
8 on the East Ventura, San Fernando Valley. And I believe  
9 we were talking about taking Camarillo out and putting it  
10 back -- putting with the South Coast, which I -- I  
11 believe would help kind of even the population, maybe.  
12 But also it would give more weight to the San Fernando  
13 Valley.

14 Then the other one I was thinking of, but I -- at  
15 Reseda and the other little area -- those two blue  
16 squares there. I was wondering if those could be  
17 switched for Foothill Trails, Sunland. But then I  
18 realized, you're already negative 4.8. And I only  
19 brought that -- that's -- so that portion, the Reseda,  
20 switch in there. I would only say if more population  
21 moves into the 210 corridor. Thank you.

22 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Toledo.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Going back to the VRA  
24 districts. If there was a way to add more population  
25 to -- to increase the -- the CVAP for those that

1 they're -- the CVAPs are on the lower end. So if there's  
2 a way to -- to increase population, either by adding, I  
3 mean, there's -- there's -- I knows there's other  
4 considerations -- so there's a way to bring in more  
5 population and also increase the CVAP, that would be my  
6 direction. Thank you.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Vazquez. Commissioner  
8 Vazquez?

9 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sorry, I'm struggling with  
10 mute. We can stay here for right now. I do think -- I'm  
11 just not -- I'm not sure that the north-south orientation  
12 of these maps is working. And in -- in particular, I  
13 think it's -- it's a pretty big oversight for us to cut  
14 out particularly, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights,  
15 potentially, even Walnut, maybe Pomona, from the rest of  
16 the Greater San Gabriel Valley. And especially if you --  
17 if we look at this SDNS districts, you know, San  
18 Merino -- grouping something like San Marino with  
19 Cerritos, Norwalk, Bellflower, also doesn't feel like  
20 it's working for me.

21 And then, finally, we have this weird, sort of the  
22 southern border of the SDNELA is also not really working  
23 for me. Bell Gardens, I think is separated -- or Bell --  
24 Bell Gardens, Cudahy, that, like -- that's not a great  
25 line to draw there. I feel, like Bell Cudahy and Bell

1 Gardens, potentially even Maywood and Vernon and Commerce  
2 feel -- feel like a thing and it feel -- those need to  
3 go -- those need -- feel like they go together more-or-  
4 less. So I'm -- I'm just not -- I think I agree with  
5 Commissioner Sadhwani, if we can figure out, maybe this  
6 SDNELA district. Maybe pull it -- pull that south, or  
7 maybe east, I'm not sure. I just -- I don't know. This  
8 part of the map is just really not working for me. So  
9 I'd like maybe if -- I know this is probably going to  
10 have a lot of ripple effects. But I feel, like, similar  
11 to how we sort of tried to crack the nut by doing and  
12 east-west orientation in the Assembly districts, that we  
13 may need to do that again for the -- for the San Gabriel  
14 Valley and the Senate. Thank you.

15 MS. CLARK: Thank you. That's really similar to  
16 what we had last week and I'll do my best to incorporate  
17 all of this -- all of this great feedback into something  
18 similar to that. Thank you so much.

19 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. I was  
21 looking at the SPCC visualization and it's under a little  
22 bit and I was wondering if -- we've gotten public  
23 testimony asking for Lynwood to be included in this -- in  
24 this group. And I know we can't add all of it, but if we  
25 can, you know, get the difference, you know, from

1 Linwood. And I believe then that would raise the -- the  
2 Latino CVAP. And I was trying to -- it might also raise  
3 the -- the black CVAP. I was trying to figure out  
4 exactly those two.

5 I know Gardena -- where Gardena and Torrance are --  
6 is Gardena split where they asked to be split or is it  
7 separate from Torrance?

8 MS. CLARK: In this visualization, Gardena is not  
9 split. Gardena is whole. And with Hawthorne, I believe  
10 that the split that was requested there is just north of  
11 Marine. Happy to make that happen or take a look at  
12 that. And this visualization is just with the really  
13 quick turnaround of these maps didn't have -- didn't have  
14 time for the, like, fine tooth comb.

15 And Commissioner Sinay, could I please ask a follow-  
16 up question?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, just -- just before we go  
18 back to Gardena --

19 MS. CLARK: I'm sorry. I apologize.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, no, no, no. You said  
21 Gardena with Hawthorne. I just want to make sure it was  
22 Gardena with Torrance.

23 MS. CLARK: Yes. Part of Gardena with Hawthorne,  
24 part of Gardena with Torrance.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Perfect, okay. And your follow

1 up? Sorry.

2 MS. CLARK: So for the Lynwood piece, I did try to  
3 include that, just for population. It didn't quite work  
4 out. And if the direction is to look at a split, happy  
5 to look at that, of course. Additionally, wanted to note  
6 that on this visualization with Long Beach moving up 710,  
7 I also just received direction to include Bell Gardens,  
8 Huntington Park area to the north. This visualization is  
9 already .54 percent deviation. And then removing Lynwood  
10 would, you know, removing Lynwood, plus these northern-  
11 most areas, I think would cause a deviation issue. So  
12 just -- it is a -- not necessarily a question, but wanted  
13 to mention it and, I guess, one follow-up question, I  
14 guess, could be then, would you be okay with Florence  
15 potentially moving into the, sort of, like, San Pedro  
16 north visualization. Would that be -- oh wait, that's  
17 actually going the wrong way, too.

18 I will take a look at all of this and if -- if  
19 Lynwood needs to be split, it sounds like that's --  
20 that's the direction, potentially.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, just --

22 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- just, yeah. And -- again,  
24 looking at the CVAP for -- for two of the -- the  
25 communities. If it helps. Thank you.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. On this  
3 particular -- on this particular one, I guess I would ask  
4 Jamie if -- if -- I notice that Florence-Graham and  
5 Lynwood both have about similar sized populations, you'd  
6 have to split the -- either the neighborhood or the city.  
7 But perhaps that might make sense because I think in  
8 addition to the previous visualization that you  
9 received -- and I do agree with Commissioners Vazquez on,  
10 you know, not including -- or -- or making sure that Bell  
11 and Cudahy is included -- Bell Garden is included with  
12 Vernon and Maywood and Commerce. I -- I do agree that  
13 they belong together.

14 I think as you relook at also the SDNS  
15 visualization, which is the north-south of the San  
16 Gabriel Valley, going into the -- the gateway cities and  
17 the I-5 corridor, it might make sense -- I guess I'll  
18 just -- just generally say, I would encourage you take a  
19 look at some of the Assembly visualizations based on the  
20 directions that we gave this morning and -- and perhaps  
21 using that as a basis, because I think -- I think we're  
22 pretty close -- I -- I'm feeling much better about the  
23 Assembly than we are about the map in terms of the --  
24 more the east-west direction and some of the groupings of  
25 cities where we've gotten community of interest

1 testimony, in terms of their similarities and -- and  
2 their affinities with each other. Also with the  
3 residents sharing similar kinds of shopping and, you  
4 know, school and worship and other things like that.

5 So I -- that's going to be my direction, Jaime,  
6 as -- perhaps we can look at the Assembly as our -- as  
7 our starting point. And I agree with what Commissioner  
8 Sadhwani said, too. I think that Northeast LA -- what we  
9 discussed with the Assembly, I think could help, maybe  
10 break this nut, too. Thank you.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Just  
13 quickly. Jaime, you probably already said this, and I --  
14 I didn't hear it. On 38, that's the one the SPCC, I just  
15 wanted to confirm that Watts was kept whole?

16 MS. CLARK: The Watts neighborhood council is kept  
17 whole, similarly to the -- to Koreatown neighborhood  
18 council and Koreatown COI. We've also received COIs  
19 around Watts. They're a little bit larger than the  
20 neighborhood council area. And in this visualization,  
21 the Watts neighborhood council is whole.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And -- and how much of --  
23 how much population is the other portion?

24 MS. CLARK: I'm not sure in terms of population. I  
25 will -- I'm looking for that COI now, and I'm just going

1 to zoom into it. So it goes up and include parts of  
2 Florence, Firestone, and the area on the map labeled  
3 Empowerment Congress Southeast Area Neighborhood Counsel.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

5 MS. CLARK: So it's this area in red.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I was just thinking,  
7 because this visualization is low on the deviation. So  
8 if we added all of the Watts, that might bring it up a  
9 little. Thank you.

10 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa, do you have  
12 another comment?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I wanted to comment  
14 about that Gardena piece, because I know that we did  
15 receive some court testimony about a historic Japanese  
16 American community in that Gardena area. And I believe  
17 it was more south of Marine versus going north.

18 MS. CLARK: Um-hum.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: But I also recall that the  
20 caller mentioned that it was cleared with the black  
21 census and redistricting hub. I -- I'm going to ask that  
22 we look at that piece of Gardena included into the LA Bay  
23 area map. I think, with some of the also other new  
24 directions that we've given around northeast LA, I  
25 believe that there's going to be some shifting that's

1 going to probably happen on that upper part of northeast  
2 LA because looking at it, it looks like it's a rather  
3 long district. And it -- yeah, and it looks like it  
4 includes some of West Hollywood.

5 It is kind of interesting that Studio City is  
6 included there. My understanding or -- is that that's  
7 part of the San Fernando Valley as well, too. And I just  
8 also want to be conscious about the request that they've  
9 given us to not go south of Mulholland, so --

10 MS. CLARK: Yeah, thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- as you're making some of  
12 those adjustments, maybe keeping those in mind.

13 MS. CLARK: To -- to clarify, Studio City is not in  
14 this visualization. Nor is West Hollywood.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, okay. It was a little  
16 misleading from what I'm looking at. Okay. What is --  
17 what is the part that the LA Bay area goes up to. It's  
18 kind of hard to tell from this?

19 MS. CLARK: That goes up to Studio City.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. That's -- that's  
21 what I mean, okay.

22 MS. CLARK: Oh, thank you. I'm sorry. I thought  
23 you were talking about the northeast LA --

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, no, no, no, no. I was  
25 talking about the LA Bay area part. Yeah. And then,

1 yeah. I mean, as you're doing some adjustments, it could  
2 be that you might need to pull in mid-city west into the  
3 north -- northeast LA, depending upon what happens to the  
4 north, you may -- it -- it may make sense to pull Studio  
5 City into the San -- back into the San Fernando Valley.

6 So just wanted to just point those out as well, too.

7 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioners. Any  
9 additional comment or feedback?

10 Thank you, Jaime.

11 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much.

12 CHAIR LE MONS: Andrew?

13 MR. DRECHSLER: Thank you, Chair. Let's see, Sivan  
14 is going to be pulling up her map in just a second. Just  
15 to remind you, we're going to be looking at the Southern  
16 part. We have eleven visualizations that we want to show  
17 you. We have three that are -- that we worked with at  
18 the VRA attorneys with. So we will start with those.  
19 And then we will go through the other ones that -- that  
20 we have.

21 So with that, I will turn it over to Sivan.

22 MS. TRATT: Thank you. So starting again in this  
23 southeast California visualization, which is pretty  
24 similar across all of the plan types. This is another  
25 one that is up for some VRA consideration.

1 Mr. Becker, did you have anything specific to add  
2 about this visualization?

3 MR. DRECHSLER: This is on page 47.

4 MS. TRATT: Thank you, Andrew, yes. I apologize.  
5 And I'll be moving in order. So you can just follow  
6 along and I'll announce the page number. But thank you  
7 for the reminder.

8 MR. DRECHSLER: I have nothing to add, other than  
9 just to note the perfect deviation here so that there is  
10 some flexibility if there's some instruction that the  
11 Commissioners want to give with regard to removing or  
12 adding a little bit population there.

13 MS. TRATT: Thank you so much. And then I'll just  
14 zoom in right over here. And then on page 48, you'll  
15 find POF, which is this visualization right here. And it  
16 is also at a perfect deviation, currently. So there  
17 might be a little bit of flexibility as Mr. Becker  
18 mentioned for the previous visualization.

19 And I should have also mentioned before the last  
20 district. The only change from the -- none of these have  
21 changed from the last time you've seen the -- these VRA  
22 visualizations. The only thing that has changed was a  
23 slight portion, sorry to backtrack here, a slight portion  
24 of this rural area was extended to incorporate more of  
25 that rural unincorporated buffer. But I actually don't

1 believe that it added any population or made any  
2 significant change. So just to point that out.

3 And then back to these again. You have seen the  
4 same thing already. And this visualization, SBRC, can be  
5 found on page 49. And I believe it's -- yes, I think it  
6 takes in -- into account as it does split Riverside City,  
7 trying to follow some neighborhood bound -- borders in --  
8 in there. Just to kind of minimize disruption of that  
9 city split. But that's all the notes that I have on the  
10 potential VRA districts.

11 Does anyone have -- or Mr. Becker, did you have  
12 anything else to add about any of these? Okay.

13 MR. BECKER: No, no. Very -- very low deviations  
14 with some flexibility if you want it there. The Voting  
15 Rights Act considerations are -- are there, but they're  
16 also likely addressed by the -- the current percentages  
17 of these districts.

18 MS. TRATT: All right. I'm just going to go ahead  
19 and quickly turn off the CVAP numbers just to kind of  
20 reduce some visual clutter. So just give me one moment.

21 All right. So now the number displayed should  
22 represent the current deviation of the visualization.  
23 Moving right along to page 50, this is the SESDCEC  
24 visualization. So this is moving into the southwestern  
25 corner of San Diego County. This visualization

1 incorporates the boundaries of several southeast San  
2 Diego COIs. And then also maintains the integrity of  
3 Paradise Hills. And you can see, I'm just outlining the  
4 border here.

5 And then moving to page 51 --

6 CHAIR LE MONS: Sivan, before you go on --

7 Commissioner, Sinay, you have a comment?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner Le  
9 Mons. I wanted to go back to the southeast corner and  
10 just have -- this district is huge, geographically. And  
11 it -- it includes so many different communities of  
12 interest, as well as counties, as well as geography, as  
13 well as cities. Is -- is there -- and if we keep it the  
14 way it is, most likely the southwest corner is going to  
15 be where a lot of the candidates come from. So I don't  
16 really know if it's going to represent -- it it's going  
17 to be representative for everybody in this district.

18 And so I was curious if there -- if we have explored  
19 it. I -- I know I brought it up last time a little bit,  
20 but is there a way to look at VRA in a different way so  
21 San Diego has a VRA district and then Imperial Riverside  
22 and San Bernardino have one?

23 MS. TRATT: Mr. Becker, did you want to make a  
24 comment on that?

25 MR. BECKER: I mean, my main comment here would be,

1 this is -- this is one of the easier districts to define.  
2 It is the largest of the types of districts, the Senate  
3 districts. And it is anchored to the entire southeast  
4 corner of California, the entire southern border and much  
5 of the eastern border. There's not a lot of leeway  
6 there. But you can absolutely feel free to give some  
7 instruction to see if that can change. But this is going  
8 to be one of those places where there's the few --  
9 there's -- there's the least amount of leeway.

10       Fortunately, the way this was drawn, is there is  
11 some population deviation possibilities here.

12       COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. I mean, I can  
13 understand, the way you just described it is a way that  
14 we can tell the story better. I know that we're getting  
15 a lot of pushback on how big this district is. And  
16 just -- just how the representation --

17       MR. BECKER: I'll just -- I'll just say really  
18 quickly, there is no way this district isn't huge,  
19 geographically. There's no way to draw it that way --

20       COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, I know that's -- it's  
21 very --

22       MR. BECKER: -- it is a mass -- it has massive areas  
23 of underpopulated area. There's just no way to draw it  
24 differently. If you change the overall area of this  
25 district, it'll probably be changed as an overall

1 percentage by a very small percentage. It'll -- It'll --

2 MS. COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, I mean that -- South  
3 Bay is the one giving the most of the population. South  
4 Bay, San Diego, I believe.

5 MR. BECKER: That's -- that's possible. It also goes  
6 up into the Riverside -- into that Riverside corridor  
7 there. It's -- it's capturing some of the -- some of that  
8 central part of San Diego County. I mean, they -- they  
9 can absolutely try to do that, but it's, you know, if the  
10 concern is size, the size is still going -- if you take  
11 out a heavily populated area from this district and  
12 replace it with another area, the size is actually going  
13 to grow.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, it's not -- yes, exactly.  
15 But it's -- it's -- it's size, but it's also -- it's --  
16 it's -- when I say huge, it's not -- it's just the  
17 diversity and the -- there's a lot to bridge here.

18 MR. BECKER: Yeah. I -- so I absolutely, you  
19 should --

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That's what I mean, is the  
21 bridging --

22 MR. BECKER: -- you should feel free to give  
23 whatever direction you'd like. I just also want to point  
24 out about all of these Senate districts. We're talking  
25 about districts that are nearly a million people large.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

2 MR. BECKER: They are some of the largest districts  
3 anywhere in the United States that are larger than  
4 Congressional districts. And so absolutely feel free to  
5 give direction. But there is no way to create districts  
6 that probably won't encompass some disparate areas that  
7 won't encompass some areas that have -- have different  
8 interest to some degree, just because of the sheer size  
9 of these districts and the number of people in each of  
10 them.

11 MS. TRATT: Commissioner, I just zoomed in slightly  
12 to give you a better view of some of those cities that  
13 are bordering. Those San Diego districts and then the  
14 southeast California district. Do you have any -- are  
15 there any specific areas that you were wanting us to kind  
16 of experiment with switching out? I know that this SDC  
17 has a positive deviation. So this might be where you've  
18 got the most flexibility. But I just want to hear what  
19 your thoughts were about that.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. This is really  
21 difficult, because my thought would be for the VS --  
22 yeah, the SEC neighborhood -- district to move north and  
23 east more than continue move into San Diego. So the  
24 idea, you know, if you -- if we pulled out, you know,  
25 Chula Vista, National City, yeah, that bottom west

1 triangle. Yeah, the -- the South Bay, it would  
2 definitely leave a big hole.

3       Could we, I guess what we could do -- but then we  
4 won't have this -- I don't think we'll have the CVAP data  
5 if we grab -- that's the thing is -- is we were to grab  
6 some of these other communities that -- that, you know,  
7 Lakeside, and -- and Spring Valley and La Puente. I  
8 don't think those are going to help us with the CVAP  
9 number. Because that's -- that's part of, I mean, for  
10 VRA purposes, that -- so that's why I think we -- it  
11 is -- we are a little stuck. And that's why it's good to  
12 have these conversations publicly. So those listening  
13 can also see where -- where the challenges are.

14       CHAIR LE MONS: Andrew?

15       MR. DRECHSLER: Thank you. And thank you, Chair.  
16 And Commissioner Sinay. One thing that we -- the San  
17 Bernardino part of this has about 7,000 population. So  
18 that is something that -- as, you know, could be possibly  
19 shifted to that -- that district up there. But that's  
20 something we can explore in live line drawing and -- and  
21 I don't think that would -- but, of course, being  
22 conscious of the -- the VRA consideration as well. But  
23 just wanted to give you heads up on that.

24       CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Fernandez?

25       COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, just quickly. I -- I

1 just wanted to respond to this conversation because I  
2 just want everyone to remember the size of this. And  
3 then when we go north it's really big. And then Coast is  
4 really big. So there are going to be, unfortunately,  
5 areas that do have commonalties and some that don't. And  
6 I -- I'm just really -- especially this one that's a VRA  
7 district, I would -- I -- I think we're challenged with  
8 it, unfortunately, because it is VRA, to find a different  
9 way to not make it so big. And so anyway, just -- it's  
10 probably just one of the -- something that we'll have to  
11 grapple with as we move forward. Thanks.

12 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Again, I want to -- my point  
14 isn't so much that it is big in size, it's just that the  
15 bridge -- the difference between -- Chula Vista is the  
16 third largest city in San Diego County. It -- it's one  
17 of the largest cities in -- in California. And so I --  
18 I'm just -- it -- it's -- and it's very urban and -- and,  
19 yes, Imperial, Chula Vista, that's the border. But that  
20 is the most unique part of the U.S. Mexico border is,  
21 it -- it's a very urban area, it's not rural like the  
22 rest of the border, all the way to Texas. And so that's  
23 why I'm saying it's very different from the salt and --  
24 salt and sea. And you know, and when Imperial County  
25 said they wanted to go up into the salt and sea, they

1 were very clear that they didn't want to go east -- I  
2 mean, west, sorry, to San Diego.

3 So I understand it's a huge area. It's just that  
4 this part, that South Bay piece -- so there's two  
5 questions, is can we have two VRA areas; is there a way  
6 to do that? And second, you know, is there a way to give  
7 representation, not so much to the Bay area, my -- south  
8 Bay, but my concern is representation to the rural areas,  
9 especially Imperial and east Coachella Valley.

10 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner -- Mr. Becker, you want  
11 to respond to that?

12 MR. BECKER: Yeah. I'll just say -- I'll just say,  
13 very briefly, I just want to remind the Commissioners,  
14 there is where we found consistent VRA considerations,  
15 definitely in Imperial County, definitely in at least the  
16 western part of Riverside, maybe moving out towards the  
17 east, and definitely in the southern part around,  
18 probably, Chula Vista, we saw this -- there were not as  
19 many VRA concerns in areas, kind of, directly north and  
20 west of here, there -- really, none.

21 So you know, I want to give credit to the line  
22 drawers. I think this is very, very good. And there is  
23 literally no way -- if you drew -- there's -- absolutely  
24 feel free to give instruction from Imperial beach, Chula  
25 Vista, that area, if you like, and there might be

1 something that can be done there, but most of the  
2 district can't really be moved that much because of the  
3 southern border and the eastern border.

4 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I was just going to  
6 ask on this -- I think, you know, hearing what  
7 Commissioner Sinay is saying, if this district were to  
8 move into that part of what is visualization MCV, which  
9 is -- I'm not sure what page it's on, but it --

10 COMMISSIONER TRATT: That is on page -- sorry, 57.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: 57, thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER TRATT: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just so that Andrew, who's  
14 taking notes, can also take note. If you're to go into  
15 portions of that district, to then offset the removal of  
16 Chula Vista, one, is that still going -- would that still  
17 ensure the -- you know, the VRA district; and two, is  
18 Chula Vista specifically a VRA city, or one that we have  
19 to consider as part of the VRA, and therefore removing it  
20 would actually then hurt, you know, it's ability to  
21 respect the VRA?

22 MR. BECKER: I'll respond briefly. I don't have the  
23 really zoomed in maps to look at whether it's -- there's  
24 an area around Chula Vista, and I just don't have the map  
25 zoomed in as much with my -- with the racially polarized

1 voting analysis that we've looked at. But it's right  
2 around there, and it's an area where we've seen  
3 consistent racially polarized voting, so it's certainly  
4 an area that we should be highly considerate of.

5 That said, you should absolutely -- I mean, the  
6 questions you're asking, there, Commissioner Akutagawa, I  
7 think, are instruct -- are directions you could give to  
8 the line drawers to try out, and we could see what  
9 happens there.

10 I actually think that it's likely that this area  
11 might give you a little more flexibility than the Chula  
12 Vista, Imperial Beach area does. But we'd have to look  
13 at the voting rights and considerations in that south San  
14 Diego area.

15 That being said, the Chula Vista, Imperial Beach  
16 area, you just -- you run up against the Pacific; there's  
17 nothing you can do there. Whereas, this gives you some  
18 flexibility if you want to give instructions in this area  
19 with regard to a couple of those communities that -- in  
20 that area of Riverside.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Then, I'd like to go  
22 ahead and to that, then. If the line drawers can look at  
23 Chula Vista, National City, Imperial Beach, that you  
24 know, southern tip of the corner there that butts up  
25 against both the border and the Pacific. And then to

1 look further into, looks like, Riverside and San  
2 Bernardino County to still maintain that VRA district and  
3 see if that might be doable. I mean, at the very least,  
4 we'll know. Thank you.

5 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Any additional comments  
6 on this visualization?

7 CHAIR LE MONS: All right. Continue.

8 COMMISSIONER TRATT: Thank you, so much, for that  
9 feedback. I think it's always good to have these  
10 conversations. Definitely, the point of having these  
11 visualizations is to explore all the options, so I really  
12 appreciate all the Commissioners' input on this. I  
13 believe --

14 CHAIR LE MONS: Excuse me.

15 COMMISSIONER TRATT: Yeah?

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Sorry, Sivan. Commissioner Sinay.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Thanks, everybody,  
18 for helping think this through. I just wanted to add,  
19 you know, National City, Imperial Beach, Bonita, San  
20 Ysidro, Logan Heights, and Barrio Logan, so the South  
21 Bay -- what's defined as the South Bay in San Diego.

22 And if we do need to take parts out, it's almost  
23 better to keep it all together in this big one than pull  
24 out one or two of those, because they really work as a  
25 very tight group -- tight community.

1           COMMISSIONER TRATT: Commissioner Sinay, can I just  
2 ask a clarifying question quickly?

3           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Uh-huh.

4           COMMISSIONER TRATT: Where would you prefer -- would  
5 you prefer that the cities and neighborhoods that you  
6 just mentioned go in with the San Diego visualization, or  
7 more with the southeastern visualization? I'm  
8 just -- I'm not sure where you're directing me to move  
9 them into.

10          COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. Probably -- yeah, that's  
11 a great question. I would probably move it in with the  
12 southeastern, and then there might be -- then there might  
13 be a need to move some of the southeastern, then, up into  
14 the City of San Diego, because --

15          COMMISSIONER TRATT: Thank you.

16          COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- you know, there will be too  
17 many. But we -- yeah. So that's -- great question.  
18 Thank you.

19          COMMISSIONER TRATT: Are there particular cities  
20 that you're okay losing from this district? I can also  
21 zoom in, if that's helpful.

22          COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, could you zoom in and --

23          COMMISSIONER TRATT: Yeah, absolutely.

24          COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- so basically, Santee,  
25 Eucalyptus Hill (sic), Lakeside, Winter Gardens, Crest,

1 the split we talked about on El Cajon or all of El Cajon,  
2 and Rancho San Diego.

3 COMMISSIONER TRATT: Okay. Perfect. Thank you, so  
4 much for that clarification.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I know that's a lot, but --

6 COMMISSIONER TRATT: No, that's great. We'll  
7 definitely try it out and let you know next week what we  
8 found, so --

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right. Thank you.

10 CHAIR LE MONS: Andrew?

11 COMMISSIONER TRATT: Chair, was there anything else?  
12 Oh, sorry. Excuse me.

13 MR. DRECHSLER: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. Just  
14 Commissioner Sinay just wanted the El Cajon; we will do  
15 Hamash -- Hemish (ph.) Avenue as the split again. Okay.  
16 Thank you.

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Toledo.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. I just wanted to  
19 flag that we did receive a comment from the Pala Band of  
20 Mission Indians around this area just expressing some  
21 concern about putting all the Indian tribes in one  
22 district and the amount of responsibility that it  
23 would -- lead to this for this one Senate district.

24 And so I just wanted to flag that as -- and there's  
25 some advice in the -- or some guidance, suggestions in

1 that letters as well; so I just wanted to flag that for  
2 the lien drawers and for -- and it came in yesterday, so  
3 it's in the -- and it's from the chairman of the Pala  
4 Band of Mission Indians. Thank you.

5 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo. Is  
6 there any additional feedback or guidance? Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right. So I can't remember  
8 if we had actually talked about this district  
9 visualization or not, but this -- yeah, this  
10 visualization incorporates the boundaries of several  
11 southeast San Diego COIs, and then also keeps Paradise  
12 Hills intact.

13 And I can also turn on and off the boundaries from  
14 last time; although, I don't think any changes were made,  
15 because I don't believe these were presented, so not  
16 going to see anything too dramatic there.

17 And then moving just to the City of San Diego, this  
18 SDC district, this is on page 51. It looks like this  
19 visualization was drawn keeping in mind COI testimony  
20 that had to do with Poway Unified School District. So as  
21 you can see, the City of Poway is included in this  
22 visualization; and it stretches south from Coronado, all  
23 the way north up into Escondido, Hidden Meadows, and  
24 Valley Center.

25 And then, I believe the Poway School District looks

1 something like this. And so that should be intact within  
2 this visualization as well. Were there any comments  
3 before I move to the north side? All right. Just going  
4 to zoom out one more time.

5 The next visualization is this INC. I believe the  
6 page order skips over -- oh, excuse me. I'm sorry; my  
7 eyes are getting very tired at the end of the day, all  
8 these screens. Okay. SOCNSDC is the next visualization,  
9 and that's this coastal area right here, so let me zoom  
10 in a little bit closer.

11 And as you can see, this stretches to include the,  
12 kind of, southern coast of OC cluster of coastal cities,  
13 and then stretches all the way to wrap around rainbow.  
14 And then it goes as far south as Solana Beach, Del Mar.  
15 The notes I have this for visualization were that it kept  
16 in mind a commissioner request to exclude Temecula from a  
17 San Diego County district. So as you can see, Temecula  
18 was removed from this visualization.

19 All right. And then, continuing north along the  
20 coast, this district visualization is called INC; and you  
21 guys can reference the map on page 53. And this  
22 visualization keeps in mind a commissioner request to  
23 modify a prior north Orange County coast district to  
24 include Irvine rather than the Buena Park area.

25 It also keeps in mind COI testimony to keep Irvine

1 and Tustin together, which you can see right here. And  
2 then it goes as far north as Seal Beach, and stops just  
3 short of the Los Angeles County border and Long beach.  
4 All right.

5 The next district is -- that we'll take a look at is  
6 this SAA visualization, which is Santa Ana, Anaheim. You  
7 can find it on page 54. This keeps in mind a  
8 commissioner request to not split Santa Ana.

9 So as you can see, Santa Ana's kept whole. It also  
10 separates Anaheim valley area, or the Anaheim lowlands,  
11 and then splits off from the Anaheim Hills area over  
12 here, wraps around Buena Park, and then also includes  
13 Rossmoor in this visualization as well.

14 One thing to keep in mind is that we are working at  
15 a pretty high deviation for this vis, so we're at almost  
16 nine percent. So really looking for direction on,  
17 potentially, something that we could swap out or change  
18 to get closer to that five percent deviation would be  
19 really appreciated from commissioners.

20 Were there comments, or should I just keep chugging  
21 along, Chair?

22 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioners, do you have comments  
23 at this time, or shall we -- Commissioner Akutagawa.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I do have a comment  
25 about this SAA one, and I did notice that really high

1 deviation. One of my biggest concerns is that it is  
2 splitting Little Saigon, and I think that that's -- I  
3 understand why, but I think that we need to re-look at  
4 this one.

5 I would like to give new direction -- okay. Who am  
6 I -- who are we charging \$1 to? Okay. I would like to  
7 remove Los Alamitos and Rossmoor from this visualization.  
8 I know what I'm going to say is not necessarily going to  
9 make it that much better.

10 But Sivan, maybe, instead of me giving specific  
11 cities, I would like you to re-look at this. I think  
12 Garden Grove, Westminster, West -- Midway City, Fountain  
13 Valley need to be in this visualization with Santa Ana,  
14 Orange, and Anaheim.

15 I think you have -- I would just comment and say  
16 that -- or direct you and say, Los Alamitos, Rossmoor,  
17 Cypress, even Buena Park, I think you can, perhaps, look  
18 to move to other areas.

19 Buena Park, perhaps, to a new district, because  
20 we're going to do -- I think there's -- we've instructed  
21 to do some moving around in those northern Orange County  
22 district that could possibly be attached to Fullerton,  
23 and La Mirada, and La Habra, maybe.

24 Los Alamitos and Rossmoor, we've also talked about  
25 bringing down into the district with Seal Beach, so

1 hopefully that's clear.

2 COMMISSIONER TRATT: Yeah, that's -- that's great  
3 suggestions. I just put up -- these are two Little  
4 Saigon COIs just for commissioners to reference this is  
5 what you were talking about, I hope. But yeah, I will  
6 definitely play around with the southern border,  
7 especially, to try and kind of dip down and reunite that  
8 Little Saigon area. Thank you, so much, for that  
9 feedback.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, I -- I also realize I  
11 didn't name Stanton. And Stanton and Anaheim, also, is  
12 home to Little Arabia. So I think those also need to  
13 stay together with Little Saigon in the same, you know,  
14 visualization with Anaheim and Santa Ana, and Orange.  
15 Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER TRATT: So this is just for your  
17 reference; this is the Little Arabia corridor. So as it  
18 is now, it is kept whole in this area. So I'll -- again,  
19 I'll do my best to try and kind of shift things a little  
20 to the south to pick up Little Saigon, as well, and keep  
21 those together. Thank you, so much.

22 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. You can continue, Sivan.

23 COMMISSIONER TRATT: Thank you, so much, chair. All  
24 right. The next one would be IOC, which you can find on  
25 page 55. Again, this is a little bit high deviation, not

1 as bad a nine percent, but we're at almost six percent  
2 here.

3 So let me just zoom out slightly, so you can see.  
4 It is a bit of a long district, so just bear with me for  
5 a second. And let's see if I can get a better view for  
6 you all. All right.

7 So this IOC, the vis had a slight change. The  
8 boundary was moved to include Hacienda Heights and La  
9 Habra Heights. And then it also removed a previous split  
10 that was in Industry City, and that snapped the border to  
11 the Rowland Heights boundary.

12 And then, I think you should be able to see that  
13 change from the previous iteration of visualizations.  
14 You can see that change right over here. And then the  
15 other commissioner direction that this visualization  
16 keeps in mind is, again, splitting Anaheim and Anaheim  
17 Hills, which you can see Anaheim Hills is incorporated  
18 into this visualization.

19 Continuing on. And definitely jump in and interrupt  
20 me if there's something else that comes to mind. Moving  
21 to --

22 CHAIR LE MONS: One moment, Sivan.

23 COMMISSIONER TRATT: Yeah.

24 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sivan, can you zoom in on

1 this? Is Hacienda Heights split?

2 COMMISSIONER TRATT: Let me just turn this. So it  
3 doesn't look like it is in this vis.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

5 I -- this is part of what I was saying early, I think it  
6 was to Jaime, about looking at more of a east/west  
7 orientation for these Senate districts in this San  
8 Gabriel Valley, I guess, north OC area, but specifically,  
9 the -- you know, that east San Gabriel valley.

10 I think to group these cities -- I think there's a  
11 different way that -- or a better way that we could look  
12 at grouping these cities in a district, because there is  
13 a -- I think there's a distinct difference.

14 And we've heard -- we've seen this from, actually,  
15 even some of the COI testimony from some of other  
16 visualizations that we've had. The citizens or the  
17 residents of Brea, Yorba Linda, Placentia, especially  
18 Diamond Bar, and Walnut, and those areas, don't feel that  
19 they have much in common with those in south Orange  
20 County.

21 So my direction to you is to look for a way -- and I  
22 guess you'll be working with Jaime to see how we can  
23 create more of an east/west orientation on this. And  
24 then for the south Orange County, perhaps, looking to go  
25 down into that south Orange County, north San Diego area

1 to combine them. I think they would rather be together  
2 than with the south Orange County, even the coastal Camp  
3 Pendleton district, than to be to the north. Thank you.

4 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

5 Sivan, please continue.

6 COMMISSIONER TRATT: Yeah. Can I just clarify  
7 something --

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Sure. Absolutely.

9 COMMISSIONER TRATT: -- with -- was that  
10 Commissioner Akutagawa?

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER TRATT: Perfect. Okay. So when you  
13 say east/west, you're talking about, kind of, extending  
14 north -- my cat is sneezing in the background, if you  
15 hear some weird noises, to extend north to include  
16 Silverado and these areas; is that kind of what the  
17 general line of what you were talking about?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: For the south Orange  
19 County, north San Diego County?

20 COMMISSIONER TRATT: Exactly, yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Yes, and that --

22 COMMISSIONER TRATT: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- Cleveland National  
24 Forest. I do also want to say I just learned something  
25 new; I didn't know cats can sneeze.

1 COMMISSIONER TRATT: All right. Thank you, so much,  
2 for that clarification. And then, we'll also look at  
3 also getting Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights, maybe  
4 Rowland and Diamond Bar, potentially, kind of,  
5 reallocated into one of these other districts that's  
6 closer to Los Angeles County. All right.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I'm feeling a little  
9 uncomfortable about the direction that we're taking on  
10 these Senate maps in this area. And my general  
11 instruction would be to take a look at the Orange County  
12 Table. OSEP (ph.) had put together a couple possible  
13 ideas for consideration that was specifically linking  
14 some of the Latinx and Asian American communities in  
15 these areas. You know, many of them having some very  
16 specific religious and cultural communities of interest  
17 testimony.

18 I'd really encourage you to take a look at that  
19 report. And I think it might hit some of the general  
20 notions that Commissioner Akutagawa is trying to achieve,  
21 but perhaps doing so in some different configuration. So  
22 I'd really like to take a look at that -- those a little  
23 bit more closely and see what parts of that might be  
24 incorporated into these maps.

25 COMMISSIONER TRATT: Thank you, so much,

1 Commissioner Sadhwani.

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm sorry. I'm going to go  
4 back to San Diego for a second, because I just want to  
5 make sure that when we were saying -- you know, earlier  
6 we had talked about -- and doing the Assembly district  
7 just to look at the LGBTQ community; and the Senate maps  
8 right now kind of split it up a little bit -- split it up  
9 in half.

10 And so I just wanted a reminder of looking at the  
11 neighborhoods and -- of Normal Heights, Hillcrest,  
12 Mission Hills, South Park, North Park, University  
13 Heights, and Kensington. And again, I can get you the  
14 roads if that helps, so that you know exactly where those  
15 areas are.

16 COMMISSIONER TRATT: That would be helpful, thank  
17 you.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Chair, just a question -- and  
19 this might be for legal. When we're asked for -- you  
20 know, can you get us specific roads and stuff, should we  
21 do that in public, or how should we follow up with that,  
22 so that we're keeping it all on the up and up?

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Anthony? We'll get an  
24 answer -- I'll get an answer for you for that question,  
25 Commissioner. Thank you.

1 Any other feedback before we move on? We are coming  
2 up on a break in about six minutes, just making you  
3 aware. Okay.

4 Sivan.

5 COMMISSIONER TRATT: Should I resume? Okay.  
6 Perfect. All right. So just moving over here to this  
7 red district right here, this SWRC. You can find this  
8 map on page 56. This visualization takes into account  
9 commissioner request to not cross the Orange and  
10 Riverside County border across the Cleveland National  
11 Forest; and then it also respects the COI testimony that  
12 we heard that reflects the same desire to stay together.

13 And the next one is just this large one which we  
14 sort of touched on, but we can revisit in its entirety.  
15 This MCV, which is the Coachella -- the -- includes the  
16 majority of the Coachella Valley. And let's see, this  
17 keeps Hemet and San Jacinto together, which had  
18 previously been a direction from the Commission.

19 And I'll just pan a little bit north so you can see  
20 where this ends. It stops short of the county border,  
21 but it takes in some large swaths of this low population  
22 land over here. And that is all of the districts that I  
23 have to present on. I'm happy to go back to any previous  
24 ones if there are additional direction from  
25 commissioners.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioners, is there additional  
2 direction that you'd like to provide at this time?

3 Commissioner Akutagawa?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Sivan, if it gives  
5 you more flexibility -- I'm re-looking at this IOC map,  
6 and if it gives you more flexibility, I would instruct  
7 you to look at Yorba Linda, Placentia, Anaheim Hills, and  
8 it looks like that east Orange section, down to the south  
9 County OC inland communities, if that gives you more  
10 flexibility, then, to combine it with the south OC  
11 northern San Diego. I do believe that --

12 COMMISSIONER TRATT: I'm sorry; would you repeat  
13 that one more time? I -- I'm not sure I understand.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So do -- if you look at  
15 that map -- if you go up a little bit further north and  
16 you go to Yorba Linda and Placentia, and if you -- if it  
17 gives you more flexibility to include those with those  
18 communities that are currently in the green, and perhaps  
19 more into -- like, I think it would be Rancho, Mission  
20 Viejo -- yeah, little bit further south to create a  
21 different kind of district; if that gives you more  
22 flexibility, I wanted to just say that out loud to you.

23 COMMISSIONER TRATT: Okay. Thank you, so much.  
24 Yeah, we'll definitely try it a couple different ways and  
25 come back with what we found with the option.

1           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I would just say  
2 that Fullerton, Brea -- in this case, even Chino Hills  
3 would, I think, be a little bit different -- although,  
4 they could -- I mean, you could include Chino Hills if  
5 you needed it for population. But I think -- some of the  
6 COI testimony, they seem to want to be more with, like,  
7 Diamond Bar, Walnut, Rowland Heights. Thank you.

8           CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Thank you, Commissioners.  
9 We're going to go break shortly. And then when we come  
10 back from break, we will be at 4:45. I'd like to make  
11 sure that we get an opportunity to review the notes and  
12 make any updates during that time. Then, I'm going to  
13 ask for a motion to approve the notes.

14           That should take us right up to our 5:00 point, in  
15 which we like to start public comment. So we'll be  
16 taking public comment on our discussion about the notes  
17 and the motion, as well as the visualizations for the  
18 day. Okay? So let --

19           COMMISSIONER TRATT: Am I okay to stop sharing the  
20 map, or were there --

21           CHAIR LE MONS: Yes. Yes.

22           COMMISSIONER TRATT: -- okay.

23           CHAIR LE MONS: You can stop sharing that.

24           COMMISSIONER TRATT: Thank you, so much, Chair.

25           CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, so much. Thank you,

1 Sivan, we appreciate it.

2 COMMISSIONER TRATT: Thank you.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: So with that, let's go to break, and  
4 everyone report back at 4:45.

5 (Off the record at 4:28 p.m.)

6 (On the record at 4:45 p.m.)

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Welcome back, everyone. And I'd  
8 like to ask Commissioners if they've had a chance to  
9 review the notes? And the notes I'm referring to are  
10 from 10/23, 10/27 through 29, and 11/2.

11 If there are any corrections to the notes, we have  
12 someone on hand to take notes on those corrections. And  
13 once that part is completed, I'll ask for a motion to  
14 approve the notes with the corrections.

15 So Commissioner Fernandez.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Yes, I  
17 have had a chance; and I do have some corrections, so  
18 bear with me.

19 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Sulma is going ---

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: The first --

21 CHAIR LE MONS: -- to be taking notes corrections  
22 for us, so --

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- okay. Salma, so on the  
24 notes for 10/27/21, on the first page under myself, the  
25 last bullet says, "New visualization of Rio Vista." On

1 this, I had revised it to have Yolo whole with Northern  
2 Delta, combined with Solano, Napa, and/or Colusa, if  
3 needed, for population. And on the second page, kind of  
4 in the middle --

5 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Can I pause you, quickly,  
6 Commissioner? So your -- the revision should be  
7 Yolo -- the direction is Yolo combined with solano, and  
8 what was the last piece?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So revised to have Yolo  
10 with the Northern Delta.

11 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And combined with Solano.

13 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then add Napa and/or  
15 Colusa, if needed, for population.

16 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Napa or Colusa, or and  
17 Colusa?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And/or, depends on what the  
19 numbers are.

20 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then on page 2, in the  
22 middle, under page 39 to 42, under myself, it's put West  
23 Sac "with" Yolo, not "and" Yolo. And remove Natomas if  
24 necessary.

25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Okay. So that direction is

1 West Sac.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: With Yolo.

3 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: With Yolo. Uh-huh.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then at the end -- and  
5 remove Natomas if necessary.

6 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then for the  
8 11/28/21.

9 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Let's see, one, two,  
11 three -- the fifth page under Northern Central -- Sulma,  
12 do you -- you have copies of this, right, so --

13 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes, ma'am.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- okay. Great. No need  
15 to call me ma'am. So basically, under  
16 that -- for -- myself, Fernandez, North Cal, it's the  
17 same direction as I did prior. Yolo with Northern Delta  
18 and Solano, and combined with Napa and Colusa Counties,  
19 if needed, for population.

20 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: So again, that's Yolo  
21 combined with Northern Delta and combined with Solano,  
22 and Napa, and/or Colusa?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And combined with Solano,  
24 then comma, and then combined with Napa and/or Colusa, if  
25 needed for population.

1 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Okay. So Yolo with  
2 Northern Delta, with Solano, and combined with -- and  
3 Napa and/or Colusa?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: If needed for population.

5 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Did you get it?

7 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So for 10/29/21,  
9 first page --

10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- first page --

12 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- I'm right -- I'm right  
14 in the middle. The first one, I've given direction,  
15 so --

16 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- so that -- the last  
18 sentence, "Keep Yolo with Northern Delta, Rio Vista to  
19 Clarksburg, both sides of the Sacramento River."

20 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: So Keep Yolo with Northern  
21 Delta.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then explaining Rio  
23 Vista to Clarksburg, both sides of the Sacramento River.

24 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Explaining -- can you  
25 repeat that, again, Commissioner?

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Keep Yolo --

2 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: The second piece.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- the Rio Vista to  
4 Clarksburg, both sides of the Sacramento River, so  
5 include all the towns on both sides of the river.

6 COMMISSIONER KAPLAN: Sulma, we're going to use the  
7 notes that we have -- the closed captioning. So if we  
8 can just skip the repeat, and I'll help you with  
9 capturing the feedback the Commissioners are providing.

10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Did you get that,  
12 Sulma?

13 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then on page 7,  
15 correction to the line drawers, under myself, my name.

16 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So right now it  
18 reads, "Yolo with all of Solano, and if needed for  
19 numbers, include the Northern Delta." Move "and if  
20 needed for numbers", that's going to go right before  
21 Napa. So it's going to be, Yolo with all of Solano,  
22 include the Northern Delta areas, and if needed for  
23 numbers, go to Napa. Enter Napa and/or Colusa.

24 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. And the last one I

1 have are for the notes for yesterday. Page 4 -- and  
2 actually -- I mean, these are supposed to be directions  
3 to line drawers, so some of the stuff that's in here,  
4 it's not really directions to line drawers, it's more of  
5 comments that are made by commissioners.

6 So on page 4, right before "Bonsal", so there's a  
7 conversation between myself and then -- or a comment that  
8 I made, and then Andersen made, which is fine, and then  
9 Sinay made, and then I made. And those three really --  
10 they're not direction to the line drawers. It's  
11 directions in terms of deviations.

12 So I'm not sure how -- if you're going to keep then  
13 I believe it's -- we need to be transparent about it.  
14 And right before "Bonsal", I did provide another comment,  
15 clarification. So if you're going to leave it in, and my  
16 comment was that I did not provide direction in terms of  
17 having higher deviation in the north.

18 What I did was explain why the north was negative,  
19 not that it was okay for rural areas to be negative. And  
20 as I had mentioned earlier, I will be keeping track  
21 to -- of the positives and negatives to ensure  
22 representation throughout California. And that's all I  
23 have.

24 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you Commissioner.  
25 Commissioner Anderson.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. First of all, on  
2 all of them, could you please spell Andersen correctly?  
3 It's S-E-N. In almost all the documents, it goes back  
4 and forth. But then on the 10/27, first page at the  
5 bottom, under Andersen, that should be "Sears Point."

6 CHAIR LE MONS: Continue.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Then, on page 2, I say,  
8 "Eldorado, Amador." That's Eldorado and Amador share  
9 Highway 89; nothing about likes, or anything like that.  
10 And then on page 4, I start the top. If you just remove  
11 the last bullet item of mine.

12 CHAIR LE MONS: Continue

13 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: That was page 5,  
14 Commissioner?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Pardon?

16 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: You said page 5?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I said page 4. Yeah.  
18 I -- that's me at the top; take the last bullet item out,  
19 just delete it. Okay?

20 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Then 10 -- okay. Then,  
22 10/28, on the second page, under me, it should say, "Add  
23 La Puente", not Fluente. It's the P -- it's a P. Very  
24 minor.

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Continue.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And then page -- on the  
2 10/29, on page 7, and it's in my -- the second sentence  
3 of -- I say something that says -- it should say, "What  
4 remains fits in with", and Commissioner -- what  
5 Fornaciari -- Fernandez said, blah, blah. But "What  
6 remains fits in with." And then --

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Continue.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- on 11/2 notes.

9 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Let me know when you --

11 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.

12 CHAIR LE MONS: Continue. Continue, Commissioner.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- on the first page, the  
14 second bullet, basically, delete that. It just should  
15 say, "Page 42, Sac, Stanis." Remove "Floren, Vineyard,  
16 Elk Grove. Add to page 36 Sacramento. Reason, agree  
17 with Commissioner Fernandez. Then, page 42, Sac, Stanis,  
18 remove, "Terminus area to I-5", add to page 17 Solano.  
19 Reason, keep delta areas together.

20 Then on page 3, under me, it should say, I'm okay  
21 with plus or minus 4.7 to 4.8 deviation for now but must  
22 balance areas in the State." Then -- and just -- and  
23 delete by -- that little section there. Say, page 44,  
24 "Stanislaus." Remove "Antica, Lathrop."

25 Add to page 42, Sac, Stanis. Reason, agree with

1 Commissioner Turner. Then, page 44, Stanislaus, add,  
2 "Series from page 45 Merced." Reason, for population,  
3 unless it affects VRA or Merced district.

4 Then, page 5, it should say -- after Novato, it  
5 should say, "and south", and delete the second bullet.  
6 Then, on page 7, we talked about Azusa -- when I talked  
7 about Azusa, it should say, "From COI testimony." Thank  
8 you.

9 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, I have a few  
12 corrections. This is on notes 10/27. And I believe this  
13 is on the second page. I don't know; these are not  
14 numbered. So I'm going to also ask that they be  
15 numbered, so that when it comes to these kind of things,  
16 it also makes it clear.

17 There's -- I think it's -- I don't know. It's the  
18 second page. It's the one that says, "Split Lake, add  
19 North coast." And then it says, "Or Van N Coast", is  
20 that supposed to be V-A-D N Coast? I'm not sure about  
21 that. It's a little unclear.

22 And then, there's another page under -- for me. It  
23 says, "Consider massive districts and accessibility to  
24 representative." What should be -- it should say is, "Be  
25 mindful of massive districts and accessibility to

1 representative", not consider. Any questions?

2 Otherwise, I'll move on.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: No.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. On 10 --

5 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- okay. I do have a  
7 correction on 10/28, and that's on the first page under,  
8 "Central coast", under -- for me, it says, "Cut off after  
9 Montecito." I do believe cut off Santa Barbara map after  
10 Montecito.

11 And then down under Los Angeles, on that same first  
12 page, it says, "Glasso", G-L-A-S-S-O -- I'm sorry, I have  
13 to just say that; it should be Glassell, E-L-L at the  
14 end. And then what is a DUC? This is on page 2 under  
15 Southern California? And what is a COA, at the very end  
16 of that page? Those are --

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Kennedy?

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: DUC is a Disadvantaged  
19 Unincorporated Community, generally, adjacent to an  
20 incorporated community.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I don't know if  
22 those kind of acronyms should be spelled out since the  
23 members of the public are also reading these, as well,  
24 too. And it's not -- it may not always be clear to  
25 everybody. We've been cautioned on the use of our

1 acronyms. And then COA? This was under Commissioner  
2 Andersen. I don't know if that's --

3 CHAIR LE MONS: I think that's noted, Commissioner  
4 Akutagawa, the -- our team will make sure that that  
5 acronym is spelled out.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right. Another  
7 question. 10/29, page 2; what is "Elysian Valley,  
8 Riverside"? So that I can give accurate clarification on  
9 that. I don't know what that was meant to be.

10 COMMISSIONER KAPLAN: We have other staff filling in  
11 that took the notes, so if you just want to clarify the  
12 correction, we can update that.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I -- to be honest, I'm not  
14 sure what that meant, so that's why I can't give  
15 additional clarification. One last one. Page 6, it  
16 should be, "Split between two tribal lands", not "Split  
17 to tribal lands."

18 And then the last one is on the November 2nd notes.  
19 There is -- I want to remove the part where -- under west  
20 side, page number 6, I want to remove that third bullet  
21 point, and that's it. Thank you.

22 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. It's a Elysian Valley,  
23 Commissioner for clarification on that question you had  
24 earlier.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh. Okay. All right.

1 So -- okay. Thank you.

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Moving on to Commissioner Fernandez.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was just ready to make a  
4 motion unless there are more changes.

5 CHAIR LE MONS: Are there any more changes,  
6 Commissioners?

7 All right. Commissioner Fernandez.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion to approve the  
9 direction to the line drawers provided on 10/23/21,  
10 10/27/2021, 10/28/2021, 10/29/2021, and 11/2/2021, with  
11 edits provided.

12 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Second.

13 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Okay. So we're going to  
14 go to public --

15 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. This is the court  
16 reporter. Who seconded, please? I didn't catch that.

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Ahmad -- Commissioner Ahmad. Okay?

18 Okay. With that, we are going to go to public  
19 comments. The public can comment on the motion on the  
20 floor, as well as any of the visualizations presented  
21 today.

22 Before I do that, Commissioner Kennedy.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Chair, I don't know if we  
24 need someone to check. I thought we had already approved  
25 several of these; certainly, not all of them, but I think

1 we have approved --

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Not per --

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- no?

4 CHAIR LE MONS: -- not per my conversation with  
5 Counsel, so if we did --

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: -- then we'll do a reapproval.

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay.

9 CHAIR LE MONS: It won't hurt to reapprove,  
10 particularly, since changes were made to almost each of  
11 those dates, so I like to just move forward if you don't  
12 mind.

13 So who is going to be our -- Katie. Hi Katie,  
14 welcome.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you..

16 CHAIR LE MONS: If you could read the instructions,  
17 we can go to public comment. Thank you, so much.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair. In  
19 order to maximize transparency and public participation  
20 in our process, the Commissioners will be taking public  
21 comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number  
22 provided on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247.

23 When prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided  
24 on the livestream feed. It is 84595221762 for this  
25 meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply

1 press the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you will  
2 be placed in a que. To indicate you wish to comment,  
3 please press star nine, this will raise your hand for the  
4 moderator.

5 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a  
6 message that says, the host would like you to talk, and  
7 to press star six to speak. If you would like to give  
8 your name, please state and spell it for the record. You  
9 are not required to provide your name to give public  
10 comment.

11 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream  
12 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your  
13 call. Once you are waiting in the que, be alert for when  
14 it is your turn to speak; and again, please turn down the  
15 livestream volume. And we will be giving a warning at 30  
16 seconds and 15 seconds remaining in the two-minute public  
17 comment segment.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And I'm so sorry to  
19 interrupt. But just for clarification, this is public  
20 comment on the motion and general public comment.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, so much. At  
22 this time, we will start with 2 -- call 2080. And up  
23 next after that will be caller 7693.

24 Caller 2080, if you will please follow prompts to  
25 unmute at this time by pressing star six. And one more

1 time; caller 2080, if you could please follow the prompts  
2 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. Perfect.  
3 The floor is yours.

4 MS. GARCIA: Thank you. Hello, Commissioners. My  
5 name is Yvonne Garcia. First off, I would thank the  
6 Commission for the great work they have made so far. I  
7 currently live in Sugarloaf, California, which is an  
8 incorporated community near Big Bear Lake in the San  
9 Bernardino County National Forest.

10 Earlier today, I was watching the Commission  
11 discussing drawing me and my family into different  
12 Assembly district than the current visualization that  
13 keeps the San Bernardino County National Forest, Big Bear  
14 Lake, and Lake Arrowhead with the San Bernardino County  
15 high desert communities of Apple Valley, and Hesperia,  
16 and of course, Victorville.

17 Our community of Big Bear and the mountain share  
18 similar rural values of the high desert communities. We  
19 also have similar transportation -- excuse me,  
20 districts -- water districts and our air quality  
21 districts with San Bernardino County high desert.

22 I believe it's incredibly important that we keep our  
23 area whole, and we -- excuse me, and we are not  
24 drawn -- drawn into districts that population is based on  
25 LA County. Thank you for your allowing me to provide

1 public comment and your time.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, so much.  
3 Right now, it will be caller 7693. And up next after  
4 that will be caller 0723.

5 Caller 0 -- caller 7693, if you'll please follow the  
6 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing start 6. The  
7 floor is yours.

8 MS. ROWE: Hello, this is Christine Rowe (ph.). I'm  
9 calling about DSD event San Fernando Valley-1102. The  
10 San Fernando Valley should not be drawn with Ventura, the  
11 areas of Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and et cetera.  
12 There's 1.4 million residents in the San Fernando Valley,  
13 in the City of Los Angeles 1.8 million if you count the  
14 communities of Calabasas, Burbank, and Glendale.

15 Please draw the San Fernando boundary at the LA  
16 County line but include Bell Canyon because they're  
17 landlocked and can only get out through West Hills. I'm  
18 a former member of the West Hills neighbor counsel, and  
19 I'm very engaged in our communities, our neighbor council  
20 system, the City of LA government, and the LA City  
21 redistricting process.

22 Please do not include any of San Fernando Valley  
23 with going out into the Santa Clarita Valley. Use the  
24 boundary line if you need to -- the southern boundary,  
25 use the DSD, LA Bay area; 1102 is your southern boundary,

1 keep that straight, and go east of there -- north and  
2 east of LA County boundary on the west, as I said before,  
3 including Bell Canyon, go east to the 405 Freeway, and  
4 you should be able to get a million people between there  
5 and the neighbor counsel to --

6 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

7 MS. ROWE: -- the north of the 118, and then start  
8 another district of LA City in the areas of San Fernando  
9 Valley, roughly, and going south from there --

10 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

11 MS. ROWE: -- to pick up Burbank and Glendale. And  
12 please stay in LA City, because we have more than 10  
13 million people in LA County and about 4 million in LA  
14 City. Thank you, very much, for your time. I appreciate  
15 it greatly.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, so much. And  
17 right now, we will have caller 0723. And up next after  
18 that will be caller 3028.

19 Caller 0723, if you will please follow the prompts  
20 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor  
21 is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. Hello,  
23 Commissioners. I hope you're doing well. My name is  
24 Karsalese (ph.), and I live in Isla Vista, just outside  
25 of the City of Santa Barbara in Santa Barbara County.

1 And I'm calling because I really want to urge you to keep  
2 Santa Barbara County whole.

3 I have family in -- up in north county in Santa  
4 Maria and in Southern San Luis Obispo County -- Nipomo,  
5 and I work throughout all of Santa Barbara County, as  
6 well as occasionally in Southern San Luis Obispo and San  
7 Luis Obispo City.

8 So I'm up, down, all around often, but usually spend  
9 at least a week out of the month in Northern Santa  
10 Barbara or Southern (audio interference) County since I  
11 was a child. And the voices in Northern Santa Barbara  
12 County are very often forgotten or pushed to the wayside.

13 And I just really, really want to urge you to keep  
14 Santa Barbara County whole, because North County has,  
15 historically, been underrepresented and wherever it is  
16 politically convenient.

17 So please break that cycle and allow North County  
18 and our Latino population the representation that we  
19 deserve by keeping it with Santa Barbara County. Thank  
20 you, so much and -- for listening and for your service.  
21 I appreciate it.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, so much. And  
23 right now, we will have caller 3028. And up next after  
24 that will be caller 3196.

25 Caller 3028, if you will follow the prompts to

1 unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor is  
2 yours. Caller 3028, you are unmuted; can you hear me?  
3 You may want to double-check and make sure you're --

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, sorry. Can you hear me?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- perfect. There are  
6 you. The floor is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. The district that has  
8 Fresno and Kerman is too geographically large. The  
9 amount of distance between Fresno and Bakersfield would  
10 require a representative to try to voice the concerns of  
11 vastly different regions, economically and culturally,  
12 that would not be unified voice and result in many  
13 people, effectively, disenfranchise. Having these areas  
14 separated would mean better representation for both  
15 areas. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, so much.  
17 Right now, we will have caller 3196. And up next after  
18 that will be caller 3700.

19 Caller 3196, if you will please follow the prompts  
20 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor  
21 is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, can you hear me okay?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners  
25 and staff. My name is Christian, and I live and work in

1 Long Beach. I actually did public comment a few meetings  
2 ago to thank you for the visualizations you were  
3 considering for my area at the time.

4 Throughout this process, our Long Beach community  
5 has been really consistent asking you to keep our city  
6 together, and this appeared to be the direction the  
7 Commission wanted to go. I know several of you have been  
8 really clear in your support for our community, and I  
9 want to thank you for that support and your continued  
10 work on our behalf.

11 This said, I want to be really clear in expressing  
12 the disappointment with the current visualizations in the  
13 Long Beach area Congressional districts. I understand  
14 that you and your staff have a lot of balls in the air  
15 and a lot of considerations to keep in mind. And I'm  
16 aware that my neighbors and I may not come out of this  
17 with every single thing that we want.

18 Compromise is going to happen. The problem is, this  
19 map isn't compromise. It runs the Congressional boundary  
20 right up the middle of Long beach, including through  
21 neighborhoods where there is no organic boundary anywhere  
22 near this.

23 This border completely bisects Cambodia Town. And  
24 as a member of the LGBT -- LGBTQ prep community, I'm  
25 especially hurt that it cuts apart my city's historically

1 clear neighborhoods and institutions. When you get the  
2 chance to give direction on this map in your meeting  
3 tomorrow, I want you to -- respectfully urge you to  
4 explicitly request Long Beach to be a whole.

5 As you know, this work is incredibly important to  
6 the future of our State and to every community touched by  
7 these decisions. And I want to thank you, again, that  
8 you and your staff are doing everything you can to --

9 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- protect communities and  
11 keep communities of interest together. Thank you, so  
12 much, again, for all you're doing; and please keep Long  
13 Beach together.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, so much. And  
15 right now, we will have caller 3700. And up next after  
16 that will be caller 4201.

17 Caller 3700, if you will please follow the prompts  
18 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. Perfect.  
19 The floor is yours.

20 MS. WILSON: Hi, my name is Betty Wilson. I am the  
21 executive director for the business council. My comments  
22 today are regarding Zone F, San Joaquin County. We want  
23 to thank the Commission for all your hard work, and we  
24 would like to request the Commission to take into  
25 consideration the maps we submitted -- Senate map 1006,

1 202, 1123. Congressional map 1006, 202, 1112, and  
2 Assembly map 1007, 202, 1124.

3 When preparing these maps, we carefully listened to  
4 our coalitions in our community, and the message from the  
5 people was very clear. They would like one Senate seat,  
6 one Congressional seat, and our neighborhoods would also  
7 like two Assembly seats representing our diverse and  
8 unique population.

9 Our community has submitted a flood of emails and  
10 requests for this Commission, and we hope you have been  
11 able to review their concerns and comments. We  
12 understand the task before is not easy; but we have  
13 followed the Commission's criteria, and we are confident  
14 we have checked all the boxes.

15 I heard earlier comments from several of the  
16 Commissioners about the disappearance of agricultural  
17 land and outgrowth. This speaks to our request not to  
18 move too far north. I also heard comments of keeping the  
19 Congressional and Senate districts similar to prevent  
20 lack of confusion for the voters.

21 I believe our maps satisfy these points also. I  
22 would submit to the Commission, please honor the voice of  
23 the people, and protect our communities of interest, and  
24 keep our county together. Thank you, so very much.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, so much.  
2 Right now, we will have caller 4201. And up next after  
3 that will be caller 6451.

4 Caller 4201, if you will please follow the prompts  
5 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor  
6 is yours.

7 MR. WALDMAN: Good afternoon. Stuart Waldman from  
8 the Valley Industry and Commerce Association, VICA, as  
9 well as the San Fernando Valley Redistricting Coalition.  
10 I want to thank the comments of many of the Commissioners  
11 today talking about the San Fernando Valley, trying to  
12 keep the San Fernando Valley whole, trying to put Studio  
13 City back in the San Fernando Valley, that's very  
14 important.

15 Studio City is part of the San Fernando Valley. It would  
16 be a shame. I know there's one map where they are in a  
17 Senate district alone, and I know there was talk about  
18 putting them in an Assembly map where they'd be the only  
19 valley part outside. We'd like to keep them. They  
20 suffer the same traffic and peace that the rest of us do  
21 as well.

22 As for the Senate seats, appreciate that we --right  
23 now, have what looks like a forty percent Latino sea back  
24 district. But I think we can probably, with taking a  
25 couple blocks, get it up to fifty percent. And we'd like

1 to not see too many changes on that.

2 We think that you've done a great job and we really  
3 appreciate all the hard work and the efforts for the  
4 valley. And thank you, we really appreciate it.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All  
6 right. Now, we have caller 6451. And up next after that  
7 will be caller 8680.

8 Caller 6451, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
9 unmute at this time by pressing star six.

10 The floor is yours.

11 MR. O'NEILL: Thank you very much for your service  
12 and for taking my comments into consideration. My name  
13 is Will O'Neill. I'm on the Newport Beach city council  
14 and was mayor of our great city during 2020.

15 We are an easily accessible city located in the  
16 center of our coastal Orange County city. This means we  
17 received tourism from up and down the Orange County  
18 coast. Our premiere shopping center is Fashion Island  
19 which receives business from folks traveling here --  
20 anywhere from San Clemente to Seal Beach.

21 We remain a connected city, especially with cities  
22 around us. For shopping, dining, or tourism, our  
23 residents are more likely to enjoy coastal neighbors like  
24 Huntington Beach rather than travel away from the coast.  
25 So please make sure that the Orange County coast is

1 properly represented in the same Congressional district.

2 Thank you very much.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
4 now it is caller 8680. And up next after that will be  
5 caller 9879.

6 Caller 8680, if you will please follow the prompts  
7 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

8 The floor is yours. Caller 8680, can you hear me?

9 MALE SPEAKER: Yes, hello. Hi.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

11 MALE SPEAKER: I apologize.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There you are.

13 MALE SPEAKER: Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Um-hum. That's okay.

15 The floor is yours.

16 MALE SPEAKER: Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.

18 MALE SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners. Good  
19 evening, Commissioners. My name is Samuel (ph.), I'm  
20 calling on behalf of -- in reference to VSD\_MaderaKern.

21 The map as it's currently drawn, I have to voice my  
22 strong opposition to combining Kern County with Fresno  
23 County. For a long time Kern County has been combined  
24 Tulare County and San Bernardino County, all of which are  
25 significant, particularly with reference to agriculture.

1 And our energy production, Fresno County is vastly  
2 different and certainly would not be appropriate pairing  
3 up.

4 Although realizing that maps do have to change, we  
5 do need -- and our community does need to be paired up  
6 with -- currently Tulare and San Bernardino counties.

7 Please keep those communities of interest together

8 I do appreciate your work on all of this. Thank you  
9 so much for your time.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And right  
11 now it is caller 9879. And up next after that will be  
12 caller 9652.

13 Caller 9879, if you will please follow the prompts  
14 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

15 The floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I appreciate you taking to  
17 the time to hear my concerns about the Commission's  
18 decision to combine the Kern and Fresno communities  
19 together in a new district. But as a Latino, I feel that  
20 that much of Kern County existing diversity can be change  
21 or otherwise blocked if the district is altered so  
22 drastically.

23 To the community that truly recognizes that impacts  
24 to of the Latino community of the past and present and  
25 agriculture. Introducing so many communities that are

1 representational does affect the representation of the  
2 Latino community in Kern Country.

3 Thank you for your time.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
5 right now we have caller 9652. And up next after that  
6 will be caller 6332.

7 Caller 9652, if you will please follow the prompts  
8 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

9 The floor is yours.

10 MS. ALLEN: Hello. Good evening, Commissioners.

11 Happy Wednesday. This is Sky Allen, with IE United.

12 I did call in on Friday and given that little to no  
13 changes were made to the IE over the weekend, all of that  
14 still stands. But I did want to offer a few thoughts on  
15 your discussion today that will hopefully be worthwhile.

16 Regarding your Assembly discussion in the morning, I  
17 heard you all wrestling how to honor Heyawise (ph.) in  
18 the mountain community below the High Desert. We  
19 actually submitted an Assembly district in our proposal  
20 that keeps all of those mountain communities together.  
21 And I would encourage you all to review it as it might  
22 help you answer that question.

23 At the Senate level, I did say this Friday, but I  
24 just have to repeat a visualization VSD\_SVRC is our least  
25 favorite idea. Thank you for drawing of the area

1 districts, but there are -- there are better ways to do  
2 it. And you can -- we submitted some as well.

3 But back to today's discussion, I wanted to comment  
4 on the VSD\_ECA, that southeastern one. Thank you,  
5 Commissioner Singh for reading that any state senator for  
6 this district would have a hard time reflecting all of  
7 the community interests given that it crosses four  
8 different counties. And that likely San Diego folks  
9 would leave despite of most of that district being --  
10 being inland.

11 We actually submitted a district map for that area  
12 that combines all of Imperial County with the Coachella  
13 Valley and Eastern Riverside County, San Gorgonio Pass  
14 and Morongo Valley. This way keeps the Coachella Valley  
15 whole, keeps the Morongo band admission Indians with the  
16 Pass. And it ensures the environmental interest around  
17 the fault and sea and farm worker interest of Valley and  
18 Imperial County are all connected.

19 So I hope that's helpful. Thank you so much for  
20 listening in. And as always, the maps we submitted to  
21 you are a great guide and we encourage you to use them.  
22 Thanks so much.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
24 now will have caller 6332. And up next after that will  
25 be caller 6478. And I would like to ask all of those

1 that have called in, if you will please think of the  
2 pace, be considerate of our captioners and our ASL team  
3 interpreting our meetings here. Thank you so much.

4 Caller 6332, if you will please follow the prompts  
5 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

6 The floor is yours.

7 MS. STARCZYK: Thank you very much. My name is  
8 Nancy Starczyk, S-T-A-R-C, like cat, Z like zebra, Y-K.  
9 Nancy Starczyk. And I wanted to let you know -- let me  
10 shut this off. Sorry about that. I am calling regarding  
11 the Santa Clarita and the San Fernando Valley Assembly  
12 and Senate seat.

13 I've been a realtor in the area for thirty-three  
14 years. And I'm concerned that you do not put the San  
15 Fernando Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley together,  
16 Northridge, Granada Hills, Porter Ranch, Chalk Ridge,  
17 Reseda, all of those should be separate.

18 You were -- you did great with the Senate seat, so  
19 you got that right. The two cities are extremely  
20 different. There's a huge mountain range and pass  
21 between San Clarita Valley and the San Fernando Valley.  
22 Everything is different between the two. Median home  
23 prices, transportation, housing, schools, utilities,  
24 demographics. Everything is different between the two.

25 We are seeing -- in Santa Clarita Valley, there's a

1 huge amount of housing being developed. There's  
2 greenfield issues there. There are unincorporated areas.  
3 There's huge growth and there's a younger demographic  
4 there.

5 So I would be very happy to see that you not mix the  
6 two valleys together. So thank you very much for the  
7 time. I appreciate your efforts. And I commend you for  
8 this difficult task that you have.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
10 now we have caller 6478. And up next after that will be  
11 caller 8499.

12 Caller 6478, if you will please follow the prompts  
13 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

14 The floor is yours.

15 MS. ROBINSON: Good evening, Commissioners. Thank  
16 you so much for all you do and for the opportunity to  
17 allow us to speak public. My name is Robin Robinson and  
18 I'm from Bakersfield, Kern County.

19 I just want to really reach out and say that I  
20 strong oppose Kern County being partnered with Fresno  
21 County. There's so many things that we just do not have  
22 in common geographically. Our cultural connections as  
23 well are completely different. Our agriculture, our oil,  
24 all of those things -- the economy, all of the things  
25 that are so unique about Kern County. To be paired with

1 Fresno County would be really something that's not a  
2 match and you know, we just have much more in common with  
3 Soleri and San Bernardino counites.

4 We've worked there. I am a community-based  
5 organization. And we have worked through the earthquakes  
6 and different things that go right near San Bernardino  
7 County as well. And I just wanted to say today I think  
8 that the pairing of Kern County with Fresno County is  
9 just something that would not be good for our community.  
10 Thank you so much for listening today and allowing me to  
11 speak.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
13 now we have caller 8499. And up next after that will be  
14 caller 3422.

15 Caller 8499, if you will please follow the prompts  
16 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

17 The floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I feel that Kern  
19 County's unique history with deep roots in oil, which we  
20 are seeing now is evolving a nuevo and clean energy will  
21 immediately fold in with Fresno's own history and energy  
22 practices.

23 With new efforts made by our local businesses and  
24 industry keys clean and renewable energy, I feel it is  
25 not true to the work and efforts forced by Kern County to

1 fold in Fresno County and change the district and its  
2 representation.

3 Thank you for allowing me to speak.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
5 now we have caller -- right now we have caller 3422. And  
6 up next after that will be caller 2668.

7 Caller 3422, if you will please follow the prompts  
8 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

9 The floor is yours.

10 MS. SALAS: Hi. Good evening. This is Juanita  
11 Salas calling again. I heard the discussion around the  
12 Imperial Senate seat. I want to remind you of my  
13 continued message.

14 It is perfectly acceptable to pull southeast San  
15 Diego into Imperial while including Coachella. This is a  
16 VRA seat that serves all of our communities, so please  
17 hold the course. Thank you so much.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
19 now we have caller 2668. And up next after that will be  
20 caller 826--28.

21 Caller 2668, will you please follow the prompts to  
22 unmute at this time by pressing star six?

23 The floor is yours.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. So I live in Bakersfield  
25 and I think having my representative accessible to me is

1 quite important. With the visualization right now, my  
2 district can very likely have someone representing me who  
3 lives two plus hours away.

4 I wouldn't want someone from Fresno having the same  
5 trouble as me. You know, having someone down in Kern  
6 pretty much inaccessible to them. That's why I think  
7 have Fresno and Kern separated would mean that someone I  
8 know, who will be in my community will represent me in  
9 Washington. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
11 right now we will have caller 8628. And up next after  
12 that will be caller 7690.

13 Caller 8628, if you will please follow the prompts  
14 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

15 The floor is yours.

16 MR. O'NEIL: Hello. My name is Trevor O'Neil. I am  
17 a resident of Anaheim Hills and I served on the Anaheim  
18 city council so I know the area well.

19 Anaheim Hills is contiguous with the cities of  
20 Orange and Yorba Linda. And to me, it makes sense to  
21 keep those communities in the same Congressional  
22 districts. Our cities are very similar. Large --  
23 largely single-family neighborhoods.

24 We have similar zoning. Similar shopping and dining  
25 locations that all intermix without a clear border or

1 boundary between them. So we really are one community  
2 that is tied together.

3 I believe that all of our cities have plans for  
4 future growth and economic success. And our governments  
5 already work very closely together. So I'd ask the  
6 Commission to keep this in mind when making their  
7 decisions. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
9 now we'll have caller 7690. And up next after that will  
10 be caller 4688.

11 Caller 7690, if you will please follow the prompts  
12 to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time.  
13 Caller 7690, if you will please follow the prompts --  
14 oops, there you are. The floor is yours.

15 MR. MAGGARD: Thank you very much. I'd like to  
16 begin by saying thank you to the Commission members for  
17 allowing me to share my concerns with you today?

18 My name is Mike Maggard and I am a big -- I am the  
19 third district representative on the Kern County board of  
20 supervisors. And I would to speak to proposed Madera --  
21 to the proposed Madera/Kern map, 1102.

22 Kern County is a unique and distinct community of  
23 interest and should not be linked to Fresno County.  
24 First, geographically, the district has proposed  
25 unnecessarily divides the community of interest which is

1 the City of Bakersfield. Thereby denying a common voice  
2 for our residents about issues vital to our way of life  
3 and our common interests.

4 The proposed map divides school districts thereby  
5 dividing and diluting the voices of parents regarding the  
6 education of their children. The map divides city  
7 council wards and country supervisorial districts further  
8 dividing and diluting our representation and voice  
9 regarding neighborhood concerns.

10 The health care of Kern County residents is also  
11 threatened. Healthcare is delivered to our underserved  
12 community by at least two providers, Clinica Sierra Vista  
13 and Omni Health Care, which tend to care for people  
14 within distinct geographical boundaries. This proposed  
15 map separates those residents and further imperils their  
16 ability to receive health care services and voice  
17 concerns about their medical care.

18 Kern County economy has many sectors unique to Kern  
19 County and distinct from Fresno. Oil, renewable energy,  
20 Kern is the largest producer of an oil renewable energy  
21 in California, logistics, and two military bases. Water  
22 is an extremely scarce resource.

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds remaining -- thirty  
24 seconds.

25 MR. MAGGARD: Water is an extremely scarce resource

1 vital to our economy and citizens for which competition  
2 is fierce. Kern County is the distinct water basin from  
3 Fresno and will compete directly with Fresno for our  
4 precious water resources.

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

6 MR. MAGGARD: For all these reasons and more, the  
7 proposed map will unnecessarily dilute the voices of  
8 residents of Kern County by linking us with Fresno which  
9 is -- has a dissimilar and competing interest.

10 Thank you very much for hearing my concerns this  
11 afternoon.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
13 right now we'll have caller 4688. And up next after that  
14 will be caller 3392.

15 Caller 4688, if you will please follow the prompts  
16 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Thank  
20 you for the time to speak. I'm calling with regards to  
21 the San Bernardino County and specifically map covering  
22 the High Desert.

23 I want to thank the Commission for the new  
24 visualization that keeps the Victor Valley connected with  
25 the Antelope Valley in Los Angeles. Please continue to

1 listen to the communities of interest as you move forward  
2 and thank you for your time.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
4 now we'll have caller 3392. And up next after that will  
5 be caller 9505.

6 Caller 3392, if you will please follow the prompts  
7 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

8 The floor is yours.

9 MS. PONCE DE LEON: Good evening, Commissioners.  
10 This is Alejandra Ponce De Leon. I am calling today as a  
11 resident. A resident of Jurupa Valley.

12 And speaking about my city here, where my family is  
13 growing. I wanted just to, one, appreciate all the work  
14 that you're doing. You're really taking into account a  
15 lot of the feedback that you're receiving for the IE,  
16 Inland Empire. And I particularly wanted to think  
17 about -- thank you for the way that you've designed the  
18 Assembly district, specifically that encompasses Jurupa  
19 Valley and connected to Riverside.

20 I do want to call also but -- to raise some concerns  
21 about your Senate district for Jurupa Valley where  
22 connecting our city with Ontario, Upland, San Dimas.  
23 Even though they are neighboring cities, I do have  
24 concerns about, you know, being placed in San Bernardino  
25 County district instead of staying within a Riverside

1 County district.

2 And especially where we can have more of a say,  
3 especially if it's a district that allows for, you know,  
4 a greater Latino feedback as well residing with  
5 Riverside. I think a lot of my connections here, a lot  
6 of our family here are this side, in Riverside County.  
7 And so I definitely want to lift my concerns of this for  
8 you to consider keeping Jurupa Valley with Riverside in  
9 the VRA district in Riverside.

10 Thank you so much for your time.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
12 right now we have caller 8542. And up next after that  
13 will be caller 2911.

14 Caller 8452, if you will please follow the prompts  
15 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. One more  
16 time.

17 Caller 8452, if you will please follow the prompts  
18 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. And caller  
19 8452, I do apologize. There appears to be some  
20 connectivity issue. I will come back to you. I have it  
21 labeled.

22 Right now we will have caller 2911. And up next  
23 after that will be caller 9575.

24 Caller 2911, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
25 unmute at this time by pressing star six.

1 The floor is yours.

2 MS. ERIKAT: Hello, can you hear me?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

4 JEANINE ERIKAT: Good evening Commissioners and  
5 staff. Thank you all for your time and your dedication  
6 to this process. My name is Jeanine Erikat. I've spoken  
7 to you before. I'm a policy associate at PANA.

8 PANA serves hundreds of immigrant refugee families  
9 across San Diego County, but especially in the  
10 neighborhoods of City Heights, La Mesa, Lemon Grove,  
11 Spring Valley, and El Cajon. And as you know, we've been  
12 engaged with our community members for the past year on  
13 redistricting and worked with the Black census and  
14 redistricting helping community members to draw maps that  
15 accurately reflect our community's shared values, and  
16 interests, and concerns.

17 Which is why it is concerning that the Assembly  
18 visualization splits El Cajon and splits part of La Mesa,  
19 and pairs with Santee. When you split El Cajon, you're  
20 splitting a significant community of interest of the Arab  
21 community and a growing African community in El Cajon.

22 Where you are disenfranchised and made invisible in  
23 the census, I urge you to not split the City of El Cajon,  
24 which is a vibrant and community-connected neighborhood  
25 and has a long history of interconnectedness. Similarly,

1 I'm alarmed that the Senate visualization pairs COIs of  
2 Lemon Grove, La Mesa, Spring Valley, South East with  
3 Santee.

4 Many of the residents of City Heights, La Mesa,  
5 Lemon Grove, Spring Valley, Southeast and El Cajon are  
6 refugees, immigrants, or largely Black indigenous people.  
7 Our communities have shared needs such as increased  
8 affordable housing, equitable transportation, and  
9 language access.

10 All which are not a concern for many Santee  
11 residents. You can pull up the demographic data of  
12 Santee and the price -- the house -- the housing  
13 ownership, the schools, all of which would show how  
14 detrimental it would be to map us with Santee. We don't  
15 share anything in common with residents in Santee and  
16 have different priorities and concerns.

17 I urge you to keep our community of interest  
18 together.

19 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

20 MS. ERIKAT: Please don't split El Cajon, and don't  
21 map us with Santee. Thank you for your time.

22 MR. MANOFF: And as a reminder to those calling in,  
23 your comments are being interpreted and live transcribed.  
24 Please speak at a moderate pace and take time with city,  
25 county names, and numbers. Thank you so much.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
2 right now we'll have caller 9575. And up next after that  
3 will be caller 6207.

4 Caller 9575, if you will please follow the prompts  
5 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

6 The floor is yours.

7 MS. DIAZ: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name  
8 is Karen Diaz. And I'm the electoral field manager for  
9 the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights.

10 I've been a resident of Palmdale and Antelope Valley  
11 since my family came from El Salvador. And ever since  
12 I've been working to organize my community, helping them  
13 get out to vote and informing them about redistricting  
14 and the census count. Although I can't vote, this is  
15 something that's really important to me in my community.

16 CHIRLA is an organization that has been organizing  
17 for thirty-five years. And our mission is to achieve a  
18 just society pulling closer with our neighbors. And so  
19 CHIRLA organizes our individual communities and  
20 coalitions in order to vote power, transform public  
21 opinions, and change quality.

22 We want to congratulate you on all the work that you  
23 have done and the Commission staff has done so far to  
24 create opportunities to engage. Today, I wanted to  
25 provide feedback on the Antelope Valley, High Desert, San

1 Bernardino for district Assembly revisualization.

2       The High Desert is one of the communities that  
3 should be kept together at the state Congressional level.  
4 But the voters here deserve the first shot at electing an  
5 Assembly member of their choice. We want the High Desert  
6 communities of Hesperia, Adelanto, and Victorville to be  
7 grouped together with the Antelope Valley communities of  
8 Littlerock, Palmdale, and Lancaster in order to have the  
9 area of strength at the Assembly level.

10       We know that it's not going to be possible to keep  
11 all of those cities whole, but that is something we can  
12 do as long as we attribute the area of district in our  
13 community can elect candidates of choice.

14       This could be achieved by modifying visualization  
15 VAD\_AntelopeValley --

16       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17       MS. DIAZ: -- and VAD\_VVHD. We also want to  
18 (indiscernible) and we all think that should be grouped  
19 with San Bernardino all levels. And by taking out  
20 redline and Yorba Linda to replace it Rialto and this  
21 should be for the visualization VSD\_BEHR that you  
22 presented yesterday.

23       So thank you so much for all the support. And we  
24 just want to uplift and submitted by the IE redistricting  
25 come at all redistricting level that have been drawn to

1 comply with --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
3 now we will have caller 6207. And up next after that is  
4 caller 8495. And again, please, a moderate pace for our  
5 translators.

6 Caller 6207, if you will please follow the prompts  
7 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

8 The floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I recognize the thought  
10 behind the vision to join together Kern and Fresno  
11 Counties, yet these counties are extremely distinct in  
12 our needs and enterprise, which is why I ask the  
13 committee to maintain separation between these two  
14 communities when the congregational districts are drawn.  
15 Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
17 now we have caller 8495. And up next after that will be  
18 caller 4270.

19 Caller 8495, if you will please follow the prompts  
20 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

21 The floor is yours.

22 MS. ABDI: Hi, can you hear me?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

24 MS. ABDI: Good evening, Commissioners. Thank you  
25 for the opportunity to speak. My name is Rahmo Abdi, and

1 I'm the community organizer with PANA.

2 PANA serves hundreds of immigrant refugee families  
3 across San Diego County, especially in the neighborhood  
4 of City Heights, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Spring Valley, and  
5 El Cajon. We have worked hard with Black hats and  
6 community members to build and map that our community  
7 share values and interests.

8 That is which is why it is concerning that a simple  
9 visualization has placed El Cajon, part of La Mesa, pair  
10 them with Santee. In the Santee visualization also pair  
11 of Lemon Grove, La Mesa, Spring Valley, and south San  
12 Diego with Santee.

13 Many of the residents of City Heights, and La Mesa,  
14 Lemon Grove, Spring Valley, and El Cajon are PANA event  
15 largely by five communities do have shared -- shared  
16 needs such as includes affordable housing, equitable  
17 transportation access, and language access.

18 All of which are not a concern for many Santee  
19 residents. We do not share anything in common with the  
20 residents in Santee and have different priorities and  
21 concerns.

22 I please urge you to keep our community of interest  
23 together. Please do not split El Cajon and do not map us  
24 with Santee. Thank you for your time.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

1 right now we'll have caller 4270. And up next after that  
2 we will have caller 0276.

3 Caller 4270, if you will please follow the prompts  
4 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

5 The floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Commission, for  
7 the hard work you guys have been doing. I know that the  
8 Commission is convene every ten years and it is an  
9 important task because you set the -- sort of the pathway  
10 for how the -- select our elected moving forward.

11 My concern this evening is with regards to the  
12 Congressional district that was presented which combines  
13 Kern County with Fresno County. I am a resident of the  
14 City of Clovis. And we are in eastern Fresno County.

15 Within our county, there's already enough issues.  
16 There are different -- sort of the economy is very  
17 different from Kern County. And I think that the  
18 interests can better be served if it was not such a large  
19 district in our Congressional representative can take  
20 care of our area.

21 Not only that, I have seen that water is also a big  
22 issue and as a previous -- previous caller already  
23 stated, the water issues in Clovis/Fresno area is very  
24 different than those down in Kern County. And so for  
25 those reasons, you know, just how vast it is, and for

1 water, and for the economy, and also keeping the two  
2 counties more separate are reasons why I would push that  
3 we change that Congressional district to where make it  
4 where is it similar to how it is today.

5 Thank you very much.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
7 right now we will have caller 0276. And up next after  
8 that will be caller 8044.

9 Caller 0276, if you will please follow the prompts  
10 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

11 The floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.  
13 First, I'd like to offer the courtesy by saying thank you  
14 for your continued work on these maps. Now, I'd like to  
15 urge the Commission to continue work on the Congressional  
16 maps in the City of Fresno.

17 I believe that there should be a Voting Right Act  
18 Congressional seat anchor in Fresno that includes  
19 everything south of Shaw Avenue and west of the 99  
20 Freeway to ensure the tail areas of Fresno are included  
21 in one district. As of now, there are three  
22 Congressional seats in Fresno which is diluting the  
23 Latino vote.

24 The Commission should draw two seats in Fresno,  
25 which one of them must of be over fifty percent Latino.

1 I firmly believe that having those two seats will ensure  
2 that Latino will have presence in Fresno will have them  
3 stick together giving their similar interests.

4 That is all I have to say. And thank you for  
5 listening.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you so much.  
7 And right now we'll have caller 8044. And up next after  
8 that will be caller 7296.

9 Caller 8044, if you will please follow the prompts  
10 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

11 The floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon, everyone.  
13 Good afternoon Commissioners. I am a resident of the  
14 City of Victorville. And I'd like to start off by saying  
15 thank you for the effort put forward. Thank you for the  
16 involving the community in this way.

17 My reference today is for the visualization of the  
18 High Desert map. There was a map submitted from the IE  
19 hub that included a VRA -- a Latino VRA of over fifty  
20 percent. The visualization submitted by the Commission,  
21 there is no VRA at all.

22 So I would urge you to take a look at the map  
23 submitted by the hub and just include a VRA. We'd love  
24 to be able to vote someone in of our choice. That's it  
25 for me. Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
2 right now we'll have caller 7296. And up next after that  
3 will be caller 8037.

4 Caller 7296, if you will please follow the prompts  
5 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

6 The floor is yours.

7 MS. KITAMURA: Good afternoon. This is Deana  
8 Kitamura with Asian American Advancing Justice Asian Law  
9 Caucus. Thank you for many of the new instructions  
10 you've provided.

11 I'm calling today about the timing of the release of  
12 the draft maps. We've heard the Commission say that it  
13 plans to release draft maps either November 10th or 12th  
14 and we support that.

15 We recently -- we recently saw that the Commission  
16 added meetings for November 12th, 13th, and 15th. We  
17 hope this does not mean that the Commission is thinking  
18 of releasing the draft maps after November 12th.

19 You may remember that Asian Law Caucus was part of  
20 the MET letter brief that supported your attempt to get  
21 additional time from the court. We were extremely  
22 disappointed when the court denied your reasonable  
23 request.

24 But I'm bringing up that letter brief now because it  
25 mentioned the analysis and outreach in education

1 community groups plan to do once the draft maps are out.  
2 My organization had already scheduled community meetings  
3 for November 15th and 16th to prepare community members  
4 for the input hearings you have scheduled that begin on  
5 November 17th.

6 Now, we are scrambling to figure out if we can  
7 somehow do all the analysis and community meetings in  
8 time if you delay the release of the draft maps. You  
9 might think you can simply delay the input hearings, but  
10 that would take you into the Thanksgiving week. And we  
11 know we'll lose community participation if you do that.

12 So we're asking you to stick with your plan to  
13 release draft maps on either November 10th or 12th, the  
14 earlier the better. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
16 right now we'll have caller 8037. And up next after that  
17 will be caller 2115.

18 Caller 8037, if you will please follow the prompts  
19 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

20 The floor is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Can you all hear me?  
22 Can you all --

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure --

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- hear me?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- we sure can.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Perfect. Hi, my name  
2 is Christian and I am a student at Orange Coast College.  
3 And I'm here to voice my support for the Orange County  
4 beach cities together. Although I live in Costa Mesa, I  
5 do spend a lot of time in Newport Beach and Huntington  
6 Beach. And I believe that the beach cities have many  
7 things in common.

8 One of which is sharing the highway which is p -- I  
9 often drive from PCH and Huntington Beach all the way up  
10 to Sunset Beach to visit some of my favorite places. And  
11 I highly recommend that you keep us all together. Thank  
12 you and have a wonderful evening.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
14 now we'll have caller 2115. And up next after that will  
15 be caller 1998.

16 Caller 2115, if you will please follow the prompts  
17 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

18 The floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you for all your  
20 efforts to draw up these maps in the most effective way.  
21 And I understand the inclination to combine Kern and  
22 Fresno Counties.

23 But it's important to note that these are really two  
24 unique communities who don't share the same culture or  
25 history or any of the enterprises with each other. And I

1 would strongly urge the Commission to separate the two  
2 communities when drawing up the Congressional district.  
3 Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
5 right now we'll have caller 1998. And up next after that  
6 will be caller 2408.

7 Caller 1998, if you will please follow the prompts  
8 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

9 The floor is yours.

10 MR. BESSINGER: Good evening. My name is Drew  
11 Bessinger. I am Clovis City council member and the mayor  
12 of last term. I'm calling about the Congressional  
13 district Fresno, Madera/Kern.

14 The Fresno metropolitan area consists of Clovis, at  
15 120,000 people and Fresno, the fifth largest city in  
16 California with over 500,000. We share regional issues  
17 with our neighbor, water, economy, transportation,  
18 housing, et cetera. The proposed redistricting removed  
19 Clovis from all of the other incorporated cities in  
20 Fresno County and links us to Bakersfield, which is two  
21 and a half hours away.

22 We don't -- we don't share a lot of issues with our  
23 friends in Bakersfield as they -- as they've already  
24 called in and talked about. And the proposal would  
25 remove us from the cities of our county. The proposed



1 Congressional maps of the adjacent areas in the Fresno  
2 metropolitan area will separate Fresno -- the City of  
3 Fresno into three Congressional districts, which I think  
4 is detrimental to our influence.

5 You're giving the proposals of other adjacent  
6 counties -- the proposal for the other metropolitan areas  
7 are very similar to the county lines. I request that the  
8 Commission either keep the existing borders or at least  
9 come up with some logical county line or major rivers,  
10 like the San Joaquin River or Kings River that permit us  
11 to stay with our regional area.

12 Thank you so much.

13 CHAIR LE MANS: And Katy, before you continue, I  
14 just want to announce that the phone lines will be  
15 closing in just about five minutes. So I wanted to make  
16 that announcement.

17 We also have a hard stop on comments at 8 p.m.  
18 Katy, please continue.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.  
20 Right now we will have caller 2408. And up next after  
21 that will be caller 0106.

22 Caller 2408, if you will please follow the prompts  
23 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. And one  
24 more time. Caller with the last four --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There you are. The  
2 floor --

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm sorry, can you --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- the floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- can you hear me? Oh,  
6 sorry, it didn't work --

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure can.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- the first time.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. Yes. My name  
11 is Andrew, and I'm calling from Long Beach. I'd like to  
12 thank the Commission for providing this opportunity to  
13 weigh in and for all your work throughout this process.

14 I'm joining my neighbors this evening in asking you  
15 to keep Long Beach together in your visualizations for  
16 California's Congressional map. In the most recent  
17 visualizations, our city is cut in half between  
18 districts. And I'm respectfully requesting that when  
19 this map comes up for discussion, you direct staff to  
20 reconsider this most recent update to our area.

21 Long Beach is incredibly diverse city, but we're all  
22 united here and ask for you to keep us together. We  
23 think this is a completely reasonable position and  
24 something that can be accomplished along with many of the  
25 other priorities I know you are considering throughout

1 your work here.

2 But by keeping us together, you're helping to  
3 preserve not only our city borders but the communities of  
4 interest that call Long Beach home. I know this  
5 Commission has received letters from organizations across  
6 our city representing our Latino community, our Cambodian  
7 neighbors, LGB -- LGBTQ plus residents and many others.  
8 When you keep us together, you're working to make sure  
9 all of us across Long Beach have a full voice in choosing  
10 members of Congress who understand our needs and  
11 represent the best of our city.

12 Thank you for the support you've given our needs  
13 over the past few weeks/ And I hope you'll take our  
14 feedback to heart by working to reunite Long Beach in  
15 your next Congressional visualization. Thank you again  
16 for the chance to speak and for your time this evening.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
18 right now we'll have caller 0106. And up next after that  
19 will be caller 1461.

20 Caller 0106, if you will please follow the prompts  
21 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

22 The floor is yours.

23 MR. WATKINS: Hello. Good evening, Commissioners.  
24 My name is Nevon Watkins and I am calling today on behalf  
25 of Long Beach College superintendent, Dr. Mike Munoz.

1 I'd like to read into the record a letter that Long  
2 Beach Community College district submitted earlier today.  
3 I'd like to express concern with the fourth round of  
4 visualization for the 2020 citizen redistricting  
5 Commission released earlier this week. We'd like to  
6 oppose to put each of the Long Beach Community College  
7 district campuses on the edges of different Congressional  
8 districts.

9 LBCC serves a diverse population of students and our  
10 campuses must be kept together. They are both important  
11 parts of the Long Beach community. As a community, we  
12 have been following the process closely and have witness  
13 all that has gone into it. Over the past several months,  
14 several of our students, community members, and board  
15 members have called in to voice their preference for Long  
16 Beach to be kept as whole as possible in our state and  
17 federal legislative districts.

18 Please do not dismiss their voices. Long Beach City  
19 College is the fifth largest single college district out  
20 of the 116 colleges in the statewide system. We are a  
21 nationally recognized institution of higher education  
22 within the California Community Colleges system. We  
23 maintain a hyper-local focus and work closely to bring  
24 students in from the greater Long Beach area.

25 We rely on our ability to organize with our state

1 and federal partners to fund some of our most important  
2 programs including the Long Beach College promise and our  
3 economic and workforce development programs and our  
4 career pathway programs. Please keep our campuses  
5 connected.

6 Thank you for your consideration.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
8 now we'll have caller 1461. And up next after that will  
9 be caller 1268.

10 Caller 1461, if you will please follow the prompts  
11 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. And one  
12 more time, caller -- oh, there you are.

13 The floor is yours.

14 MR. HICKS: Thank you for taking public comment. My  
15 name's Chris Hicks. I'm from Running Springs. I'm  
16 calling about the visualization. I like the Assembly and  
17 Congressional maps that you have. They connect our  
18 mountain town with a lot of communities we feel a common  
19 bond with in San Bernardino County.

20 I heard some people talk about how we have ski  
21 resorts and ski area, but that's just part of our  
22 economy. Most of the folks that work at those are really  
23 just temporary seasonal workers. But the folks that  
24 actually live up here, choose to live here to have a more  
25 rural lifestyle.

1           We're not luxury communities. Our full-time  
2 residents just like being away from the overcrowded urban  
3 areas below us. And we don't want to be connected with  
4 the flatlanders, as we call them. We feel like we are a  
5 rural San Bernardino County community and the BEA\_DICVAL  
6 and DVHD maps reflect this.

7           Last, I heard some chatter about putting us in a  
8 mountain district with Los Angeles County communities.  
9 And I really -- I can't stress enough how much people in  
10 rural San Bernardino County want nothing to do with Los  
11 Angeles or any other county outside the Inland Empire.  
12 Most of us moved to the mountain or desert to enjoy a  
13 more natural environment.

14           And we want our representatives to understand that  
15 and represent our issues not to be a population grab for  
16 other areas. So thank you for taking comments.

17           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
18 right now we'll have caller 1268. And up next after that  
19 will be caller 8751.

20           Caller 1268, if you will please follow the prompts  
21 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

22           The floor is yours.

23           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Kern County is  
24 California's leader in energy production. We have a  
25 strong petroleum industry which supports the value of

1 family in our community as well as a vibrant renewable  
2 energy section -- the cutting edge of the green energy  
3 section.

4 Fresno, however, is not an energy producing county.  
5 Cherry County, the Senate district will dilute the  
6 representation of our oil producing families and could  
7 potentially curb the advances we're making in renewable  
8 energy.

9 Thank you very much for your time and I hope you'll  
10 consider my comments as you continue to decide.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
12 right now we have caller 8751. And up next after that we  
13 have caller 6777.

14 Caller 8751, if you will please follow the prompts  
15 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

16 The floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. I'm  
18 calling -- I live in San Bernardino County. And right  
19 now, San Bernardino County, a large part of the rural  
20 area, are combined with Kern County for the Senate  
21 district. And I really like the way that is set up  
22 because we share a lot of common interests.

23 Our way of life is very similar in terms of rural  
24 living. But the way the proposal looks for the Senate  
25 district, it would cut San Bernardino, the rural

1 portions, in half. Combine one with L.A. and the other  
2 with the Coachella Valley, and then combine Kern County  
3 with Fresno.

4 And I think that's a mistake because it takes all  
5 three Kern, and then the two portions of the High Desert  
6 in San Bernardino County that, right now, are all  
7 combined well and splits them up and combines each one of  
8 them with a community that does not -- is not similar but  
9 has a higher population, like L.A., Coachella Valley, and  
10 Fresno. And would potentially then take representation  
11 away where currently they all are represented similarly,  
12 it would skew it more towards the urban areas.

13 So I would ask that you would try to keep Kern  
14 County and San Bernardino County connected rather than  
15 linking Kern and Fresno or San Bernardino with Riverside  
16 or L.A. County. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
18 now we'll have caller 6777. And up next after that will  
19 be caller 0082.

20 Caller 6777, if you will please follow the prompts  
21 to unmute at this time by pressing -- the floor is yours.

22 MS. ORODIVERI: Thank you. My name is Kate  
23 Orodiveri (ph.). I live in Fresno City. Thank you so  
24 much for all your work on the redistricting.

25 I would like you to keep the Hispanic precincts

1 together, please. Please do not split our Hispanic  
2 communities. Dividing up our communities takes our voice  
3 away and makes it difficult to elect people who truly  
4 represented -- represent us.

5 That would be a real mistake. So please do not  
6 divide the Hispanic community in Fresno City. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
8 right now we will have caller 0082. And up next after  
9 that will be caller 9816.

10 Caller 0082, if you will please follow the prompts  
11 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

12 The floor is yours.

13 MR. STEVENS: Hello. My name is Jason Stevens  
14 (ph.). I'm a resident of Bakersfield. I'd like to thank  
15 you for taking the time to hear me out.

16 Kern County and Fresno are very far apart. The  
17 districts would be too far for a single person to cover.  
18 And our different industries -- industries and different  
19 cultures and different interests that I think one  
20 representative will not be able to represent these two  
21 areas well enough. And I would like to keep the  
22 districts as they are. Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
24 right now we'll have caller 9816. And up next after that  
25 will be caller 8600.

1           Caller 9816, if you will please follow the prompts  
2 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

3           The floor is yours.

4           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I appreciate you  
5 taking this time to hear our concerns for and the hard  
6 work you're doing to make sure we have fair balance, we  
7 have equitable districts in Congress.

8           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sir?

9           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'd like to point out that  
10 Kern Valley --

11          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sir?

12          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes? Yes.

13          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment. Is -- is  
14 everyone hearing the distortion?

15          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Can you hear me?

16          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I think so.

17          MR. MANOFF: Okay. To caller 9 --9816. If you are  
18 listening to the live stream, if you could please mute  
19 that. And then, go ahead and press star six to unmute  
20 your phone and we'll restart your time, please. That's  
21 for caller 9816.

22          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One more time. Caller  
23 9816 as you were just unmuted. There was some feedback.  
24 If you could please mute the livestream and then, please  
25 press star six again to unmute yourself.

1 The floor is yours.

2 MR. MANOFF: Caller 9816. You're getting an echo  
3 because you have a live stream on or because you're  
4 connected with multiple phones. We'll come back to you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We will make note. If  
6 you could please get one speaker. Right now, we have  
7 caller 8600. And up next after that will be caller 4003.

8 Caller 8600, if you will please follow the prompts  
9 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

10 The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you so much for  
12 taking the time to hear me and voice my concerns.

13 I worry that the new Congressional visualization --  
14 visualization, sorry, will change the treatment of  
15 constituents from representatives because the district  
16 will be so large and it will be difficult to travel  
17 within.

18 Thank you so much.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Right now  
20 we'll have caller 4003. And up next after that will be  
21 caller 2996.

22 Caller 4003, if you will please follow the prompts  
23 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

24 The floor is --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. Can you hear

1 me?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. Thank you for  
4 taking public comment. I appreciate all your hard work  
5 on this Commission. I am a resident of the City of  
6 Clovis and I a member of the Latino community.

7 And I'm concerned about the way the Congressional  
8 maps were drawn to include Bakersfield with the City of  
9 Clovis. This option does not seem to serve all  
10 communities equitably. And would not be accessible to  
11 all constituents.

12 In the Congressional map, the City of Bakersfield,  
13 in Kern County, was combined with Clovis and Fresno  
14 County. And to travel from the southern population  
15 center of Bakersfield to the northern population center  
16 in Fresno/Clovis, you have to drive through about three  
17 Congressional districts.

18 Kern and Fresno Counties have very different  
19 interests including agriculture and oil. Fresno and  
20 Bakersfield are home to two separate California state  
21 universities and they have two different media markets.  
22 They have different industry and businesses and different  
23 needs.

24 I believe it was last week at one of the  
25 Commissioners' meetings, it was mentioned that Kern

1 County -- the Kern County seat spans 300 miles was too  
2 vast. I urge the Commission to create a more compact  
3 Congressional district in Kern. Please do not put Clovis  
4 and Bakersfield in the same Congressional seat.

5 I want everybody to look at everything equitably and  
6 accessibly to constituents. So thank you for your  
7 consideration. And thank you for hearing my public  
8 comment.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
10 now we'll have caller 2996. And up next after that will  
11 be caller 1334.

12 Caller 2996, if you will please follow the prompts  
13 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

14 The floor is yours.

15 MS. RAU: Hello. My name is Susan Rau (ph.) from  
16 Bakersfield, California. Thank you for your hard work  
17 and opportunity to allow us to speak into the  
18 redistricting proposal.

19 I am strongly opposing combining Kern County with  
20 Fresno County. As stated by the previous speaker, and by  
21 our Councilmember Mike Maggard earlier, the proposed  
22 redistricting would drastically dilute representation of  
23 concern for both communities of Kern and Fresno County.

24 Being a leader in energy and agriculture improves  
25 the economy and culture of Kern County is uniquely

1 important and vital to be represented well. Please don't  
2 dilute Kern County by extending representation into an  
3 unfamiliar and unrelated, distant area of the state. We  
4 have much more in common with to the geographically  
5 closer Tulare County and San Bernardino County.

6 Thank you for hearing and your considerations of my  
7 comments and concerns. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
9 right now we will have caller 1334. If you will please  
10 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing  
11 star six.

12 The floor is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you for taking the time  
14 to hear my concerns. I just -- I think that the new  
15 Congressional visualization will change the treatment of  
16 the constituents. With the districts being so large if  
17 you combine them, I think it'll take away from the  
18 constituents in both Fresno and Kern County.

19 And it'll make it hard for --

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh. Well, thank you so  
21 much. I believe they hung up, Chair.

22 CHAIR LE MANS: Go ahead and take the next caller.  
23 We'll go to break right after.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Right now we  
25 will have caller 0135. If you will please follow the

1 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star six. And  
2 one more time. Caller 0135, if you will please follow  
3 the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star --  
4 the floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm a resident of Yorba  
6 Linda in north Orange County. I just wanted to say that  
7 I appreciate that you kept Placentia, Brea, Yorba Linda,  
8 Anaheim and Orange together because I believe that it's  
9 important that we keep those cities together as we do not  
10 focus as much on tourism or clean beaches in our county.  
11 We focus more on our infrastructure, maintaining high  
12 quality roads and doing whatever we can to minimize  
13 traffic. And I believe that's important for both  
14 Congress and the State Senate and the State Assembly.

15 However, I do see one issue with how our new state  
16 districts are made. It's very hard to access the  
17 southern part of Orange County from north Orange County.  
18 There is no clear roads that go through the incorporated  
19 area of the county that has now been assigned to our  
20 district. And so I would like to please have the changed  
21 and noted if possible. It'll take a lot longer for us to  
22 access that lower part of the county.

23 Thank you and I hope you agree with me.

24 CHAIR LE MANS: Thanks, Katy. We're up on our  
25 breaks. We're going to take a fifteen-minute break and

1 we'll be back at 6:30.

2 Please don't hang up. If you hang up, you will not  
3 be able to get back into the queue because our lines have  
4 closed.

5 We'll be back in fifteen minutes. Enjoy your break.

6 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 5:57 p.m.  
7 until 6:15 p.m.)

8 CHAIR LE MANS: Okay. Welcome back from break,  
9 everyone. We have quite a few people in the queue.

10 I just want to re-announce that we do have a hard  
11 stop at eight. So I'm going to take the final caller at  
12 7:55. And then we will close the meeting with the vote  
13 on the motion on the floor.

14 So a reminder to callers, if you want to speak on  
15 the motion, please do as well as any of the  
16 visualizations.

17 Katy, please continue. Katy?

18 MR. MANOFF: Katy, I think you're muted.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, can you hear me now?

20 MR. MANOFF: Yes, I can.

21 CHAIR LE MANS: Yes, I can.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'm so sorry. Right now  
23 we'll have caller 0362. If you'll please follow the  
24 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

25 And one more time, caller 0362, if you'll please

1 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing  
2 star six.

3 The floor is yours. Caller 0362, can you hear me?  
4 You are unmuted.

5 MR. BEJAS: Yes. Yes. Okay, thank you. Hi. My  
6 name is Victor Bejas (ph.). I live on the -- in the  
7 Imperial County.

8 So first, I would like to thank the Commissioners,  
9 the Commission for their hard work on this redistricting  
10 process. I also want to thank to you because of the --  
11 because you listen all our participations or the  
12 community requests to have the -- the -- to expand the  
13 districts, I believe the -- now the -- the three -- three  
14 districts for Congress, Assembly, and Senate are very  
15 aligned for the interest of the community.

16 So first, I believe the way it is it works perfectly  
17 for Imperial County and the -- the communities. Like for  
18 example, all the way to San Diego because of -- we share  
19 the border, and we are a high -- high populations of  
20 Hispanics, I think that's -- that's a very important to  
21 keep together.

22 And the north with -- with this new drawings, I  
23 believe now also it's very important to include all  
24 the -- the communities that surround the Salton Sea now  
25 are -- they are all together under the Congress, Senate,

1 and Assembly. So that works perfectly as well. Also at  
2 the north with the Coachella Valley --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 MR. BEJAS: -- we have -- we have in common that we  
5 are all agriculture areas, rural areas, mostly Hispanics  
6 as well. So that works perfectly.

7 I -- and by the -- by the east --

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

9 MR. BEJAS: -- all the way from Needles to  
10 Winterhaven which we have in common the Colorado River.  
11 So I think that's the most important topics we have in  
12 this area.

13 And now I believe the -- the -- the three levels  
14 as --

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And right now we have caller 0073. And up next  
17 after that will be caller 7175.

18 Caller 0076, if you will please follow the prompts  
19 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. And the  
20 floor is yours.

21 MR. AI: Hi there, Commissioners. I'd like to start  
22 by thanking you all for your hard work. And specifically  
23 I'd like to thank Commissioner Sadhwani for their request  
24 to keep Los Angeles' LGBTQ community united.

25 My name is Mike Ai with Equality California, the

1 nation's largest statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights  
2 organization. And I'm calling to ask that the LGBTQ  
3 community of interest stay united in Los Angeles.

4 The Senate visualization continued to separate the  
5 City of West Hollywood from Hollywood, which divides the  
6 heart of Los Angeles LGBTQ+ communities that reside in  
7 this core area and surrounding neighborhoods.

8 The City and the County of Los Angeles is home to an  
9 expansive and culturally intersectional LGBTQ+ community  
10 as connected through their rich history of LGBTQ+ plus  
11 civic activism dating back to the 1967 Black Cat riots,  
12 which erupted in response to police brutality experienced  
13 by LGBTQ+ people, marking one of the first LGBTQ+  
14 demonstrations in the United States. This solidarity and  
15 sense of belonging among Los Angeles LGBTQ+ residents  
16 continues to this day with several LGBTQ+ businesses and  
17 communities bases thriving in neighborhoods from Silver  
18 Lake to -- to Los Feliz to North Hollywood and Studio  
19 City to Hollywood and West Hollywood.

20 With this history and solidarity, the LGBTQ+  
21 community of interest in Los Angeles has actively  
22 engaged -- actively organized around LGBTQ+ candidates of  
23 choice, and made history with the LGBTQ+ communities in  
24 the city, county, and state level. It's paramount that  
25 the LGBTQ+ community --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MR. AI: -- be kept together and not separated into  
3 three Senate districts that fail to see the LGBTQ+  
4 commonality between West Hollywood and Hollywood. Thanks  
5 so much.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 And right now we have caller 7175. And up next  
8 after that will be caller 8978.

9 Caller 7175, if you will please follow the prompts  
10 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor  
11 is yours.

12 MR. PAYNE: Hi there. Thank you. This is Jeremy  
13 Payne with Equality California. Didn't know I'd be going  
14 right after my colleague Mike.

15 But again, we are calling from Equality California,  
16 the nation's largest statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights  
17 organization.

18 Called in yesterday about San Diego.

19 I'm calling again today about San Diego, but for the  
20 Senate visualization SBCY that was released 11/02.  
21 Despite some concerns being raised by San Diego's LGBTQ+  
22 residents, this Senate visualization continues to split  
23 the heart of San Diego's LGBTQ+ community by dividing  
24 Hillcrest at the California 163 Highway.

25 The visualization not only divides the LGBTQ+

1 residents of Hillcrest, but the LGBTQ+ residents in the  
2 neighborhood that surround Hillcrest and Buffalo Park,  
3 which include Mission Hill, Banker Hill, University  
4 Heights, North Park, South Park, and Normal Heights.

5 For the LGBTQ+ community of San Diego, these  
6 neighborhoods are our home, and we were rooted together  
7 with LGBTQ+ businesses and community spaces that are  
8 culturally as vibrant as much as the history of our  
9 region.

10 And so we ask that the LGBTQ+ community be kept  
11 together are not separated or divided at the California  
12 163 Highway. Instead, we recommend using Interstate 15  
13 as eastern boundary of the Senate district so that we may  
14 keep our LGBTQ+ community united.

15 I want to thank the Commissioners for your advocacy  
16 of the LGBTQ+ community, especially Commissioner Sinay  
17 for your LGBTQ+ community throughout California. And I  
18 hope that we're able to keep San Diego's LGBTQ+ community  
19 together. Thank you so much.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 And right now we have 8978. And up next after that  
22 will be caller 4984.

23 Caller 8978, if you will please follow the prompts  
24 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor  
25 is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm a resident of  
2 Central Valley. And I want to first say I want to thank  
3 you for your continued work on these maps.

4 I am concerned, however, that the Latino vote will  
5 become diluted with three Congressional seats in the City  
6 of Fresno. The Latinos should be able to have the  
7 ability to elect the candidate of their choice in the  
8 City of Fresno. And drawing two seats in Fresno,  
9 particularly in the area of south of Shaw and west of 99  
10 will ensure that. I want to thank you so much for your  
11 time.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 And right now we have caller 4984. And up next  
14 after that will be caller 7672.

15 Caller 4984, if you will please follow the prompts  
16 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I called in today  
18 because I asked -- I'm here to voice my concerns with the  
19 proposal, specifically that which joins the Counties of  
20 Kern and Fresno, which I see as being too distinct and  
21 large to group together.

22 I ask that the Committee please think of the  
23 constituents who do not wish to be overlooked or  
24 forgotten by their representatives, specifically in their  
25 Congressional District.

1           And these offices as we've noted before during this  
2 committee -- committee meeting, these offices could be as  
3 far away -- as far away as ours. And therefore --  
4 therefore would be harder to get a hold of and  
5 accountable.

6           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7           And right now we will have caller 7672. And up next  
8 after that will be caller 9642.

9           Caller 7672, if you will please follow the prompts  
10 to unmute by pressing star six.

11          MR. MANOFF: To unmute --

12          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

13          MR. MANOFF: -- you are unmuted.

14          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

15 Please indiscernible --

16          MR. FONG: Good evening.

17          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- your livestream.

18          MR. FONG: Hold on. Okay. Is this -- is this  
19 better?

20          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Much better.

21          MR. FONG: Is this better?

22          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Better.

23          MR. FONG: Okay.

24          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

25          MR. FONG: Hi. My name is Henry Fong. And I'm

1 calling about -- I'm a Cal Poly Pomona graduate. And I'm  
2 calling about the -- the districts that are cutting  
3 through Cal Poly Pomona. Cal Poly Pomona is uniquely  
4 split up between the unincorporated LA County and the  
5 City of Pomona. So you have people living in dorms that  
6 are in unincorporated LA County aren't part of Pomona.  
7 And I would like to see that Cal Poly Pomona be united in  
8 the City of Pomona, such that people that live in dorms  
9 don't vote in different districts than people that live  
10 just off campus. So that's one thing.

11 And then the second thing is regarding the districts  
12 that go along the 210 corridor, while I am not a fan of  
13 those districts, I ask that those districts do not cross  
14 LA County and go into San Bernardino County. Our  
15 interests are much different, as the San Bernardino  
16 residents have mentioned. I think that like the Senate  
17 district I think is good on the 210 corridor, but I do  
18 not like the Assembly and the Congressional District  
19 stretching all the way from La Canada and -- and La  
20 Crescenta all the way out to Rancho Cucamonga. That is  
21 not a community of interest. The community of interest  
22 needs to stop at the San Bernardino/Los Angeles County  
23 line. Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 And right now we have caller 9642. And up next

1 after that will be caller 3781.

2 Caller 9642, if you will please follow the prompts  
3 to unmute by pressing star six.

4 MS. TESTA: Hi.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor -- Hello.

6 MS. TESTA: Hi, my name is Andrea Testa. Hi, can  
7 you hear me?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

9 MS. TESTA: Okay, great. Hi, my name is Andrea  
10 Testa. And I am a resident and business owner in the  
11 City of Long Beach, specifically a realtor in this area.

12 And I'm calling to express my disappointment in the  
13 Commissions map that split Long Beach into two.

14 Long Beach is a single community. We've  
15 consistently asked to be kept together because we truly  
16 do work so closely together. And we've been so thankful  
17 to hear that the Commission has heard us. I believe at  
18 several Commission meetings, Commissioners have voiced  
19 support for keeping Long Beach together. And staff has  
20 summarized comments from Long Beach as wanting to be  
21 together. We love all of that.

22 I don't remember a single Commissioner having --  
23 giving direction to split us in half, which is why we are  
24 so shocked and disappointed to see that this Commission  
25 would consider breaking us into two. If that happens,

1 the synergy that we've got going could also break in half  
2 and no one wants that.

3 Please keep Long Beach together and reject any  
4 proposals that would split us apart. Thank you so much  
5 for your time.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 And right now we will have caller 3781. And up next  
8 after that will be caller 9436.

9 Caller 3781, if you will please follow the prompts  
10 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor  
11 is yours.

12 MR. RYAN: Hello, thank you. Hello, Commissioners.  
13 My name is Andrew Ryan. I am a current resident of Santa  
14 Clarita, California.

15 I called in a few days ago regarding our  
16 Congressional and center maps urging you to possibly  
17 replicate our Congressional District boundaries with the  
18 Senate district for better representation.

19 I did also just want to call in today as I wanted to  
20 flag that recently our Santa Clarita Valley council has  
21 actually submitted a second letter requesting that Simi  
22 Valley can be placed back into our district by boundary  
23 lines. And you know, I really just want to kind of call  
24 it as it is. This is a complete bend of political  
25 pressure from our region and some of our certain

1 leadership out here.

2 And I did want to point out the City of Santa  
3 Clarita actually defies the California Voters Rights Act.  
4 And by marginalizing our minority voters, as they are the  
5 only city I believe left in Los Angeles County that is  
6 refusing to go to districts, we are actually in a  
7 potential lawsuit against.

8 Previously they had also sent a letter on July 20th  
9 of this year requesting that we do keep the City of Santa  
10 Clarita within the boundaries of Los Angeles County.

11 So I did want to just urge you to reconsider. Our  
12 local NAACP has also sent a letter in regards to this.  
13 So I just want to thank you for the current map you have  
14 given us. And I urge you to continue using our current  
15 Congressional map and keep our city within the boundaries  
16 of Los Angeles County, and to just protect our  
17 communities of interest. Thank you again.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now we will have caller 9436. And up next  
20 after that will be caller 0893.

21 Caller 9436, if you will please follow the prompts  
22 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

23 MR. TANAKA: Can you guys hear me?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

25 MR. TANAKA: Okay, great. This is Councilmember



1 Greg Tanaka calling from the City of Palo Alto. I'm  
2 calling as an individual and not behalf of the council.

3 I'm calling in -- in reference to Congressional  
4 District VCD\_SCLARA (sic).

5 Wanted to first thank the Commission for your hard  
6 work on this. I've been on the other side, been into a  
7 lot of public comments. I really appreciate your  
8 patience and the opportunity.

9 I agree with the -- the current maps of excluding  
10 Santa Cruz County. I think those are different social  
11 demographics, so it makes sense.

12 But I am -- I'm calling in today because I think  
13 it's important that we keep Silicon Valley together. So  
14 over the past ten years, Santa Clara County, Silicon  
15 Valley has actually become majority Asian. And -- but  
16 the -- but in the current proposed map, 11, November 2nd  
17 map, the demographics for Asian vicinity is almost  
18 exactly the same as ten years ago, even though the county  
19 itself has swung majority Asian.

20 In fact, many cities -- including the city I live  
21 Palo Alto -- has moved from being thirty percent Asian to  
22 now thirty-eight percent Asian. So it's a larger --  
23 largest ethnic group. And in our view, it's nearly the  
24 majority as well, as well as Los Altos and other -- a few  
25 of the other surrounding cities.

1           Yet, if you look at the current map, it shows the  
2 proposed Congressional map shows almost the same percent  
3 as Asian as it did before, even though in the City of --  
4 (indiscernible) map --

5           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6           MR. TANAKA: -- there's an enlarged Asian increase.  
7 So what -- what -- remedy this I recommend that  
8 (indiscernible), Simi Valley, and Santa Clara is not  
9 carved out, and that we move the other boundary to the  
10 Santa Clara County line. I think it's important to keep  
11 Silicon Valley together. It wouldn't be looked as--

12          MR. MANOFF: Fifteen

13          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- gerrymandered. Silicon  
14 Valley has a much more high-tech industry.

15           So thank you for taking my comments into  
16 consideration.

17          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18           And right now we will have caller 0893. And up next  
19 after that will be caller 3974.

20           Caller 0893, if you will please follow the prompts  
21 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor  
22 is yours.

23          MS. OBEID: Good evening, Commissioners. Thank you  
24 so much for the -- taking the time to listen to us. My  
25 name is Yasmeen Obeid. I'm a Muslim Arab community

1 organizer from Spring Valley, San Diego. And I'm also  
2 the redistricting fellow with Majdal, the Arab Community  
3 Center of San Diego, which is located in El Cajon.

4 Majdal serves hundreds of immigrants and refugee  
5 families in El Cajon and surrounding areas. And over the  
6 past six months, we hosted four bilingual community of  
7 interest sessions, spoke directly to dozens of community  
8 members, and hosted redistricting workshops in both  
9 English and Arabic.

10 Our community members are especially connected with  
11 other refugee and black indigenous communities of color,  
12 Hubs in our region in the neighborhoods of City Heights,  
13 La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Spring Valley, and El Cajon.

14 After working hard with our community members to  
15 draw maps that accurately reflect our community, shared  
16 values, and interests, it was very concerning to see that  
17 Assembly visualization flipped El Cajon and flipped a  
18 small part of La Mesa and pairs them with Santee.

19 When you split El Cajon, you are splitting a  
20 significant community of interest of the Arab and Muslim  
21 communities that I work with on a daily basis and  
22 represent.

23 Our Arab community is currently already  
24 disenfranchised --

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 MS. OBEID: -- by being invisible in the census and  
2 by being split in El Cajon City into two different  
3 districts.

4 I speak on behalf of over 300 families, please do  
5 not flip El Cajon. And do not map City Heights, La  
6 Mesa --

7 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

8 MS. OBEID: -- Lemon Grove, Spring Valley, Southeast  
9 San Diego with Santee. Thank you so much and have a  
10 wonderful night.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

12 And right now we have caller 3974. And up next  
13 after that will be caller 1506.

14 Caller 3974, if you will please follow the prompts  
15 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor  
16 is yours.

17 MS. CASIO: Patty Casio. Hi. This is Patty Casio.  
18 I'm a realtor in the Clovis and Fresno area.

19 And I understand that there is potential for Clovis  
20 to be separated from the City of Fresno and incorporated  
21 with the -- the Bakersfield District.

22 And we request that Clovis and Fresno as part of  
23 Fresno County be separate from Bakersfield/Kern County.  
24 Clovis and Fresno have -- we have a joint community, a  
25 joint history, and a joint culture. And also, there's a

1 large Latino community in our area. And for -- we would  
2 urge that the Commission continue working on the  
3 Congressional maps in the City of Fresno. There should  
4 be voting rights acts Congressional seats anchored in the  
5 City of Fresno that includes everything south of Shaw and  
6 west of 99 to ensure that the Latino area of Fresno is  
7 included in one district.

8 And right now we have three Congressional seats in  
9 the City of Fresno, which is alluding the Latino vote.  
10 The Commission should draw two seats in the City of  
11 Fresno --

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 MS. CASIO: -- one that is over 50 percent Latino.  
14 And drawing these two seats in Fresno, one that includes  
15 the Latino areas south of Shaw and west of 99, will  
16 ensure that the Latino precinct in Fresno --

17 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds

18 MS. CASIO: -- stay together given their similar  
19 interests. Thank you for your consideration.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 And right now we will have caller 1506. And up next  
22 after that will be caller 7815.

23 Caller 1506, if you will please follow the prompts  
24 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Hello, Good evening, distinguished

1 Commissioners. A very blessed -- again a very blessed  
2 good evening to you. And I can't express enough how I  
3 appreciate the very transparent manner by which you are  
4 conducting your -- your job of making the decisions of  
5 redistricting, right? And also the very inclusive manner  
6 by which you are allowing members of the community to  
7 speak to your group.

8 My name is Elena Johnson. And I am a resident of  
9 Simi Valley. I came to Simi Valley in 1984 and left for  
10 a short time, and then returned again in 1992.

11 At the same time, I worked in a place in LA County.  
12 And most of my coworkers are coming from Santa Clarita,  
13 Palm Dale, that area of Los Angeles County, the northern  
14 part.

15 And I urge your -- I urge you, dear Commissioners,  
16 to please keep Simi Valley and Santa Clarita together.

17 Having worked with my colleagues and having lived in  
18 Simi Valley for a long time, our aspirations are very  
19 similar. Our way of life, what we believe in, and the  
20 way that we are honor and respect each other's families  
21 are very, very similar. And I would hate for our group,  
22 Simi Valley and Santa Clarita, to be divided or be  
23 separated, because I feel I use kindred to the people I  
24 work with -- with the Santa Clarita people. And it's  
25 very, very important --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds

2 MS. JOHNSON: -- because I'm a minority. I'm a  
3 triple minority. I'm a female. I'm from Asia. And I'm  
4 65 years old. And I feel that these two cities, which I  
5 hold close with my heart, are separated --

6 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

7 MS. JOHNSON: -- it's going to be very devastating  
8 to how I have loved my life here in the United States  
9 since the 1980s.

10 I thank you for your time. And again, I urge you to  
11 please keep Santa Clarita and Simi Valley together.  
12 Thank you very --

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 And right now we will have caller 7815. And up next  
15 after that will be caller 7625.

16 Caller 7815, if you will please follow the prompts  
17 to unmute by pressing star six.

18 DR. SARO: Hello

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

20 DR. SARO: Hello, Commissioners. Thank you so much  
21 for all your hard work.

22 My name is Dr. Sueley Saro. And I'm a councilmember  
23 in the City of Long Beach. I'm the first Cambodian-  
24 American elected to serve on Long Beach City council.  
25 And I represent the largest Cambodian population --

1 Cambodian-American population in the United States.

2 And I'm greatly concerned and disappointed in the  
3 map that was released this week that splits the Cambodian  
4 town into two Congressional Districts.

5 And we are survivors of genocide. And we've  
6 developed the first Cambodian town in the United States  
7 ever.

8 From 1975 to 1979, the Khmer Rouge killed over 2  
9 million Cambodians, and many have been impacted by it,  
10 traumatized by it. Several hundred thousand Cambodians  
11 fled the country and became refugees resettling in  
12 countries across world, making Long Beach the longest  
13 Cambodian population in the United States.

14 So due to the impact of the genocide and  
15 resettlement, many of the communities (indiscernible)  
16 need access to various healthcare, mental health  
17 services, as well as social services, and workforce  
18 development opportunities. We as a community have made  
19 conscience effort to organize and elevate the Cambodian  
20 voice in politics, education, and civic engagement, and  
21 have established ourselves as equal members in the entire  
22 Long Beach community.

23 And we are united in opposing any map that splits  
24 Long Beach apart, especially the part that splits the  
25 Cambodian community.

1           And this progress has only been possible because we  
2 have been working and organizing and advocating for  
3 equity. And --

4           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5           DR. SARO: -- we ask you to please keep us united,  
6 keep Long Beach together, and please keep the Cambodian  
7 community and Cambodia Town area together. Thank you so  
8 much for your consideration.

9           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10          I'd like to ask every person that has called and  
11 that wishes to share comments tonight to please press  
12 star nine. If you have not pressed star nine, please  
13 press star nine at this time it will raise your hand and  
14 it will give our staff a count how many people we have  
15 left. Please press star nine. It will help us do our  
16 job in supporting you. Thank you so much.

17          Caller 7625, you will be right now. And then up  
18 next after that will be caller 7644.

19          Caller 7625, if you will please follow the prompts  
20 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor  
21 is yours.

22          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank -- great. Thank you so  
23 much for listening to all these public comments. My name  
24 is David.

25          I'm calling about the Alameda Assembly District, and



1 calling to urge you all to please keep the unincorporated  
2 areas west of 680 together with Hayward and expand the  
3 populations north -- north and south in the San Leandro  
4 or parts of Fremont instead of doing what you currently  
5 have, which is to expanded it east to the Tri-Valley  
6 area. Those suburban communities are a lot of Livermore  
7 and Pleasanton that are currently included with Hayward  
8 and Ashland and Carolands are a lot more similar to areas  
9 further east like San Ramon and Dublin and Danville.  
10 Whereas Hayward, Union City, these unincorporated areas  
11 are a lot more similar to places like Oakland and San  
12 Leandro. The 680 corridor is -- is second ring suburbs  
13 and excerpts to the east. And in that way the  
14 populations are completely distinct and the communities  
15 faces different issues.

16 These unincorporated areas are intrinsically linked  
17 to Hayward, both in terms of school communities, parks,  
18 all sorts of different legislative bodies. And so we're  
19 asking, you know, that you all consider race, class,  
20 education, public transit access, all these different  
21 things, and keep those unincorporated areas with the  
22 other places that they belong with. Thank you so much.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And I'd like to give the opportunity just one more  
25 time to please press star nine. We did get a number of

1 hands. But just one more time, please press star nine if  
2 you did not do that in my previous announcement. Thank  
3 you so much.

4 Caller 7644, if you will please follow the prompts  
5 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. And the  
6 floor is yours.

7 MR. PAYNE: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is  
8 Eric Payne. I'm the executive director of the Central  
9 Valley Urban Institute.

10 And I just like to say generally on all levels you  
11 should be keeping inner-city urban communities in Fresno  
12 whole and together, including Southwest Fresno, West  
13 Park, emerging black communities in the Old Fig Garden  
14 area, the area around Fresno State, specifically the El  
15 Dorado neighborhood between Cedar and West and the  
16 Sunnyside community in southeast Fresno. The City of  
17 Thelma should also be paired with these communities where  
18 possible, since they share similar demographics. None of  
19 the communities should be paired in a district that  
20 include Clovis.

21 I'm not clear on the Commission's position to  
22 incorporate some of the country's poorest census track in  
23 Southwest Fresno with the City of Clovis. It's  
24 bewildering.

25 Additionally, wanted to lift up that the data

1 doesn't show there are many black folks in the Old Fig  
2 Garden area, but these are emerging black communities and  
3 multifamily developments in the area, because the state  
4 neglected to invest the proper resources to ensure  
5 complete and accurate count of black families in the  
6 region that resulted in sixty percent of black families  
7 being undercounted.

8         The Commission should be mindful of -- of that, and  
9 that it should be paired with communities previously  
10 listed rather than with dissimilar communities like  
11 Clovis.

12         MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13         MR. PAYNE: I know the Commission has to consider  
14 VRA districts as well, so I wanted to lift up that you  
15 should -- you can create a VRA seat in Fresno while also  
16 protecting and paring the COIs. The Hub map is a good  
17 example --

18         MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

19         MR. PAYNE: -- of how to do this.

20         Finally, I'd like to thank you for keeping Pixley  
21 and Tulare together and Lemoore and Hanford, and for  
22 moving California City into LA County.

23         Thank you on behalf of all black families in the  
24 Central Valley.

25         PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1           And right now we have caller 8775. And up next  
2 after that will be caller 4769.

3           Caller 8775, if you will please follow the prompts  
4 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The  
5 floor --

6           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

7           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- is yours.

8           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much,  
9 Commissioners, for holding this forum and allowing all  
10 these public comments. You have a daunting task in front  
11 of you.

12           I'm calling to voice my concern with the -- the lack  
13 of the voting rights district in Fresno County.

14           The South Fresno city area is a great place to  
15 anchor a voting rights district and keep the Latino  
16 community together. And that area is very, very  
17 important.

18           Right now the Central Valley Congressional District  
19 visualization maps shows three Congressional seats in the  
20 City of Fresno, which is diluting the Latino vote. And  
21 the Commission should look at drawing two seats in the  
22 City of Fresno with one that is over fifty percent Latino  
23 that's ensuring the Latinos' voice in our future  
24 elections. Thank you.

25           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1           And right now we have caller 4769. And up next  
2 after that will be caller 5058. Caller 4769, if you  
3 would please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
4 pressing star six. The floor is yours.

5           MS. YANG: Good evening. Hello. Yes. Thank you.  
6 Good evening. Can you hear me?

7           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

8           MS. YANG: Okay. My name is Lucy Yang. I live in  
9 Walnut. And I'm also the president of the Chinese  
10 American Association of Walnut. I'm very, kind of,  
11 shocked to see the map that I see both in the Senate, and  
12 also the Assembly District because the -- for example,  
13 the -- the standard that I see, the new boundary, I'm  
14 glad to see that Hacienda Heights is included, but then  
15 we're looking into extending to Orange County, but then  
16 there's -- you know, in my area -- you know, where we --  
17 Walnut, Diamond Bar, Hacienda Heights, we're mostly -- a  
18 high percentage of Asian American communities. And we  
19 really should have a voice. And we -- we really wish  
20 that we could have that Irvine, you know, that area to be  
21 combined with us and versus the current drawing and also  
22 for Assembly were very strongly opposed, while I see,  
23 in -- in the current maps, because in the -- in the -- in  
24 the current Assembly, you -- you left out Hacienda  
25 Heights.

1           For some reason, Hacienda Heights is in the Senate,  
2 but Hacienda Heights not in your Assembly. And then  
3 we -- you left out West Covina. You left out -- you  
4 know, a lot of the -- the areas that we should be -- we  
5 have the same, you know, culturally, you know, and  
6 ethnic -- ethnicity, and also economic interests. But  
7 you added the whole rural area, mountain areas of  
8 Riverside and San Bernardino County, which is totally not  
9 very similar, you know, in -- in -- in social economic  
10 interests with that. It's --

11           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12           MS. YANG: -- very strange that you're -- so we're  
13 strongly opposed to the current drawing that extend till  
14 Riverside and San Bernardino County. It's so -- so -- so  
15 strange. It's very odd. Well, you know, if we kept --  
16 keep the original, we'd rather keep the original. We --

17           MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

18           MS. YANG: -- really like Hacienda Heights and West  
19 Covina to be a part of us. Thank you for your  
20 consideration.

21           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
22 right now, we will have caller 5058. And up next after  
23 that would be caller 0029. Caller 5058, if you will  
24 please follow the prompts to unmute, the floor is yours.

25           MR. HILL: Good evening. And thank you to the

1 Commission for the work that you've doing. My name is  
2 Nick Hill. I represent the Kern County Black Chamber of  
3 Commerce. And our concern is that you do not combine  
4 Stockdale Country Club and Oil Dale to our communities of  
5 interest, which falls from the area of South Planz going  
6 all the way up to California Avenue. We would like to  
7 keep Oleander in that area as well. But going all the  
8 way back south to -- I'm sorry, going back east all the  
9 way back to Cottonwood Avenue to make sure you know, that  
10 we are counted correctly because number 1, our  
11 demographics are not that large here in Kern County, and  
12 it would be devastating to us if we were separated  
13 between these lines. So I'm asking you to keep these  
14 lines intact especially from the South Planz area all the  
15 way going up to California Avenue, and then going back --  
16 all the way back east to Cottonwood area and things like  
17 that because like I said, these are highly populated  
18 African-American areas. And if you split these areas,  
19 you split our vote; you split our voting power; you split  
20 our ability to get better schools, better hospitals, and  
21 better representation in general. So I'm asking that  
22 you --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MR. HILL: -- keep us together. Thank you, so much.  
25 And thank you for your time.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And right  
2 now, we have caller 0029. And up next after that, we  
3 will have caller 6121. Caller 0029, if you will please  
4 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The  
5 floor is yours.

6 MALE SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners. Thank  
7 you so much for your time this evening. My name is  
8 George (ph.). I'm a resident of Fresno, and in,  
9 currently Clovis, grew up in Fresno. Just wanted to  
10 express my concern on the current Madera/Kern map for  
11 State Senate. We really appreciate the work that you're  
12 doing, but just do not believe that the current county  
13 region should be grouped in with North Fresno and Clovis  
14 simply because the interests are just too vastly  
15 different, maybe would encourage, respectfully encourage  
16 the Commission to consider expanding the City of Fresno  
17 slightly to include Fig Garden at Central Fresno, maybe  
18 in the North Fresno and Clovis map to make up for that  
19 population. Really appreciate your time. Thank you so  
20 much.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And right  
22 now, we will have caller 6121. And up next after that,  
23 will be Caller 9691. Caller 6121, if you will please  
24 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing  
25 star six. The floor is yours.

1           MALE SPEAKER: Good evening. Thank you,  
2 Commissioners for all the hard work you're doing. My  
3 name is John (ph.) and I live in Simi Valley, California.  
4 And I'm calling to ask that you please keep Simi Valley,  
5 Moor -- and Moorpark together in the same Assembly,  
6 Senate, and Congressional District.

7           Simi Valley is an inland working class community.  
8 And the current map has us drawn into the very, very  
9 wealthy beach community of Malibu. We have no community  
10 of interests. Malibu is not a community of like  
11 interest. We have more in common with Moorpark, Santa --  
12 and Santa Clarita. We share a wildfire issues with them,  
13 a national forest, energy grid, and water issues. So  
14 please draw us with Santa Clarita and Moorpark. Thank  
15 you for your consideration.

16           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
17 right now, we have caller 9691. And up next after that  
18 will be caller 1270. Caller 9691, please follow the  
19 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is  
20 yours.

21           MALE SPEAKER: Hi, this is Christian (ph.) calling  
22 in from South Fresno. As a Mexican born and raised in  
23 South Fresno, I -- I really urge the Commission, who's  
24 already done some great work to -- to reconsider the  
25 Congressional maps that are considering for the City of

1 Fresno. As currently drawn, I think the maps do a poor  
2 job of strengthening the Latino/Mexican vote in Fresno.  
3 I think Fresno and its Mexican community would be better  
4 served if there was a -- a district set in the heart of  
5 Fresno's Latino community in South Fresno, somewhere, you  
6 know, south of Shaw and west of the 99. So I -- I please  
7 urge you to consider my recommendation. Thank you so  
8 much again for the work you're doing.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
10 right now we have caller 1270. And up next after that,  
11 we have caller at 9194. Caller 1270, if you will please  
12 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The  
13 floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.  
15 I'm calling from East Contra Costa County. A whole lot  
16 of us have been calling in pouting our strong connection  
17 to the San Joaquin Delta, how in -- how important it is  
18 to our complimentary economy, including the hard-fought  
19 fishing tournament in the City of Oakley. Maybe we  
20 mention this too much because the current map Concord TR  
21 1102 is literally a really tall fish hook with the hook  
22 part facing the wrong way. Map CDA East Contra 1013  
23 (ph.) was the best visualization and Visualization United  
24 East Contra Costa 1102 united our community interests.  
25 I'm not sure where the fish hook came from.

1           The residents of East Contra Costa don't travel  
2 north all the way to Yolo County as there's no common  
3 transportation corridor to get there. And we don't get  
4 visitors from Yolo out here. We don't have economic  
5 commonalities with the suburban enclaves of Orinda and  
6 Moraga to the west. We do, however, have common  
7 transportation corridors with Stockton. As proof, we got  
8 a puppy and we needed it boarded. We were desperate and  
9 we couldn't find any place that would take her. We were  
10 so happy to find a fantastic border in Stockton.

11           We get visitors from Stockton traveling through our  
12 cities. They stop; they shop; and they eat and have fun  
13 here, and likewise. The Delta unites us, and we need  
14 Congressional representation that focuses on cleaning,  
15 shoring up, and ensuring that salination of the  
16 freshwater that farmers rely on doesn't happen. We've  
17 been calling and emailing consistently with this  
18 information --

19           MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

20           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- but we don't see changes  
21 in our area to keep the San Joaquin Delta community whole  
22 including Stockton that has already be included in the  
23 Assembly maps. Please make our district cohesive,  
24 logical, and manageable, and let's go fishing to the  
25 east, please.

1 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
4 right now, we will have caller 9194. And up next after  
5 that, will be caller 9858. Caller 9194, if you'll please  
6 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The  
7 floor is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can y'all hear me?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excellent. I am a resident  
11 of Dana Point, California. I'm calling today because it  
12 is concerning to me that we are trying to separate the  
13 three cities of Dana Point and San Clemente with Costa  
14 Mesa and Newport and Seal Beach because I've lived in  
15 Dana Point my entire life. And I -- we have -- everyone  
16 I've know, we've all felt a greater connection with parts  
17 of northern Orange County than where we are now with San  
18 Diego County. And as (audio interference) is our part of  
19 that district, we are -- our beautiful beaches are being  
20 ignored in favor for the larger population of the Greater  
21 San Diego area and (indiscernible) that our beach cities  
22 are deteriorating quick (audio interference) --

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 9194, are you  
24 still there?

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- in Florida Commission to

1 keep -- keep Dana Point and our beach cities with Newport  
2 and Costa Mesa. Thank you very much for your time.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
4 now we have caller 9858. And then up next after that  
5 will be caller 8091. Caller 9858, if you will please  
6 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The  
7 floor is yours.

8 MR. MALCOLM: Hello. This is -- this is Malcolm.  
9 I'm with Pillars of the Community based in San Diego in  
10 district 4, and in Canto (ph.). I'm just calling to say  
11 that we are -- we are very disappointed, and we do not  
12 support the Assembly Visualization, which -- which splits  
13 El Cajon and parts of Lamesa, and Paris in with Santee.  
14 And we also don't -- do not support the COIs, which this  
15 is a Senate Visualization, which pairs the COIs with  
16 Lemon Grove and Lamesa and Spring Valley and southeast  
17 with Santee.

18 The reason is because that, for one, we don't share  
19 cultural -- culturally or economically with Santee.  
20 Also, and this is -- this is no disrespect to all the  
21 great people in Santee, but -- but historically, Santee  
22 has been known to have some of the most vociferous white  
23 supremacists and neo-Nazis in the county. And we  
24 don't -- we don't -- we don't -- of course, we don't  
25 think that the refugees black and brown minority groups

1 in -- in Southeast Spring Valley, Lemon Grove, and Lamesa  
2 would -- would -- should be districted with the people in  
3 Santee that have those views. Thank you for your time.  
4 And you guys have a wonderful rest of the night.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
6 right now, we have caller 8091. And up next after that  
7 will be caller 5701.

8 Caller 8091, if you will please follow the prompts  
9 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm calling from Kern  
11 County, Bakersfield, specifically. And I wanted to bring  
12 to the attention of the Commission, who, of course we  
13 thank, the issue of Valley fever, which is an infectious  
14 disease of the respiratory system caused by a fungus that  
15 grows specifically in the soils of the Central Valley.  
16 This is a disease that's treatable for most people, but  
17 for people with a compromised immune system like mine,  
18 this infection can be catastrophic. It can be -- even be  
19 deadly in -- in some cases. Obviously, with the issue of  
20 the ongoing pandemic, that brings an even greater risk to  
21 our community. And Kern County, for example, has a per  
22 capita rate of Valley Fever that is over six times higher  
23 than that in Fresno County according to California  
24 Department of Public Health.

25 And that gives me pause when I'm looking at the

1 visualizations on the Congressional and Senate side,  
2 which are linking the two. So another example of how  
3 Kern and Fresno County are -- are different. We're not a  
4 monolith. We should not be treated ubiquitously. And I  
5 would ask the Commission to consider separating the two  
6 for this reason, and for all of the other reasons that  
7 you've heard. Thank you very much for your time. And I  
8 hope you have a great rest of your evening. And thank  
9 you for taking my comments.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
11 right now, we'll have caller 5701. And up next after  
12 that will be caller 9260.

13 Caller 5701, if you will please follow the prompts  
14 to unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor  
15 is yours.

16 MALE SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Good evening,  
17 Commissioners, and thank you for the work that you're  
18 doing. My name is Alex (ph.). I am in the Fresno  
19 region --

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And you had a late phone  
21 calls and --

22 MALE SPEAKER: Oh, hello?

23 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

24 MALE SPEAKER: My name is Alex. I'm calling from  
25 the Fresno -- from the Fresno area. I'm calling to not

1 only echo, but also reinforce some of the comments that  
2 have been made throughout the night that Fresno and Kern  
3 County are two completely different communities. They do  
4 not share the economic, cultural, educational,  
5 infrastructural similarities that one would need in order  
6 to successfully be in the same State Senate or  
7 Congressional District. I will echo in the fact that  
8 Kern County is no oil producing county. They specialize  
9 in energy. Fresno County is the nation's fruit, bread --  
10 breadbasket, and agricultural powerhouse. We have  
11 different universities. We have different schools --  
12 school districts, and -- and other methods of higher  
13 education.

14 I will also highlight that we can and should look at  
15 other, not only areas, but regions to be able to build  
16 different Congressional seats and State Senate seats. We  
17 implore you, do not -- do not reduce and water down each  
18 of these wonderful communities' abilities to advocate for  
19 themselves by sticking them and clobbering them together  
20 into one State Senate or one Congressional seat. These  
21 are two unique and special communities that deserve to be  
22 heard, considered, and receive the attention that the  
23 diverse community that live within each one of these  
24 different cities, and counties, and parts of this region  
25 deserve. So we ask you to please separate Fresno and

1 Kern into different --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MALE SPEAKER: -- Congressional and state Senate  
4 seats. It is sorely needed, and the criteria is -- is  
5 wholly there for that to happen. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
7 now, we have caller 9260. And up next after that will be  
8 caller 7558.

9 Caller 9260, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
10 unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor is  
11 yours.

12 DR. MATOBSON: Hello, everybody. This is Dr.  
13 Matobson (ph.) and I am in Kern County. I have been  
14 practicing physician since fifteen years in the Kern  
15 County and represent six communities. My opinion is  
16 Fresno County should not be linked with the Kern County  
17 because they are different with respect to big minority  
18 needs. As a minority, we are trying to keep our culture  
19 alive among us and merging this will dilute our effects.  
20 Please honor the voice of sick minority people in Kern  
21 County. And I strongly oppose joining Fresno County and  
22 Kern County.

23 Second aspect, I am the healthcare professional. In  
24 the middle of pandemic, both counties have different  
25 healthcare needs, so please I strongly oppose joining

1 Fresno County and Kern County. Thank you very much.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
3 now, we will have caller 7558. And up next after that  
4 will be caller 0 - -- 0008.

5 Caller 7558, if you will please follow the prompts  
6 to unmute by pressing star six.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I appreciate the  
10 opportunity to be heard. I'm sure you've taken great  
11 care as a Commission in drawing the districts. My  
12 concern is the proposed Madera/Kern District. It is so  
13 geographically broad. It's huge, too huge.

14 Kern County is wonderfully very diverse, but  
15 unfortunately there is high unemployment and high  
16 poverty. There would be no way for so many -- from so  
17 many citizens to have access to their representative.  
18 Fresno is over two hours away. The represent -- the  
19 redistricting would absolutely disenfranchise many by  
20 combining Fresno and Kern, one.

21 Also Fresno and Kern County have very different  
22 needs. They're very different communities, so they need  
23 different representation. And with the competition for  
24 water between Kern and Fresno, a representative can  
25 represent only one of -- of them -- one of the interests

1 of one County of either Fresno area, or Kern, but not  
2 both. It'd be working at cross purposes. There would be  
3 a tug of war. It would -- problems couldn't be solved  
4 with that kind of representation. We need a congressman  
5 or congresswoman who will work on -- excuse me, the  
6 specific needs --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- of unemployment and  
9 poverty in Kern County. And I thank you for your time.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
11 right now, we will have caller 0008. And up next after  
12 that will be caller 2079.

13 Caller 0008, if you will please follow the prompts  
14 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm a long time business  
16 owner in Kern County, and I'm strongly opposed to  
17 combining Kern County with Fresno County. The two  
18 regions have little in common geographically and have no  
19 historical or cultural connections. Kern County is a  
20 leader in renewable energy and the petroleum industry,  
21 two areas that have no shared connection with Fresno, but  
22 even our agricultural base is different. The economy and  
23 culture of Kern County is uniquely important.

24 Please don't dilute the communities of Kern County  
25 by extending representation into an unfamiliar and

1 unrelated area of the state. We have much more in common  
2 with Tulare County and the San -- and San Bernardino --  
3 San Bernardino County. Thank you for your consideration  
4 of my comments.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
6 now we will have caller 2079. And up next after that  
7 will be caller 2966.

8 Caller 2079, if you will please follow the prompts  
9 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

10 MR. PETERS: Good evening. My name's Phillip  
11 Peters. I'm chairman of the Kern County Board of  
12 Supervisors. I just wanted to call and express my  
13 opposition to the Kern/Madera Visualization. That's map  
14 number 1102, I believe. Fresno and Kern counties are the  
15 number one and two ag producing counties in the United  
16 States. And Madera/Kern Visualization as drawn would  
17 link both Kern and Fresno in the same district, which  
18 would severely limit the rep -- representation for one of  
19 California's largest industries.

20 There's already fierce competition for water ag in  
21 the Central Valley, which are becoming even more scarce  
22 in the face of the drought as well as the newly  
23 implemented groundwater regulations. Federal funding,  
24 and grant opportunities are becoming increasingly vital  
25 to the survival of the agricultural sec -- sector as well

1 as the jobs that it creates. And merging these areas  
2 into one Congressional district would pit our two biggest  
3 agricultural regions -- regions against one another.

4 Additionally, according to an economic diversity  
5 index by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Fresno County is  
6 more than twice as economically diverse as Kern County.

7 So with Kern Coun -- with California's continuously  
8 evolving economy, it is essential for Kern County to  
9 diversify its economy, especially with nonwater intensive  
10 industries, which would put us squarely at odds with the  
11 Fresno area with regards to attracting logistic-based  
12 companies, renewable-energy producers, and other  
13 industries that have low-water impacts. And lastly,  
14 Bakersfield is California's ninth largest city --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MR. PETERS: -- by population, while Fresno is the  
17 fifth largest. And as much as we value our neighbors to  
18 the north, Kern County would not be well-served by  
19 sharing a Congressional representative.

20 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
22 right now, we have caller 2966. And up next after that  
23 will be caller a 3755.

24 Caller 2966, if you will please follow the prompts  
25 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.



1 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Molly (ph.). Thank  
2 you for the monumental task of redistricting for all  
3 Californians. I live in Fresno County, and the  
4 Congressional maps in the City of Fresno still need some  
5 revisions. There needs to be a Congressional seat in  
6 Fresno from south of Shaw Avenue and west of the 99 to  
7 ensure that our Latino communities are represented.

8 Currently, the City of Fresno is divided up and it  
9 is muting our Latinos' voices and votes. This would  
10 allow our Latino community to have representation in this  
11 great state. I would like to see the lines drawn to  
12 allow for two seats in Fresno. One that includes our  
13 Latino areas just south of Shaw and west of Highway 99.  
14 That would ensure that our Latino communities stay  
15 together since we have similar interests. Our Latino  
16 community must have the ability to have our voices heard  
17 by being able to elect a candidate that represents our  
18 needs. Thank you for your efforts and for your time.  
19 Have a good evening.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
21 right now, we will have caller 3755. And up next after  
22 that will be caller 1526.

23 Caller 3755, if you will please follow the prompts  
24 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

25 MALE SPEAKER: Hello. My name is Martin (ph.). I'm

1 calling from the Clovis area in Fresno County. I'm a  
2 first generation Mexican-American, a really proud son of  
3 immigrants that I got to see my parents earn their right  
4 to vote, and I'm deeply concerned about what the  
5 Congressional map proposal does to their voting rights,  
6 to my voting rights, to our voting rights, and just  
7 general community interests.

8 I love being from the Central Valley. Our county  
9 fairs, the rodeo, our farm communities, the dairies, you  
10 know, all of our lakes. Our places are really a special  
11 place that -- that I think a lot of us love calling home.  
12 Our community is a sort of community that gets up at 5  
13 a.m., toils under the sun, you know, we deal with cold  
14 mornings, and we feed our state, our country, and the  
15 world. And while products from the Fresno area, and  
16 Tulare area are being represented globally, these maps  
17 really don't even represent us federally or -- or  
18 locally.

19 I'm really worried about how these maps have  
20 combined our areas with Kern County. For those of us  
21 from here, we're pretty surprised to find that those  
22 raised in the shadow of the Sierras and downtown Fresno  
23 skyline are now being combined with Kern, which is a  
24 great county, but they're very unique in heritage and  
25 even in their energy industry and -- and other

1 backgrounds.

2       It's also very far away. I mean, if you've ever  
3 dealt with the Central Valley fog day, that three hour  
4 drive is probably four. And I'm thinking just about what  
5 it means for living and representation day-to-day is  
6 really important. As our current maps stand, combining  
7 our half of Fresno County and having most of Tulare  
8 County as part of our district is not only fair, but  
9 ensures neighboring voters have easy access to their  
10 representatives. California should for this year a clear  
11 example --

12       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13       MALE SPEAKER: -- with our maps. And I think we do  
14 that by pursuing compactness, by creating districts that  
15 really take into consideration that at the end of the  
16 day, a lot of us, no matter where we're from in the  
17 state, we want to just vote with our neighbors the people  
18 that we've grown up with --

19       MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

20       MALE SPEAKER: -- and we really want to continue  
21 doing that. So thank you and have a good night.

22       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
23 right now, we will have caller 1526. And up next after  
24 that will be caller 3384.

25       Caller 1526, if you will please follow the prompts

1 to unmute by pressing star six. One more time, caller  
2 1526, if you would please follow the prompts to unmute by  
3 pressing star six. The floor --

4 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- is yours.

6 FEMALE SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

8 MS. MARIE: Hi. Okay. My name is Sarah Marie  
9 (ph.). And we're going to be talking -- I'm going to be  
10 talking about California's water-related issue.

11 California often faces water-related issues. And as a  
12 member of Kern County, I believe if Kern -- Kern and  
13 Fresno County were combined, the -- the representative  
14 would have a hard time trying to get water to both  
15 counties having to favor one or the other. This would  
16 create unnecessary division and conflict. These counties  
17 should remain separated just so we can get fair water  
18 quality, and no one's being favored over the other.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
20 now, we will have caller 3384. And up next after that  
21 will be caller 1535.

22 Caller 3384, if you will please follow the prompts  
23 to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time,  
24 caller 3384, if you will please follow the prompts to  
25 unmute at this time by pressing star six. Hello, 3384, I

1 do apologize. There's a connectivity issue. If we do  
2 have time, we will try to come back.

3 Right now, we have caller 1535. And at this --  
4 after that will be caller 5716.

5 Caller 1535, if you will please follow the prompts  
6 to unmute. The floor is yours.

7 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, my name is Carrie (ph.). I  
8 live in the City of Fresno. I am a Mexican female. And  
9 I've looked at the proposed districting of Fresno,  
10 Clovis, Bakersfield, and the whole Central Valley. And  
11 I'm very concerned that the representation for the  
12 Mexican community, which is largely in Fresno, and South  
13 Fresno will just be diluted. We won't have any  
14 representation. We will -- our interests would be  
15 diluted. We won't be able to get anything done. We're  
16 already suffering here, and we're trying to get better  
17 education, better resources.

18 And by pitting us into these areas, we'll be pitting  
19 against one another buying for resources with other areas  
20 that are distinctly culturally, and physically, and  
21 distance-wise, different than what we currently have. We  
22 already have enough issues. We don't need to bring in  
23 other counties that are completely different and do not  
24 share the same interests.

25 So I really implore you to please reconsider this

1 new districting. If you're going to do anything, we need  
2 to have our Mexican and Hispanic community have at least  
3 fifty-plus percent representation wherever you can do  
4 that. Otherwise we are just -- we will have no voice.  
5 So thank you very much on addressing --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- these issues. And I hope that  
8 you take everything that we're saying here tonight to  
9 heart. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
11 now, we will have caller 5716. and up next after that  
12 will be caller 2771.

13 Caller 5716, if you will please follow the prompts.  
14 the floor is yours.

15 MR. MINTO: Thank you very much. Hello,  
16 Commissioners. I am the mayor of the City of Santee. My  
17 name is John Minto, and I'm focusing tonight on Senate  
18 District 38. I agr -- agree with Commissioner Sinay  
19 and -- about the not separating communities of a common  
20 interest such as Hillcrest, Normal Heights, and  
21 Kensington.

22 I've had the opportunity to live in all of those  
23 districts, so I know they're very different from what we  
24 have in East County, San Diego. I want the Commission to  
25 keep our inland San Diego County united to continue

1 working with social, transportation, and business issues.  
2 These collaborations have existed for more than sixty  
3 years, and we are stronger together.

4       And regarding the comments about the City of Santee  
5 by the Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans,  
6 also known as PANA, there's no reason to separate East  
7 Counties of El Cajon and Lamesa from Santee. I worked in  
8 the community of City Heights, which is where they're  
9 from, for more than a decade with a variety of community-  
10 based organizations to address social issues. Contrary  
11 to what was said, all of the communities do share many  
12 everyday needs.

13       I would like to invite the people from PANA and the  
14 other callers who obviously don't know the true Santee to  
15 visit the City of Santee and me. And anybody that has  
16 any questions about our community, which is a vibrant,  
17 wonderful community, to give me a call. Thank you very  
18 much for your time. I know because I have to do  
19 redistricting how hard --

20       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21       MR. MINTO: -- it is, and I appreciate you for being  
22 here, and taking the time to listen to everybody. Have a  
23 good night.

24       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
25 right now, we will have caller 2771. And up next after

1 that will be caller 6778.

2       Caller 2771, if you will please follow the prompts  
3 to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time,  
4 caller with the last four digits 2771, if you will please  
5 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The  
6 floor is yours.

7       UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. I would like  
8 to state that I'm a resident of Kern County. I work at  
9 the northern tip of Kern County, and it shares the border  
10 with Tulare County. I urge you to reject the idea of  
11 combining Fresno County with Kern County because as many  
12 have said before me, the communities are entirely  
13 different.

14       I would also like to point out that Kern County has  
15 a vibrant aerospace industry that it shares with the  
16 county to the north -- or to the south of us. It makes  
17 no sense, and it appears to be illogical to combine two  
18 counties that are separated by two other counties and  
19 have no geographical border and share no natural common  
20 community together. It would make it difficult for a  
21 representative to have to commute and represent such a  
22 vast and huge area. And it makes me wonder why, why in  
23 the world is Fresno County being combined with Kern  
24 County. Why would that even be proposed? I'd like  
25 everyone to take a long hard look at that. Thank you

1 very much for your time.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
3 right now, we have caller 6778. And up next after that  
4 will be caller 0597.

5 Caller 6778, if you will please follow the prompts  
6 to unmute by pressing star six.

7 MR. MUSSER: Yes.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

9 MR. MUSSER: Thank you. My name is Don Musser. I  
10 would like to add one more voice to the opposition to  
11 combining Bakersfield with Fresno. I live in Ridgecrest  
12 and it's a two-hour drive to get to see the  
13 representation or to have them come to our community.  
14 That would add another two hours to that drive. And you  
15 would be disenfranchising about 40,000 people in the  
16 Ridgecrest area. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All  
18 right, now we have caller 0597. And up next after that  
19 will be Caller 8423.

20 Caller 0597, if you will please follow the prompts  
21 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

22 FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you. My name is Cassidy  
23 (ph.) and I'd just like to say that in regards to the  
24 redistricting proposals, that while I see the logic in  
25 combining Fresno and Kern counties together, it's

1 necessary to see the clear differences within the  
2 community, two Korean culture that affects them today.  
3 So I ask that the committee, please bear this in mind  
4 when drawing Congressional districts and keep the two  
5 separate.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
7 right now, we will have caller 8423. And up next after  
8 that will be caller 1898.

9 Caller 1- -- caller 8423, if you will please follow  
10 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is  
11 yours.

12 MR. MARTIN: My name is Wallace Martin. I'm the  
13 former vice mayor for the City of Ridgecrest and in Kern  
14 County. Prior to that, I was with the Department of  
15 Defense here with our naval weapon base for about thirty  
16 years. So I'm very familiar with the -- with the area.

17 While I appreciate the need for this mandated  
18 evaluating and fine-tuning of a few lines based on  
19 demographic changes in ten years, as we all know this is  
20 never a time for any partisanship of any kind. And this  
21 representation exercise is simply for the good of all the  
22 people in California. And in that regards, I'm very  
23 thankful for your efforts in having to tackle this.

24 But of all the things considered, these map changes  
25 in my opinion are highly unusual and unprecedented. I

1 strongly object to the current discussion of chopping up  
2 Kern County significantly and incorporating us into a  
3 county that's four hours away. To me, this is  
4 preposterous. For decades, our representatives in  
5 Congress and the legislature have been from our county  
6 seat in Bakersfield where it should be. This new map  
7 redistribution would further alienate us from our  
8 representatives, and I see absolutely -- see no need  
9 whatsoever for these dramatic changes. And we need to  
10 all ask why is this even being proposed. Thank you for  
11 your time.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
13 now, we will have caller 1898. And up next after that  
14 will be Caller 6373.

15 Caller 1898, if you will please follow the prompts  
16 to unmute at this time by pressing -- the floor is yours.

17 MS. NEWMAN: Thank you. I appreciate you taking the  
18 time to hear my concerns about the Commission's decision  
19 to combine Kern and Fresno County. And forgive me, I did  
20 not introduce myself. My name is Sandy Newman (ph.), and  
21 I am a resident of Fresno.

22 Fresno and Kern have much different history and  
23 culture that -- and -- that I think would be  
24 misrepresented if the districts were combined. For that  
25 reason, Fresno and Kern should be separated. Thank you

1 for your time and your effort.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All  
3 right. Now we will have caller 6373. And up next after  
4 that will be caller 9919.

5 Caller 6373, if you will please follow the prompts  
6 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

7 MALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. Thank you for  
8 allowing us to voice our concerns regarding these new  
9 districts that you guys are drawing. I want to  
10 express -- first of all, my name is Daniel (ph.). I'm  
11 from Fresno.

12 And like many others, I want to express my concern  
13 for the division of our Hispanic communities here in  
14 Fresno. Right now as the visual -- Visualizations of our  
15 Congressional districts are showing, Fresno is being  
16 divided into three separate Congressional districts and  
17 being pulled and tugged away. And I -- I feel that it  
18 really harms the representation of our Hispanic  
19 communities. And I feel that in looking back at those  
20 that the Commission can make districts that are a little  
21 bit more representation -- represent -- representative of  
22 our current districts that we have now, where areas west  
23 of 99, Highway 99, and south of Shaw are grouped  
24 together. Our cultures are similar, and we -- we just  
25 asking that the Commissioners honor that and provide us

1 representation that the Hispanic community deserves.

2 That's all I have to say. Thank you for your time. And  
3 y'all have a great night.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
5 now, we will have caller 9918. And up next after that  
6 will be caller 6688.

7 Caller 9918, if you will please follow the prompts  
8 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. How are you?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Wonderful. Please share  
11 the -- your -- the floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. I wanted  
13 to thank the Commissions on their work on these maps, but  
14 I would like to bring attention to the area of Fresno. I  
15 would like to bring in that the splitting of the  
16 district, the way that you guys are doing it, or -- or  
17 the way that it's going to be proposed, it's going to  
18 take away a lot of the Hispanic vote, and that's just not  
19 fair. I feel that this should be drawn into two seats,  
20 that Fresno, that should be Fresno over the -- I  
21 apologize. That Fresno should be under (audio  
22 interference) --

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: It would appear we lost  
24 our caller. Right now, we will be going to caller 6688.  
25 And up next after that will be caller 3187.

1           Caller 6688, if you will please follow the prompts  
2 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

3           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I called -- I've called  
4 a couple of times now. But I -- I feel like it's  
5 important that our voice is heard. I live in Santa  
6 Clarita. I've lived in Santa Clarita for twenty-five  
7 years.

8           And I'm getting a little concerned when I hear the  
9 callers call in and talk about the similarities and how  
10 we share water with Simi Valley. And it -- it's -- it's  
11 not. We don't. If we were going to go into Ventura  
12 County at all, it would make more sense to incorporate  
13 the areas of -- of Fillmore going out that way and Piru  
14 because we do actually share waterways with them. Then  
15 it makes no sense for us to get -- to connect to Simi or  
16 incorporate Simi into our district.

17           This is a -- this is a pol -- this is a political  
18 play. It's a ploy from the California GOP. They're  
19 really putting pressure on the City of Santa Clarita.  
20 And I have to tell you that the City of Santa Clarita  
21 really has no standing in this whatsoever. They've spent  
22 taxpayer dollars, hundreds of thousands of dollars of  
23 taxpayer dollars to not district our own city. So our  
24 city council members serve an at-large community and they  
25 have not districted at all. So they have no standing

1 here. They need to sit down.

2 The other thing is the map that you have right now,  
3 the VCD AVSCV 1102 where it combines Santa Clarita and  
4 the Antelope --

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Valley community is -- is  
7 a -- that is a very favorable map. I -- that map is  
8 representative of our district. It incorporates part of  
9 the San Fernando Valley, which a lot of our commuters  
10 from Santa Clarita --

11 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- actually commute into the  
13 San Fernando Valley and into Los Angeles. There are very  
14 few that go to Simi. So I would appreciate it if you  
15 would put forward the VCD AVSCV 1102 map. And thank you  
16 for all of the work that you're doing on the Commission.  
17 We appreciate you. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you -- thank you so  
19 much. Right now, we have caller 3187. And up next after  
20 that we will have caller 3989.

21 Caller 3187, if you will please follow the prompts  
22 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm calling from the  
24 City of Fresno and as part of the Latino community, my  
25 concern is there is currently three Congressional seats

1 in the City of Fresno, which is diluting the Latino vote.  
2 With drawing two seats, it will ensure Latino precincts  
3 to stay together. Given the similar interests, I urge  
4 the Commission to continue working on the Congressional  
5 map. Thank you so much for your time.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
7 right now, we will have caller 3989. If you will please  
8 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing  
9 star six. The floor is yours.

10 MALE SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners. I just  
11 want to start by thanking you for all your hard work and  
12 for all the hard work that's going to come. My name is  
13 Rahul (ph.). I'm calling in from Long Beach. I would  
14 like to express my deep disappointment in the  
15 Congressional maps that were released this week. My  
16 community and I have been following this process very  
17 closely and we're interested in staying together. We  
18 have been consistent in asking to stay in -- intact -- as  
19 intact as possible. And I probably had the largest  
20 community engagement of any city in the state.

21 We don't remember a single Commissioner giving  
22 directions to split us in half. This -- this puts us  
23 back to pre-2011 levels when the first independent  
24 redistricting commission united most of our city in one  
25 Congressional map. We used to be very gerrymandered

1 prior to the last independent commission. And now this  
2 Commission might make things even worse for us.

3       So please don't let that happen. We think keeping  
4 Long Beach together is a reasonable request that reunites  
5 our residents, business community, nonprofits, racial-  
6 justice groups, and other community-based organizations.  
7 Please restore the Long Beach maps to the way they were  
8 before. Our city needs to be kept together -- needs to be  
9 kept together East and West Long Beach work together. We  
10 share downtown, a port, a university, and a school  
11 district. So thank you for just recognizing our  
12 comments.

13       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
14 right now, we will have caller 6054. If you will please  
15 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The  
16 floor is yours.

17       MS. MARTIN: Hi. My name's Margaret Martin (ph.).  
18 And I'm the former public health nurse for Kern County  
19 Department of Public Health in Ridgecrest. I object to  
20 any major redistricting, trying to chop up Kern County,  
21 and integrating us into Fresno.

22       Fresno is four hours from my community of  
23 Ridgecrest. Bakersfield and Ridgecrest, being part of  
24 the same cou -- county, we share major medical services  
25 and hospitals. Separating us into different Senate

1 Districts or Congressional Districts with Fresno would  
2 unfairly put our at-risk community and our disadvantaged  
3 community enter further risk with lack of understanding  
4 of our community issues and inadequate representation.  
5 Please consider what is best for my community and leave  
6 Ridgecrest and Bakersfield in the same district. Thanks  
7 so much for giving me this -- a chance to give my input.  
8 Thanks so much.

9 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Katie.

10 I'd like to thank all of the callers this evening.  
11 I'm happy to report that we were able to get through all  
12 of the raised hands.

13 Also want to thank all the callers who have called  
14 in not only tonight, but yesterday. We will also have  
15 public comment again tomorrow.

16 To date, we've received over 10,000 community of  
17 interest input as well as public input since June. So I  
18 think the Commissioners should feel pretty -- pretty  
19 proud of the outreach. And we want that to continue, so  
20 please continue to call in and provide your feedback.

21 With that, I'm going to close the lines and we're  
22 going to go to Executive Director who will read the  
23 motion, and we'll do a vote on the motion, please.

24 Executive Director Hernandez.

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair. Oh, what

1 happened here? One second. Okay. So the motion is to  
2 approve the line draw direction provided on 1023, 1027,  
3 1028, 1029, 1102 with edits provided. And we'll --

4 CHAIR LE MONS: You can do the roll call.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes. Begin the vote.  
6 Commissioner Sadhwani. Commissioner Sinay.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

9 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.  
13 Commissioner Vasquez.

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad.

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner  
20 Akutagawa.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner  
23 Anderson.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yes.

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner

1 Fernandez.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner

4 Fornaciari.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

9 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you very much. So I'd like to  
12 thank all the Commissioners. We will be recessing for  
13 the evening. Thank you to the staff. Thank you to all  
14 of the support. And we'll see you all in the morning at  
15 9:30. Have a good evening.

16 (Recessed at 7:20 p.m.)

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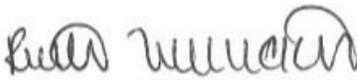
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