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Thursday, November 4, 2021 9:31 a.m.

CHAIR LE MONS: Good morning, California. Good morning, Commissioners. Welcome to Day three of our visualizations for the week of November 2nd through today. So today we're going to be addressing the congressional maps. And let me start with Ravi and get roll call, and we'll get down to business.

Ravi?

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. And before we start I just want to wish everybody a Happy Diwali.

Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here. And thank you.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: You're welcome. Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

(No response)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

2 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner
3 Vázquez?

4 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Here.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

7 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

8 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

9 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner
10 Akutagawa?

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

12 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner

13 Andersen?

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

15 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner

16 Fernández?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Presente.

18 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner

19 Fornaciari?

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

21 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: Commissioner

22 Kennedy?

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

24 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: And Commissioner Le
25 Mons?

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Here. Thank you.

2 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SINGH: You have a quorum,
3 Chair. You're welcome.

4 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you so much. Okay. So let me
5 give you a quick little overview of the day. We're
6 scheduled to go until 5 tonight. We're going to start
7 taking public comment around 3:30.

8 First of all, I want to thank all of the
9 Californians who have called in over the last couple
10 days. We've had robust feedback, and that is exactly
11 what we need in order to do the job that we're here to
12 do. So please continue to be engaged, and feel free to
13 call in during the public comment segment.

14 Also we have a form on our website at WeDrawTheLines
15 California -- excuse me, ca, WeDrawTheLinesca.org, which
16 you can also throughout the day submit public comment
17 vis-à-vis the form. We are collecting that real time,
18 and so you don't have to wait until 3:30 if you have a
19 comment that you want to make, we encourage you to do so.

20 We have, over the last couple days, gotten through
21 the assembly and senate visualizations. And today we're
22 going to be focused on the congressional visualizations.
23 So we're going to jump right in. I think we've had a
24 wonderful pace, and got a lot of productive work done.

25 So let's continue that pace today. I'm going to

1 keep the same cadence that we had over the last couple
2 days where Commissioners, as we're working on a
3 particular or the visualization is being brought up, if
4 you have feedback on that visualization, you have
5 questions, feel free to raise your hand, and I'll call
6 upon you to provide that feedback or ask your questions
7 at that time.

8 You can also give direction if you're clear on a
9 direction that you want to give. And don't feel like if
10 you don't do it at that moment, you can't do it later.
11 So before we move on to another area of the state, I will
12 ask if there are any additional comments.

13 I think this flows a little better, and if we hold
14 to the end we're kind of jumping around, so I think that
15 this kind of helps with the conversation, and can give
16 commissioners the opportunity to hear from one another
17 about very specific areas of the state as we are doing
18 those particular visualizations. So I hope that's worked
19 for everyone. I know if it doesn't, you guys will
20 message me and let me know.

21 So with that, we're going to go on and get started.
22 I will turn it over to Karin. Is Karin here? There you
23 go. Hi Karin. Good morning.

24 MS. MACDONALD: Good morning, Chair Le Mons, and
25 good morning, Commissioners. Thank you so much for

1 having us back.

2 We are going to start with Kennedy, who is going to
3 start sharing her map. And we'll start going through the
4 congressional districts, if that works for you, Chair Le
5 Mons. And then after that we'll move over to Tamina.

6 CHAIR LE MONS: Yes, that works. Thank you.

7 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you so much. And, Kennedy,
8 map looks good. Take it away.

9 MS. WILSON: Hello. Good morning. We're going to
10 start in the Central Valley with these two yellow
11 districts here that Mr. Becker may want to comment on
12 after I describe them. This is going to start on page
13 38. This Kings, Tulare, Bakersfield is page 38. And
14 while you're getting there, I'll also explain some other
15 things that are going on. These green dots here are the
16 old congressional district lines. This first number at
17 the top is deviation. Then we have Latino CVAP, Black
18 CVAP, Asian CVAP, White CVAP, and Indigenous CVAP. And
19 that's the same for both of these labels I'll be going
20 through.

21 So I will start in Bakersfield, in this
22 dollop/scoop, whatever you like to call it. And again,
23 it is the same as what I've been showing you before as
24 far as what communities are in there, but I will just
25 continue to explain those and tell you that.

1 Arvin, Lamont, Cottonwood, Benton Park, Fairfax,
2 East Niles, Hillcrest, and La Cresta all make it in here,
3 among others. And so then we go up and we have Shafter,
4 which is not split, we have McFarland, Delano, and Wasco
5 as well. And then moving up into Kings and Tulare, this
6 takes an approach where it kind of cuts it in the middle,
7 and Tulare is on one side, no split. We have Porterville
8 also not split as well as Lindsay.

9 Before, in previous visualizations we had Corcoran
10 split, this is not split in these visualizations as well.
11 And that is the spesh (ph.) district. And again, if Mr.
12 Becker wishes to comment, he can.

13 MR. BECKER: I don't have a lot to say about this,
14 this is only slightly underpopulated, so keep an eye on
15 that. You've got some room to add some population if you
16 wish. And based on the racially polarized voting
17 patterns we've seen here, this is definitely an area
18 where the Voting Rights Act is relevant. And based on
19 some of the testimony we've also heard, I think this is
20 probably very comfortably presented as a visualization
21 district where Latinos would likely have an opportunity
22 to elect candidates of their choice. And there's
23 probably a little bit of flexibility even to lower the
24 Latino CVAP slightly if you so chose.

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Ahmad?

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair, can we just
2 announce the page number for these?

3 MS. WILSON: You're muted.

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I'm sorry. Can you hear me?

5 CHAIR LE MONS: Yes, now we can.

6 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay. Can you announce the
7 page numbers for these visualizations?

8 MS. WILSON: Yes. This one starts on page 38, and
9 the next one will be on page 39, but this is 38 for this
10 one.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. You can continue.

12 MS. WILSON: Okay. So now I will move on to page --

13 CHAIR LE MONS: I'm sorry, sorry to interrupt you,
14 Kennedy.

15 MS. WILSON: No, it's okay.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Fernández?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair.
18 Kennedy and David I -- the little dollop, as Kennedy
19 says, we've reached -- that is attached because of the
20 VRA consideration, correct?

21 MS. WILSON: Correct.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay.

23 MS. WILSON: For purposes of getting it -- oh, yeah.
24 Sorry?

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Kennedy, just to confirm, that is

1 a -- that is an area of concentration of Latino voters,
2 yes?

3 MS. WILSON: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

5 MS. WILSON: And I also would like to mention about
6 both of these taking in your consideration from last
7 time, they were -- they looked different, and they were
8 going more north to south. And again, I'll just that you
9 asked me to take a more east-west approach with Kings and
10 Tulare. And you asked for me not to have a C-shape here,
11 but to go down in this way, and so that is also a part of
12 the construction of these districts.

13 But now I will move on to page 39, titled
14 FRESNOTULARE, so I'll move up there. And here we have
15 Visalia, Exeter, Ivanhoe, Woodlake, and I know that
16 this'll probably come up about adding Three Rivers. It
17 does bring down the CVAP slightly, but it's also
18 something that I can explore in my next visualization to
19 bring it in as well. Lemoore and Hanford are kept
20 together here, there is no split into Merced, it just
21 goes Dos Palos is kept with Merced, and there's no
22 crossing that county line.

23 And we have -- I'm going to zoom in so we can see
24 here that Reedley, Orange Cove, Kingsburg, Selma,
25 Parlier, Del Rey, Sanger all kept together, these farming

1 cities. And then I'm going to go into Fresno. And I dip
2 into most of the visualizations for -- there's a
3 concentration of Latino CVAP here, so that's why most of
4 my visualizations in Fresno take up this area, up to
5 Mayfair, which you -- if you look back on the other ones,
6 you'll see they all have this.

7 But I changed the splits in a way to try to keep
8 Sunnyside, Old Fig Garden, West Park, Southwest Fresno
9 together, so that's why it has this configuration. And I
10 know we've been talking about the Hmong community, which
11 I have more of those COIs now, and we'll implement
12 keeping those together better in my next visualizations
13 that I have for you next week too, but this is why it has
14 that kind of carveout there.

15 And again, FRESNOTULARE deviation, Latino CVAP,
16 Black CVAP, Asian CVAP, White CVAP, and Indigenous CVAP.

17 And if Mr. Becker wishes to comment, he may as well,
18 too. And I will zoom out so you can see it on a broader
19 scope as well.

20 MR. BECKER: I'd only note that as you consider your
21 directions to the line drawers, this is at the upper end
22 of negative deviation. It's at the upper end of
23 underpopulation. So if you're going to do anything, you
24 probably have to add population here. And the Latino
25 CVAP here is significantly lower, still we're seeing

1 strong VRA considerations in this area.

2 I don't think this is a level that would raise
3 concerns about Latinos' opportunity to elect candidates
4 of their choice, but probably doesn't allow a lot of
5 flexibility to go significantly lower than that.

6 MS. WILSON: Thank you. And so that is done for
7 these yellow districts. And with your permission, I will
8 go on to the rest of the districts.

9 CHAIR LE MONS: Please do.

10 MS. WILSON: Okay. So now we are going to move on
11 to page 36, which is titled MADERAKERN. And I'm going to
12 turn off these congressional lines and make the titles --
13 so it just has the title and the deviation. There we go.

14 So here we have what's left of Kern. And in Tulare
15 we have fat (ph.) Three Rivers which I can explore
16 putting it in here as well, which it does -- we'll bring
17 down CVAP, and I can explore that. We have into Fresno
18 just the Clovis and Northeastern Fresno areas, and this
19 Eastern Fresno part. And then we have up to Madera as
20 well, the mountain parts of Oakhurst, Yosemite lakes.
21 And and from last time it reached farther north, but I
22 moved things around in Fresno so that it can populate
23 this more, so that I could take out Mariposa, Tuolumne to
24 be with Calaveras.

25 And so then moving on, we're going to go to page 35,

1 which has Merced and Fresno, it's here in red. And I'm
2 going to zoom in closer. We have Merced whole, which to
3 try and minimize splits I do have three splits here of
4 the City of Fresno. However, again, I would like to note
5 from previous direction it does keep Clovis and Northeast
6 Fresno together, and Sunnyside, Old Fig Garden, West
7 Park, Southwest Fresno, and this Northwest Fresno.

8 Again, I will have to look closer into consideration
9 with the Hmong communities, and their shapefiles, but
10 that that is why it takes this configuration trying to
11 keep those communities together.

12 And then going into Madera, we have, you know, at
13 the Foothills it cuts off. We have the City of Madera,
14 Madera Acres, Chowchilla, Fairmead, and then again Merced
15 whole.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Fornaciari?

17 Before your comment, Mr. Becker, did you want to add
18 something?

19 MR. BECKER: Yeah, I just wanted to note this was an
20 area where there were significant VRA considerations,
21 going up from -- into Merced, and even a little bit of
22 Stanislaus.

23 Kennedy, could you put the CVAPs up on this again?
24 I believe this is at around 46 percent Latino CVAP?

25 MS. WILSON: I will put those -- I'll put the Latino

1 CVAP on, and you will see that now.

2 MR. BECKER: Yeah. So again, slightly
3 underpopulated. Something to think about are -- there
4 are potential Voting Rights Act considerations here.
5 There was strong racially-polarized voting that went all
6 the way up from Kern County into this Merced, and even
7 leading into the southern part of Stanislaus County a
8 little bit. So this might be an area where direction
9 might be appropriate to further reflect those
10 considerations.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

12 Commissioner Fornaciari?

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thanks, Kennedy. If you
14 can kind of zoom out, so we can see all four of these
15 districts that you've been talking about, just kind
16 of want to look at this sort of big picture like -- so as
17 you mentioned, last time the districts were running more
18 north to south, and we asked for east to west, and this
19 is what we've come up with.

20 It seems like last time Fresno and Bakersfield were
21 together in the previous -- is that correct, Fresno and
22 Bakersfield were together last time too in the previous
23 iteration?

24 (No response)

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Yeah, we're getting

1 a lot of input on that, and feedback. But in order -- so
2 I have a couple things, I mean, it seems to me, and just
3 correct me if I'm wrong, if we want to split Bakersfield
4 and Fresno, we would just be blowing up kind of the
5 entire state, if you will, at this point. And the ripple
6 effect would be --

7 MS. WILSON: It would be large due to the fact
8 that --

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right.

10 MS. WILSON: Yeah. Yeah, both yeah. That would be
11 large just because, you know, this alone, Tulare/Kern
12 alone without this population in Fresno is not enough.
13 So it would leak.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right, leak significantly,
15 so we either have to go east to the -- or west to the
16 coast, or east into San Bernardino, or south into -- you
17 know, L.A. with Kern. And with Fresno I think -- I mean,
18 we'd be taking Mono, Inyo, Mariposa, Tuolumne, and
19 heading north significantly, right? I mean, because you
20 took out those two counties, Tuolumne and Mariposa, and
21 the district didn't change that much, you know --

22 MS. WILSON: And I -- yeah, and I had to change --

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right.

24 MS. WILSON: -- in the Fresno to give more
25 population in Fresno as well.

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right, right, right, but
2 just kind of understanding the big picture tradeoffs
3 here. I mean, if we want to split Bakersfield and
4 Fresno, we'd be taking a huge -- you know, we'd be taking
5 either a huge chunk of the eastern part of the state to
6 fill out the population or we'd be going into the red
7 district there, which we kind of want to sort of see, I
8 would imagine, if we can make that a VRA district
9 somehow.

10 The other observation I have is that these districts
11 are all short, and so, you know, we need to get these
12 really close to zero, so it looks like in KINGSTULARE
13 we're -- I don't have my numbers off the top of my head,
14 I would say 14,000 short. In FRESNOTULARE we're
15 somewhere in the neighborhood of 35,000 short. I mean,
16 it's like 700,000 to 800,000, right, per district.

17 So we've got to add in this whole area. And so I
18 guess a process question for us, in general, with the
19 group is do we have feeling about how we're going to move
20 forward with these congressional districts? Are we going
21 to anchor on the VRA districts, and try to get those
22 close and then move out from there? We've got VRA
23 districts in the very southern part of the state, in the
24 central part of the state and so we need to be making
25 some progress on zeroing in on that.

1 And I don't know that we have a process in place to
2 figure that out. I mean, I'll just share my thoughts.
3 It seems to me it would make sense to anchor on our VRA
4 districts, get those close in population, and then work
5 out from there.

6 But another question that we haven't sort of come to
7 a conclusion on -- we've got a week or so to finish these
8 maps, or, you know, get draft maps out. And where do we
9 want to be with our draft maps? I mean, do we want to be
10 really super close, you know, or still have some wiggle
11 room? And I'm kind of open either way on that.

12 So I just -- I want to just look at the big picture
13 here and share some thoughts. Thank you.

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

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think the two questions
17 you're asking are really critical, Commissioner
18 Fornaciari, and I haven't thought about the second one,
19 but on the first one I definitely feel -- well, maybe it
20 answers the second one, but I would like us to be pretty
21 comfortable about our VRA districts, and that we feel
22 like we've gotten close to what they need to be.

23 And if we have wiggle room, it would be some of the
24 other pieces, we may need to still change our VRA, I'm
25 not saying that, but I would like to see us anchor in

1 that. And I keep feeling like instead of doing a whole
2 region, just really understanding the VRA first, and then
3 going back and doing regions like we've been doing, would
4 be helpful.

5 But I agree with you that the -- well, I don't know
6 if you were agreeing yet, ask the question. So I would
7 say I would like to see us get more solid on the VRA
8 districts.

9 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

10 Commissioner Fernández?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair.

12 And thank you for this conversation.

13 Yes, I agree with the VRA trying to get those nailed
14 down better to use as anchors. But then also I --
15 Commissioner Fornaciari mentioned that, you know, we
16 wanted more of an east to west, but I mean as I look at
17 this, it's still a north to south type of configuration,
18 and I know we don't want to do it, but like currently the
19 MADERAKERN district is negative.

20 And I know we don't want to put Inyo with Tulare,
21 and those districts, but it -- sometimes it might make
22 sense, because Inyo has just under 19,000 population, and
23 at least it would be a smaller district per se, in terms
24 of size in miles instead of, you know, 400 miles from one
25 end to the other, so that those are things that we're

1 going to have to grapple with.

2 And then also with the current visualization that
3 we're on, which is the MERCEDFRESNO, if we can further
4 reflect VRA considerations, as David Becker said, it is
5 very close, it's 40 -- just under 46 percent for the
6 Latino CVAP. I would like to see that as well. Thank
7 you.

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

9 Commissioner Andersen?

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you,
11 Commissioner Fornaciari, for bringing this up. Yeah, I
12 believe we do -- should look at the VRA and all of the --
13 also VRA, not just these -- like we have two, but we have
14 a third one in here, we should look at VRA areas, and pin
15 those down, I'd say, within like 1 percent at this point.
16 And then in terms of population elsewhere, we can leave
17 that in terms of areas that we'd like to have together,
18 realizing that then we can get input from the public and
19 work on those.

20 The one thing I know we got a lot of feedback about,
21 the Fresno to Kern, and where we go that way. And the
22 one thing I -- you know, we are a north-south state, we
23 have mountains, we have a valley, we have mountains on
24 the other side. And they might be by an airplane closer,
25 but if you can't get there, it doesn't matter. I know

1 like Tulare -- well, Inyo's right next door, it's 18,000
2 people, but you can't get there in the winter. Actually
3 you can't sort of get there unless -- there's only a
4 couple of roads up and over.

5 And so it is hard, which is why, you know, Inyo was
6 with San Bernardino before, which we might end up doing.
7 You know, I want us to keep that in mind as we are trying
8 to go east-west. I know it would look nicer on the map,
9 but again, you can't necessarily get there.

10 Now, I don't think just in terms of the VRA, we're
11 looking here at the Central Valley, I think we should
12 look at all of them, because as we go, does Kern go down
13 to L.A., but we're working in L.A. going up. So I think
14 we should consider that. And how does San Benito area
15 fit into all of this? So I would like us to see that.
16 Thank you.

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Vázquez?

18 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Thank you. An additional
19 perspective, I think I'm agreeing with most of the
20 comments that I think we probably for congressional
21 districts are going to need to maintain this north-south
22 perspective.

23 I think, for me, one perspective I wanted to add to
24 this conversation and our considerations is that the
25 congressional districts, especially in these areas, are,

1 as Mr. Becker said yesterday, reminded us yesterday,
2 these are huge -- these are going to be huge districts as
3 well. And for me, in terms of the population, in order
4 for them to be more compact in our eyes, if we're
5 considering, you know, how far one may need to travel
6 from one end of a congressional district to the other, in
7 order to make those more compact, we'd have to start
8 breaking up some of the bigger cities within the Central
9 Valley, which is also something that we have heard
10 feedback not to do to a certain extent.

11 And so for me it seems to make more sense from a
12 community of interest perspective, honestly, to make a
13 large congressional district knowing that geographically
14 it may be a huge district, but, you know, elected
15 officials make that work. They have field offices, they
16 have field reps, and I also think Commissioner Sinay made
17 a really important perspective that I'm not sure we can
18 solve for down in San Diego.

19 But if we end up pulling population from a more
20 densely populate area in the Central Valley, we pretty
21 much guarantee that that is where the elected official is
22 going to be from in each election, whereas in some of
23 these -- in a really geographically large congressional
24 district that doesn't have sort of a densely populated
25 area, we actually open the field more and I think,

1 potentially, broaden the perspective of an elected
2 official to have to be more responsive to less densely
3 populated areas, which is sort of the point.

4 So for me, I'm less concerned about sort of how
5 geographically big, because I think that's an
6 administrative practical problem that an elected official
7 will have to solve in order to be responsive to the
8 entire congressional district.

9 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

10 Mr. Becker?

11 MR. BECKER: I just wanted to make a quick point
12 because -- and it's along the lines of what Commissioner
13 Vázquez just said. First of all, the -- yes, very large
14 districts again, so that's a key element. And also
15 because equal population is the very top criteria is
16 going to come into play here on these congressional
17 districts, there will be more splits of those criteria
18 for considerations in congressional districts. Cities
19 will be split, counties will definitely be split.
20 There's no way to avoid that because we are going down to
21 the block level to get to as close to equal population as
22 is reasonably practicable.

23 So when you're thinking about these, what I
24 suggested is just to -- by the way these are -- the line
25 drawers have done an outstanding job, these are very

1 compact districts, they do a very good job of maintaining
2 criteria for considerations. They're doing as well as
3 they can, trying to get to VRA considerations, those
4 kinds of things.

5 But again, the equal population considerations here
6 are going to be more difficult to meet than in other
7 districts because you have to get close to equal
8 population. So as you're thinking about it, my
9 suggestion is deprioritize some of the criteria for
10 considerations here a little more and maybe give
11 direction that help get closer to that equal population
12 number because you're going to need to get there
13 eventually anyway.

14 As you're prioritizing next -- to just get Voting
15 Rights Act consideration, next contiguity, which is
16 already handled quite nicely here, and then finally
17 getting down to criteria four.

18 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Before we go to Commissioner
19 Fornaciari, I want commissioners to ponder. It seems
20 like there's been some desire, and I don't have a sense
21 of how universal it is, but quite a bit of desire to
22 maybe look more carefully at the VRA districts and nail
23 those. If that ends up being the consensus of the
24 Commission, then I would call for a brief closed session
25 on the pending litigation so that we can address those

1 issues more specifically.

2 So I want you to be thinking about that because I
3 don't have that scheduled as of right now, but we
4 certainly could make arrangements to do that. So I'll
5 kind of gauge, as I hear additional feedback, where we
6 are on that, and before the break we'll make a decision
7 on how, if that's necessary, it'll impact our schedule
8 and whether or not we want to do that prior to going
9 through the rest of the visualizations. So we need to be
10 thinking about that.

11 Commissioner Fornaciari?

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, a few things. I
13 think Commissioner Vázquez's point is really, really
14 well, -- well thought out. And I agree. I think, you
15 know, if we -- we have some huge areas with sparse
16 population, and if we put one city with it, then that
17 city's going to run, or one major population area is
18 going to control it. But, you know, so if we can -- if
19 there's a possibility to do that, it's going to be really
20 tough in the Central Valley, but in other parts of the
21 state maybe we can do that. But we should try.

22 I want to thank our line drawers for all their hard
23 work. They've done a heck of a job. I do have one
24 question though. I'm not sure I asked you, Kennedy, but
25 I'd ask to kind of look at if San Benito, kind of, Merced

1 combo might work. Did you all have a chance -- I know
2 it's been quick turnaround.

3 MS. WILSON: Yeah. I --

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: But I don't know if you
5 had a chance to look at that.

6 MS. WILSON: And so I don't think -- you must not
7 have been here yesterday, but that was put into the
8 senate with -- but putting it in San Benito kind of threw
9 off a total deviation for me and Tamina --

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

11 MS. WILSON: -- in congressional, so we didn't put
12 it in these ones, but we did put it in with the
13 congressional -- I mean with the senate district.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Okay. Sorry I
15 missed some of yesterday. I appreciate that, thank you.

16 MS. WILSON: Yeah. And, you know, if I were to take
17 it in, it would just mean like spitting more things out
18 to -- spitting is not probably a good word -- but giving
19 more things to Tamina's area, maybe up north, and there's
20 a lot of restrictions there as well, so -- yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, it seems we've got
22 to pull in from somewhere to get the -- I mean, we're
23 short throughout the valley, throughout the seven
24 valleys, so we have got to pull in from somewhere, and
25 that's going to spit out somewhere else. So I think we

1 need to be open. Thanks.

2 MS. WILSON: Uh-huh. And we can definitely explore
3 that --

4 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

5 MS. WILSON: -- for next time around too.

6 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I want to plus one
9 what Commissioner Vázquez just said. I absolutely agree.
10 I think we had a similar conversation about the very
11 southern portion of the state in the Imperial Valley, and
12 the size of that particular district, and how large it
13 is. I also want to note that in reading through, again,
14 some of the additional COI testimony that we've received,
15 individuals who are writing in and calling in from
16 smaller communities are all saying similar things to what
17 Commissioner Vázquez did also say.

18 In particular, we also heard that loud and clear
19 from the Eastern Sierra communities who felt that when
20 they were combined with larger cities that their elected
21 officials tended to come from those larger cities, and
22 they felt very ignored. So I would absolutely be in
23 support of what Commissioner Vázquez did say.

24 I also want to note that we did receive some COI
25 testimony, at least one that I have pulled up right now,

1 also noted that while combining Bakersfield and Fresno
2 are not ideal, it's preferable to taking Bakersfield down
3 into San Bernardino, Riverside, or going across into the
4 mountainous areas as well too.

5 So while we heard quite a bit yesterday, I think
6 we're -- there's differences of opinion obviously, as
7 we've seen through all of our COI testimony. I'm also --
8 perhaps this is an additional consideration. I'm looking
9 at the FRESNOTULARE visualization, that has the largest
10 deviation right now of the VRA districts that we're
11 looking at on the map here. Maybe as a -- as from a
12 process point of view, maybe we start there as a way to
13 reduce that deviation so that we can get a little closer
14 to equal population.

15 And to me, Kennedy, I know you answered Commissioner
16 Fornaciari's question about San Benito, but I'm wondering
17 if maybe this is where we have to start breaking up
18 counties and perhaps looking at creating a longer coastal
19 district so that then we can go a little bit westward as
20 well as eastward to pick up some of that population
21 that's going to be needed, without putting the VRA
22 considerations into jeopardy.

23 I don't know, I'm just, you know, thinking about
24 that in terms of, you know, hearing some of the
25 conversations and the various options that we have to

1 consider. Thank you.

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

3 Commissioner Sadhwani?

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Thank you. I agree
5 with much of what has been said already. And so I just
6 wanted to clarify some direction to the line drawers.
7 And I think this is consistent with what most have been
8 saying. I think as we are thinking about the next stage
9 which is going to be live line drawing starting on
10 Sunday, what would be really helpful is to have these VRA
11 districts, I'm pretty comfortable with the general
12 direction we're moving here, but to drill those down and
13 have them closer to that equal population plus or minus 1
14 percent deviation.

15 I think certainly, as Mr. Becker outlined, we have
16 some responsibilities in the Merced/Madera region as
17 well, and we're potentially overpopulated with the Latino
18 CVAP in Kings, in particular the Kings/Kern kind of
19 configuration. So for direction, you know, solidifying
20 those as close as possible before we take a second look
21 at this in live line drawing I think would be
22 extraordinarily helpful.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

24 Commissioner Yee?

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I would

1 also like to solidify those sooner rather than later, in
2 closed session if needed. You know the deviation in
3 FRESNOTULARE is just so large, I mean, we really need to
4 get that much closer to zero, and to get that right,
5 otherwise all our work around it, you know, is just going
6 to have to get changed anyway. So definitely want to get
7 those down first, the two VRA districts.

8 About Commissioner Vázquez's point about lightly
9 populated areas being combined with larger cities, and
10 how that affects possible candidates, I think
11 philosophically I certainly agree, and I think it's great
12 to maybe frame that as communities of interest for more
13 lightly populated areas, but to be a little bit careful
14 about talking about where candidates come from because we
15 are supposed to be officially agnostic about that.

16 Now, it's mostly about actual -- you know, actual
17 candidates and incumbents and so forth, but even speaking
18 of theoretical ones I think we should be -- just be a
19 little more careful about that. Thanks.

20 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. I was forgetting which
22 button again. So on Fresno we split it -- Fresno City,
23 we split it three ways, and was that mainly for
24 population reasons or?

25 MS. WILSON: Population and just direction I've been

1 given to keep certain communities together, like west --
2 you know, if I show you here, we have Sunnyside, West
3 Park, Old Fig Garden, west of the 99, there's a lot that
4 take in a different way. And so, you know, this, you
5 know, will starting to bring in Sunnyside brings down the
6 Latino CVAP a lot as well, so trying to carve those out
7 to keep them together, but also keep this at a reasonable
8 number. And then to keep this at a reasonable number
9 within five, so that drives a lot of that as well as
10 trying to follow the -- yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Gotcha. And where's Selma? I
12 know I've asked this before.

13 MS. WILSON: Selma is right above Kingsburg, right
14 here, as I'm circling.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay, I see it now, yeah.

16 MS. WILSON: There you go.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So Fresno, Sunnyside, Selma,
18 and Sanger, we weren't able to keep those together?

19 MS. WILSON: No. But I was also told Sunnyside, Old
20 Fig Garden, and West Park, were communities of interest
21 that wanted to stay together as well.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right, so we have -- yeah, we
23 have two competing communities of interest. Gotcha. All
24 right. And then the other piece, just thinking about
25 where do we get population, and this isn't going to make

1 it any -- I don't think this is going to help that much,
2 but the Sierras has been really interesting getting some
3 of the communities of -- you know, reading some of their
4 input.

5 And the east side of the Sierras feels very
6 different from the west side. And, you know, the east
7 side -- the East Slope, as they call it, the East Slope
8 does have more access than the West Slope, but if we were
9 to, you know, start moving into the West Slope to connect
10 it with some of these areas, that would mean even a
11 longer, narrower district going all the way up kind of,
12 but I just -- I did want to bring that up.

13 In looking at Inyo -- oh, it is a small county.
14 It's also a majority white -- it's not as diverse as
15 other parts of San Bernardino and Riverside so -- but,
16 you know, that's neither here nor there. I think we do
17 need to -- we did receive a lot of input from San Benito
18 saying keep us with the coast, don't put us with the
19 Central Valley, but if it has to be, it has to be.

20 I strongly support looking at the possibility of
21 having a third -- you know, meeting our obligations and
22 our responsibility for the Madera area just because, you
23 know, this part is -- it's really important.

24 I am kind of concerned about splitting up Fresno
25 three times. If -- you know, this is an area that has

1 felt disenfranchised in the past. Do we increase that
2 feeling by splitting up their center so much? And I
3 don't know the area well enough, and obviously I can't
4 speak for the individuals there, it's just maybe a
5 philosophical question that I have. Thank you.

6 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Andersen?

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. I appreciate the
8 conversation, and I just wanted to say, particularly from
9 the line drawer's perspective, I believe there's -- the
10 congressional district has to be plus or minus a couple
11 of people. So these are the maps that I believe the line
12 drawers should really try to focus in on, what can they
13 do, how can they do to really get these numbers really
14 close. And that will allow us to consider them, you
15 know, other hard changes we'll have to do on the assembly
16 and the senate, but you know, again, certain areas have
17 congressional issues and certain areas have -- they're
18 more just strictly state issues. So I think that might
19 help a little bit. So I think this getting down to right
20 now before next week work on the congressional districts
21 to be trimmed, to be really close in percentage wise,
22 deviation wise. Thank you.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Toledo?

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. So I just wanted
25 to express that I am very comfortable with this

1 architecture, and many of us on the call today are
2 expressing support for the architecture for this -- for
3 these districts, particularly the north-south approach.

4 And I would be supportive of prioritizing our time
5 on trying to get the VRA districts a little bit more
6 solidified, not just in the Central Valley but across the
7 state of California and to try to get to closer deviation
8 levels -- acceptable levels of deviation for these
9 districts.

10 And I think important and it's -- for
11 (indiscernible) on giving the line drawers some
12 flexibility, especially around the communities of
13 interest criteria in terms of county lines, city lines,
14 some of the other communities of interest considerations.

15 And in particular, specifically to this region, to
16 the three areas with VRA considerations that we are able
17 to solidify them, so that the (indiscernible) district
18 surrounding them can be developed a little bit more
19 concretely as we go into line drawing. I think it will
20 make our line drawing process hopefully less difficult.
21 Thank you.

22 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

23 Commissioner Sinay?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm sorry, I misspoke, and I
25 meant to say the Merced/Fresno area, not the Madera. So

1 I apologize.

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

3 Commissioner Fernández?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. Thank you. And I
5 think I've said it before, but I do agree that the VRA
6 needs to be solidified first because any other changes we
7 request, it's almost for naught because we're just -- I
8 don't want to say we're going to go in circles, but once
9 we solidify that, it's like the major puzzle pieces,
10 that's how I like to see it, I don't want to say the rest
11 will be easier to do, but at least we know what we have
12 left to work with. So, yes, please concentrate on the
13 VRA. Thank you.

14 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. I want to check in with the
15 commissioners. I am hearing quite a bit of consensus
16 around needing to focus on VRA. I think we do need to go
17 into closed session to discuss VRA considerations in the
18 Central Valley under the pending litigation exception.

19 So it's just a question of when because I feel like
20 we could spend up until the break echoing that sentiment
21 or we could take a break and go into closed session, a
22 brief closed session, we probably wouldn't need more than
23 15 to 30 minutes to do that, and then come back and
24 continue with the visualizations, or we could fo into
25 closed session after our first break.

1 So I'm open. So I'd like to hear from a couple
2 folks their thoughts.

3 Commissioner Toledo?

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: It almost seems like we may
5 want to consider going into closed session sooner rather
6 than later just to figure out the (indiscernible) how to
7 allocate our time for the rest of the remainder of the
8 day to bring those questions.

9 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay, awesome. And I saw enough
10 heads to feel very comfortable going in that direction.

11 Mr. Becker?

12 MR. BECKER: I was just going to suggest that I'm
13 very happy to go to closed session to discuss the Voting
14 Rights Act considerations in this area of the map under
15 the pending litigation exception. I think it would be a
16 fairly short discussion, and I think the commissioners
17 have expressed an interest in resolving those issues
18 first, because I think they will largely define how some
19 of the other districts are drawn, are quite right (ph.).
20 So I think that that could be useful probably sooner
21 rather than later.

22 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. So let me just check in with
23 Kristian. Kristian, can you send a link?

24 MR. MANOFF: Sure thing. You should already have
25 links in your inbox.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Oh, look at that. Thank you so
2 much. I appreciate that.

3 So with that, let's go on and go into closed session
4 now. It's 10:18, so let's come back at 10:40, at 10:40
5 -- let's make it 10:45. So we'll come back at 10:45, and
6 continue. Okay?

7 (Off the record at 10:17 a.m.)

8 (On the record at 11:15 a.m.)

9 CHAIR LE MONS: All right. Welcome back, everyone.
10 Let's continue where we left off.

11 Kennedy, you want to continue please? Oh, I'm
12 sorry. I do need to -- I think I need to announce that,
13 you know, we're coming back from closed session based on
14 litigation consideration, and there was no action taken.
15 With that, Kennedy, let's proceed.

16 MS. WILSON: Okey dokey. So I believe we left off
17 from the Merced/Madera to Fresno, which was on page 35.
18 And we're going to continue moving north in the Central
19 Valley to Stanislaus --

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm sorry. Excuse me. Chair,
21 I actually had my hand up before we went to the closed
22 session. I still would like to comment on that area.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: I'm sorry. Thank you, Commissioner
24 Turner. Please go ahead.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Kennedy, in the Fresno --

1 MERCEDFRESNO area --

2 MS. WILSON: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- we are a little bit under
4 there. I would love to see if we could split Stanislaus,
5 taking in a lot of the cities on the left -- towards the
6 west, the Crow's Landing, Diablo Grande, perhaps not
7 Patterson, I think Patterson may be too much, but if we
8 can explore adding in population into Stanislaus. And of
9 course Stanislaus was already over, and so for Stanislaus
10 looking at removing French Camp and perhaps Lathrop, so
11 just pushing that up some to balance out some of the
12 numbers if the CVAP works. That's it, Kennedy.

13 MS. WILSON: Oh, yes, sorry. I nodded my head, yes,
14 understood.

15 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

16 Commissioner Akutagawa?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you, Kennedy.
18 I think to also offer up some additional flexibility for
19 that MERCEDFRESNO visualization, I'd like to ask you to
20 also look at going into San Benito County and, yeah,
21 particularly like that northern part, Hollister/Ridgemark
22 that I see on that menu -- not menu -- map that you're
23 showing us.

24 Yeah, I'd like to just also add that direction to
25 give additional flexibility. If it's better to go into

1 San Benito to gain additional population, I'd like you to
2 do that. Thank you.

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

4 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Andersen?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yeah, Kennedy,
6 could you lower a little bit, go a little further south
7 please, so we can see the numbers in each of these?

8 Yeah, we have all of these -- the VRA areas here, or
9 potential VRAs, are a little low, and if you could
10 explore equaling out that population, whether it be, you
11 know, grab you a little bit more up into -- from
12 KINGSTULARE, grab a little bit more up into FRESNOTULARE,
13 and then FRESNOTULARE, rearrange Fresno a little bit,
14 that area, to grab a little bit more, or wherever we need
15 to.

16 Then I'd like to actually see you do Stanislaus
17 first before you cross over the mountains into San Benito
18 because that is a difficult area for people to get
19 across, where going up to Stanislaus is easier please, or
20 even if you need to go a little bit more down into the
21 MADERAKERN section to grab population. Thank you.

22 MS. WILSON: Okay.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. I agree
25 with -- exactly with what Commissioner Andersen said. We

1 do need to -- you know, we're at negative on deviation,
2 and so it is about both let's get closer to zero as well
3 as making sure we're keeping kind of the CVAP -- Latino
4 CVAP, you know, similar across, and giving opportunities.

5 I agree with going into southwest Stanislaus County,
6 you know, first and then into San Benito. And if, you
7 know, moving things kind of to the north, if that affects
8 MADERAKERN, you know, just move the north boundary of
9 MADERAKERN south if possible just to keep making that one
10 a little more compact, if need be. Thank you.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

12 Did you have another comment, Commissioner
13 Akutagawa?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No thanks.

15 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

16 Please continue, Kennedy?

17 MS. WILSON: Okay. So now continuing to move north,
18 we are going to be on page 34. And here, clearly things
19 will change, but here we have Stanislaus, keeping
20 Modesto/Turlock together, as well as Manteco, Lathrop,
21 Mountain House, and Tracy. There is this northeastern
22 corner taken out from Oakdale to Knights Ferry that was
23 put in with the Eastern California due to population
24 concerns.

25 And I will continue moving north. And next we will

1 be on page 32, which has the SSACNSANJOAQ area, and this
2 keeps Ripon, Escalon, Farmington, Peters, Linden all
3 together, this does keep Stockton whole. It is paired
4 with Lodi, Galt, and Elk Grove, which I know to try to
5 keep moving up north, which might be helpful to take some
6 of these things out, and to keep pushing up north, so
7 that this can move north as well. But that's what is
8 together now, Elk Grove and Vineyard in this one.

9 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Turner?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Kennedy, also you
11 need to remove, we need to get rid of population here.
12 Some of the cities, some of those unincorporated areas
13 are census designated places in the -- yep, right there,
14 could perhaps also go into the other -- down into the
15 blue as well, the Escalon, Farmington, Peters, even
16 Linden, down with Salida, Ripon, all of those, Riverbank,
17 so we can add those into the Stanislaus to reduce
18 population.

19 MS. WILSON: Thank you.

20 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I agree with Commissioner
22 Turner. And I just wanted to add Oakdale, that that was
23 one of the community of interest, public calls was
24 Escalon, Ripon, and Oakdale, and the other ones that she
25 mentioned, if we need to.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Fernández?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you, Chair. And,
3 Kennedy, thank you. I can see -- I can tell you know
4 exactly where I was going go with this. So, yeah, I
5 think the more we -- I guess the south pushes up, we
6 start getting closer to that -- the Galt and above. So
7 I've already voiced my wishes on the different assembly
8 and senate, and it's pretty much the same. So I don't
9 need to repeat it, right, Kennedy?

10 MS. WILSON: We're good.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: You've got it, right?

12 MS. WILSON: Uh-huh.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you so much.

14 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Turner, did you have
15 another comment?

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I did, thank you.

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Go ahead.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Also, Kennedy, an awful lot of
19 testimony to attempt to keep Mountain House and Tracy
20 with Stockton, which are both large populations, but I'm
21 hoping if we do that, there's a way to give flexibility
22 for Commissioner Fernández's request up towards the top
23 end as well.

24 MS. WILSON: Thank you. We'll look at that.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Kennedy, you can proceed
2 please.

3 MS. WILSON: Okay. So next we will continue on to
4 Sacramento which is on page 31. And a previous
5 visualization had West Sacramento in it, and these
6 running north, but I removed Yolo completely and
7 Sacramento is -- the City of Sacramento is kept whole.
8 Let me zoom in. And it has Florin, Fruitridge Pocket,
9 down to Parkway all together, as well as Rosemont, La
10 Riviera, Mather, and Rancho Cordova. And, again, this
11 was on page 31, I missed that, the purple area, and
12 Elverta to the north. And now --

13 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner --

14 MS. WILSON: I'm sorry.

15 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Fernández?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes, yes, thank you. Thank
17 you with that, Kennedy. And I think it's just going to
18 be the ripple effect, and I have given direction in the
19 past, but I want to ensure that when we do the ripple
20 effects that we do try to keep some -- do as much as
21 possible to keep our communities of interest together
22 with the Elk Grove Vineyard, the Florin, Lemon Hill, all
23 those areas, we try to keep those together as we move up,
24 and we continue to try to bring some of those areas like
25 Carmichael, Arden Arcade, Fair Oaks into the Greater

1 Sacramento.

2 Thank you, Kennedy.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I wanted to echo
5 what Commissioner Fernández said. I do have a question.
6 In terms of the COI input, I did see several COI input
7 about AAPI COI testimony around Greenhaven as a COI, and
8 there were several requests to be kept together with Elk
9 Grove.

10 I also saw testimony about Rancho Cordova, perhaps
11 being with other communities, I was thinking -- you
12 haven't gotten there, but -- being put into the PLACERSAC
13 visualization.

14 So my direction is if it's possible to at least
15 combine Greenhaven and Elk Grove together, and then
16 possibly moving Rancho Cordova into the PLACERSAC
17 visualization up there. And then to offset that, move
18 Folsom down into the SSACNSJOAQ visualization. Thank
19 you.

20 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Fernández, do you have
21 another comment?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: I did have another, but now
23 that Commissioner Akutagawa mentioned Folsom with the
24 SSACNSJOAQ, I would be really, really against that.
25 Sorry. But I do -- I appreciate you reminding me about

1 the Greenhaven, and Elk Grove, and Folsom I'd like to
2 keep up with the El Dorado and Granite Bay Area. Thank
3 you.

4 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Andersen?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yes, as the
6 Sacramento line moves south to incorporate parts of
7 the Sacramento/Stanislaus -- Sacramento Joaquin area, I
8 would like to see the PLACERSAC grab -- or also move
9 south, but grabbing part of that Natomas area which is to
10 the west in the Sacramento area. And then the portion
11 that's -- as the PLACERSAC line area moves south, that
12 extra population I would like to see move into the
13 east -- Eastern California, ECA area. I think that would
14 help balance out our population issues. Thank you.

15 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani?

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm worried for the line
17 drawers because we're all over the place with some of
18 this direction it feels like. I just want to uplift
19 again. I think a lot of what's going to come out of the
20 Central Valley VRA districts is going to have a larger
21 ripple effect in the Sacramento area. So for me my
22 direction is exploratory in nature.

23 I think Commissioner Turner had mentioned some of
24 the swaps that might start happening between San Joaquin
25 and the Stanislaus border down below with Tracy and

1 Mountain House, and we received a whole bunch of
2 testimony in that region.

3 I think depending on what happens there, right, so
4 if that Tracy, Mountain House, and Manteca I think it
5 was -- in fact I would need to go back to the testimony
6 that we've received -- starts shifting north towards with
7 San Joaquin, based on those ripples from Central Valley,
8 I think it might open up an opportunity to relink Elk
9 Grove back in with Lemon Hill, which was some of the --
10 and Meadowview with Elk Grove, I think, which was some of
11 the -- and Florin, which was some of the COI testimony
12 that we've received from that area, and keeping those
13 together.

14 But again, to me this is all based on that ripple,
15 right, like that the Central Valley is our anchor, and
16 then moving northward. But those are changes that I
17 would be very -- I would certainly welcome seeing. Thank
18 you.

19 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
20 And thank you for your framing of that, that's excellent.
21 Because I know we're trying to get a little bit more
22 specific in the direction, and tell what's optional and
23 -- very well done, thank you.

24 Commissioner Akutagawa?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you

1 ,Commissioner Sadhwani. I think that that's true. So
2 my direction now is going to be just noting COIs that I
3 noted. So there was several COI testimonies about -- and
4 I think Commissioner Fernández may have said this, and I
5 apologize if I blanked out on this, but -- Rosemont, La
6 Riviera, and Arden-Arcade I believe there was comments,
7 COI comments, or testimony to keep those together, if
8 they can be kept together in whatever ripple effects will
9 happen to the district. Same with keeping, I think,
10 Vineyard with Elk Grove, together with that Greenhaven
11 area.

12 Also on the Rancho Cordova, I also noted that Mather
13 and Rancho Cordova want to also stay together as a
14 potential COI. So I think just to give you flexibility
15 in terms of where it ends up, I just wanted to note those
16 COIs too to ensure that we keep them together. Thank
17 you.

18 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

19 You can continue, Kennedy.

20 MS. WILSON: Okay. So now moving north to the
21 screen area we were talking about, we are on page 30,
22 PLACERSAC. Previously heard keeping Arden-Arcade and
23 Carmichael together, so I hadn't split those up, keeping
24 Orangevale more to this -- keeping Orangevale in
25 Sacramento instead of putting it northward, and then we

1 have Antelope and Rose Hill together, as well as with
2 Citrus Heights. And then we have Rocklin, and in the
3 previous visualization Lincoln was pushed north, and I
4 now have moved it back so that it's connected to Rocklin
5 and Roseville in this visualization here.

6 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani?

7 Commissioner Fernández?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: I'm just going to do the
9 whole -- I believe the whole ripple effect is probably
10 going to address what my directions are going to be, and
11 I know that Kennedy already knows what it is of trying to
12 loop in Folsom, El Dorado Hills, and Granite Bay into
13 this area. But I think that may naturally happen. So
14 it's really hard -- I'm teetering on giving direction and
15 not giving direction. But as it ripples, and I believe
16 I've given enough consistent direction to Kennedy that,
17 hopefully, she can apply from the assembly and the
18 senate, so I'm not sort of repetitive. Thank you.

19 MS. WILSON: And I do kind of have a question based
20 on what you said because I remembered before that I was
21 moving Oak Grove up. This was obviously a different
22 plan, but that some of these may start having to go east,
23 and that's why I put Folsom and Rancho Murieta with this
24 as well from last time, but is that still okay to keep
25 pushing these east this way instead of, yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Well, because I'm thinking
2 with the push coming up, it's hard for me to know where
3 that line's going to be drawn, and if it has to go east,
4 that's okay. I'd rather try to, you know, keep that
5 whole Lincoln, Roseville, El Dorado Hills, like that
6 whole piece together. But if it has to go east, I think
7 it has more commonality with that. So thank you.

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

9 Commissioner Sinay?

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, if it needs to go east --
11 we've gotten public comment asking for Folsom to actually
12 stay with El Dorado in those areas as a way of, if
13 possible, making it less long of a district on the east
14 side. And so I guess what they want is actually to go
15 west, go further west and then shrink from the bottom up
16 on that one.

17 But I just want to say we're getting conflicting on
18 should Folsom stay with El Dorado or move towards
19 Sacramento. So whatever we need is going to be okay
20 because it'll make someone happy and not make another
21 person happy.

22 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

23 Commissioner Fornaciari?

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm sorry. I was just
25 going to echo Commissioner Sadhwani's comments about

1 ripple effect, and we just don't know where it's all
2 going. So I mean try to be getting super specific at
3 this point, I think we're spinning our wheels and giving
4 our line drawers a headache. It's giving me a headache
5 too, but that's beside the point.

6 But I'm sorry, I was a little bit late. Did we give
7 specific direction, population targets for our VRA
8 districts in the Central Valley?

9 CHAIR LE MONS: No. Feel free.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I guess if I'm going
11 to throw one number against the wall, you know, I think
12 Commissioner Andersen shared a percent, I'd like to be at
13 least a percent at the highest, I mean, that 7,600
14 people, I mean, we'd end up having to move around. I
15 mean, if we could -- I don't know if a half a percent is
16 reasonable at this point. You know, it's the first time
17 we've done this, so I'd like to be closer. I don't know
18 what my colleagues are thinking about that.

19 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Andersen?

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, thank you. I think
21 trying to stay at 1 percent, and then we can do the
22 tweaks in live session next week, I think would be
23 reasonable on the VRA districts. I don't know if we can
24 ask the line drawers, given are still are -- they -- our
25 back and forths, I think that's -- those -- trying to get

1 those numbers all the over would be a little
2 unreasonable.

3 But for the VRA districts, yeah, if they could hit 1
4 percent, I think that would be reasonable. And I know
5 they're going to try understanding where they need to go
6 to bring the others down.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Ahmad?

8 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. And I'll
9 just state the obvious. As close to zero as possible
10 would be my preference. Thank you.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Turner?

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm in agreement with
13 Commissioner Ahmad.

14 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. So am I, Kennedy, as close to
15 zero as possible. Please continue.

16 MS. WILSON: Okay. Thank you. All understood. So
17 we left off with West Placer, and so now I'm going to
18 actually go back to zooming out and looking at this
19 Eastern California. We're going to be on page 28. And
20 here, as before, you know, keeping Mono, Inyo, and Alpine
21 with the north, keeping Sierra/Nevada together, keeping
22 Placer/El Dorado together, keeping Mariposa, Tuolumne,
23 Calaveras, and Alpine together as well, and that is
24 reflected in this.

25 And again, if we zoom back into Sacramento, I know

1 you've seen it, but we have El Dorado Hills, Folsom, and
2 Granite Bay all together in this as well.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Continue.

4 MS. WILSON: And a part of Stanislaus -- oh, sorry.

5 CHAIR LE MONS: No, no, go on.

6 MS. WILSON: Okay. And then we saw this earlier as
7 well, but just a reminder that this part of Stanislaus
8 was taken in for population, and still at negative four.

9 And so now I'm going to move on to our last
10 visualization for my area. We have page 26, should be
11 the right number. And we're going to be looking at
12 Northern California. And the major change here was
13 taking out Yolo and not having that a part of it, but
14 then again, keeping Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, Lassen of
15 course together. We do go into Humboldt for grabbing the
16 Karuk Tribe to keep them together, and Butte, Sutter, and
17 Yuba together as well.

18 And in this visualization, because of how the north
19 is, Colusa does go up with the northern counties as well.
20 And that is all.

21 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you very much. And again,
22 Kennedy, thanks for your patience.

23 So we're going to move to the Bay Area. I believe
24 Tamina is going to be presenting?

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: That's correct.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Awesome.

2 MS. RAMOS ALON: Chair, ready to go.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Pardon me.

4 MS. RAMOS ALON: I said, yes, Chair, ready to go.

5 CHAIR LE MONS: Oh, awesome. Nice to see you.

6 We're ready for you.

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: Nice to see you. Good afternoon,
8 everybody. So we are going to be starting on page 9,
9 with NORTHCOAS. Again, just to give you a little bit
10 of an idea of the architecture of what went on in this
11 area, the biggest change that we had in this northern
12 area was the movement of Yolo, as Kennedy just described.

13 So we're going to be talking about Yolo coming down
14 and being with Solano, and the effect that that's kind of
15 had on the East Bay regions. But we'll start first up
16 here on page 9, with NORTHCOAS.

17 The change for NORTHCOAS was removing Lake. The
18 direction was to take Lake out of the coastal areas. I
19 did receive direction yesterday in senate to move Lake
20 back with the coastal areas. So I would appreciate
21 direction on if you would like it to continue to stay
22 this way in congress, or if you would like Lake to be
23 moved in with the NORTHCOAS, as was requested for senate.

24 Taking out Lake the trade in Sonoma County was in
25 the south. By direction I took in Petaluma, so this is

1 Petaluma City, which is now whole with the NORTHCOAS
2 district, and out of the YOLOLAKE area, which brings us
3 to page number 10, which is YOLOLAKE, this yellow area
4 here. So if you'll recall before, this was -- had these
5 areas coming over, and did not have Lake County in it
6 because Lake was with NORTHCOAS. So now Lake is with
7 Napa, as requested, and some of Solano County was taken
8 out, the Petaluma area over here, to accommodate for
9 that.

10 We're going to move to page 13, with page 12 in our
11 back pocket, we're going to be talking about both of
12 these two together. So this is CONCORDTR, and this
13 starts on page 13. We have Yolo added, and more of
14 Solano. The request was to put more of Solano into the
15 area with Yolo, and so we have those two together now.
16 Also, you'll recall West Sacramento was with Kennedy's
17 areas before in this visualization. Yolo is kept whole,
18 and West Sacramento is kept with Yolo as requested.

19 The population for this area had to come down and
20 grab from East Contra Costa, which you'll see over here.
21 This visualization starts up in Yolo and then comes down
22 and takes Eastern and Central Contra Costa County, to the
23 county borderlines.

24 And I'd like to discuss that in conjunction with
25 NORTHCONT, which is number 12, page number 12, to show

1 you a little bit about how this architecture came about.
2 So NORTHCONT, page 12, used to go north and south.
3 You'll remember that last time we had some visualizations
4 that were stretching north-south across Contra Costa
5 County, and the request was to make a more Highway 4
6 based district that would stretch along Highway 4 over
7 here, through the northern part of Contra Costa County,
8 but they would also take Vallejo and Benicia.

9 So with Vallejo and Benicia being added to this
10 visualization, we came across Highway 4 as far as
11 possible for population's sake, and stopped in Pittsburg,
12 could add a little bit more, but it would split Antioch
13 over here. And then so that left the rest of Contra
14 Costa County that used to be in the north-south
15 configuration which is now joined with the CONCORDTR
16 coming up to Yolo.

17 Also very closely associated with page 11, which is
18 OAKLAMORI, where my direction was to keep Oakland whole.
19 And so here is Oakland whole in this visualization.
20 Again, this goes with this Delta-based area here in
21 CONCORDTR, the Highway 4 based area in NORTHCONT which
22 includes the Benicia and Vallejo communities to link them
23 with Martinez, and some of the working-class communities
24 in Contra Costa County, which also affects the next one,
25 which is page 14, which is SCALRATRACY.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: What were -- excuse me.

2 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sorry.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Before we go over there,
4 Commissioner Fernández?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. Thank you. Thank
6 you, Tamina, with that. My -- gosh darn it -- with the
7 CONCORD, page 13, if we move up. So that Contra Cos --
8 I'm moving my mouse like it's on your screen, which is
9 not helpful. Yeah, like that whole Contra Costa, I would
10 like to see what we can do to not put that in that same
11 district with Yolo and Solano. And I would like to try
12 to keep Solano as whole as possible.

13 But then, of course, it's going to impact
14 everything, that yellow one, which is the YOLOLAKE, so I
15 was trying -- I didn't have enough time to try to move
16 the numbers around, but my only other kind of option also
17 was to maybe put Marin back with the coastal and move Del
18 Norte, which then shifts everything down.

19 So then that's when I started getting the headache,
20 which I'm sure you've been having lots of headaches,
21 Tamina. So I might have to ask my Commissioner Toledo if
22 he has some suggestions on this one as well as how to
23 move some of that around.

24 And it's similar, Tamina, to what I -- the comments
25 that I made for senate. But thank you very much, this

1 definitely looks a lot better, and I really appreciate
2 all the efforts, you and Kennedy and Jaime, and -- I
3 can't remember the new gal's name --

4 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sivan.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: -- Sivan -- have done.
6 Thank you so much.

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: And, yes, I'm happy to -- I
8 remember the Del Norte conversation, moving that over, so
9 I will be taking a look at that for sure. And just
10 before everybody gets upset about this one, I want to
11 tell you a little bit about SCALRATRACY, just because it
12 all fits together. And then I'd like you to please
13 comment about what you would like to do about this area.
14 But SCALRA --

15 CHAIR LE MONS: Before you go there, Tamina, let me
16 just check in. I see some hands. So I want to make sure
17 that I give commissioners a chance to chime in.

18 Commissioner Sadhwani?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I do have a comment, but I'm
20 happy, if Tamina wants to finish that conversation about
21 the SCALRATRACY one, that makes sense to me because my
22 comments will actually include a portion of that.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Awesome.

24 Commissioner Toledo? You're on mute.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay. Sorry about that.

1 I was going to touch on the Marin/Sonoma/Napa map
2 that Commissioner Fernandez just spoke about --

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay, go ahead.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- if that's okay. So I would
5 agree with Commissioner Fernandez about adding Marin back
6 to the northern NORTHCOAS map. I think that is a coastal
7 -- in terms of anchor, it's the coast. And then take in
8 the wine country portions of Sonoma, which would be the
9 City of Sonoma, Kenwood, places where the farmworkers
10 live like Roseland, Rohnert Park area. And that should
11 have -- that area around there should have about the same
12 number of population. Some of the Santa Rosa area will
13 have to come in, which is the unincorporated areas of
14 Roseland, should make up for the population of Marin. So
15 it's taking in -- going into Santa Rosa somewhat to
16 offset the Marin piece. Marin doesn't have as much of a
17 connection to the wine, Napa and lake.

18 And in terms of Tamina's question about Lake County,
19 I would leave Lake County with Napa in this version, in
20 the congressional version. And I potentially would leave
21 Del Norte in this close -- in this map as well, if we
22 can, to make it a coastal, to have the congressional
23 representatives and have an agricultural district. And
24 hopefully, that'll help some of the issues and some of
25 the pressures in Yolo/Solano area as well. Thank you.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

2 Commissioner Akutagawa?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I was going to say --
4 suggest exactly the same thing about moving Marin into
5 the NORTHCOAS and splitting Sonoma.

6 Tamina, I think you went through the NORCAL one,
7 the big block on the eastern side. I know that this
8 particular visualization is almost four and a half
9 percent over the deviation. So one thought I have to
10 bring it down a little bit because the eastern -- East
11 California, the ECA visualization is a little low, my
12 thought was, and Commissioner Fernandez may be able to
13 speak to this a little bit more better, but I was
14 thinking perhaps we could take a portion of Plumas County
15 and add it to that ECA visualization to bring the
16 deviations more closer to zero percent for both NORCAL --
17 NORCA and ECA, I guess.

18 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

19 Tamina?

20 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes. And thank you. I am
21 receiving -- I am furiously scribbling. So I am nodding
22 and I'm happy to work with Kennedy on working on those
23 areas. But thank you for those suggestions.

24 CHAIR LE MONS: Please continue.

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: Just the one thing that I want to

1 say about SCALRATRACY before we open this whole area back
2 up for discussion is that the SCALRATRACY, this
3 visualization in yellow that you're seeing, which is on
4 page 14, keeps together -- this is the Tri-Valley up to
5 San Ramon request that was put in here. And so that's --
6 this is -- you have the Oakland whole, Tri-Valley up to
7 San Ramon, Delta, and then the Highway 4, which is what's
8 creating this very interesting area of what do we do with
9 the rest of Contra Costa County. So those are kind of
10 the hard lines which are creating this question.

11 Before, you'll, we did further east in -- with
12 Contra Costa. And so that is an option. But I am happy
13 to hear of any ideas of ways that this visualization
14 could be improved. I just wanted -- I know that this
15 tri-county area was important in this particular
16 visualization, and I wanted to point that out to
17 commissioners before they continued.

18 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, you know, I'm not
20 prepared to answer the question that Tamina just raised,
21 though if I look at my notes, I might have some response.
22 In general, what I -- what my comment was going to be is
23 first, thank you because I see a lot of our testimony --
24 or excuse me, our direction reflected here, right, I see
25 that the architecture has changed significantly from last

1 week given all of the direction that we requested.

2 And I'm trying to think big picture. We are moving
3 towards opening Sunday with -- or next week with line
4 drawing, live line drawing. And I think this is a
5 process question for the commission. If there are major
6 architectural shifts that folks want to see such as put
7 Marin back with the coast, I think now is absolutely the
8 time to give those. And I support Marin back with the
9 coast. I agree with that.

10 But beyond that, I think there's a lot of areas in
11 here, Sacramento, Yolo, Solano, the Tri-Valley, where we
12 have struggled to figure out the right combination. And
13 what I wanted to suggest is providing a little bit more
14 discretion in our direction to Tamina to, in advance
15 of moving towards a draft map that we're going to
16 hopefully vote on and approve on November 10th, which is
17 early next week, that we start really focusing instead
18 on balancing these populations so that what -- next week
19 when we're looking at a map, -- we're a lot closer, we'll
20 have the VRA pieces locked in, we're going to have that
21 ripple effect, and then we can see what we're really
22 working with.

23 I think Tamina has a really great handle on the
24 direction that we've given her. I think that's evident
25 here. Are there areas of concern? Sure, there are. But

1 I think once we get our deviations lower for the next
2 round, we can start, you know, thinking about like the
3 smaller shifts that may or may not be possible towards a
4 draft, right, like this isn't even our final. So that's
5 kind of the process that I'm thinking about.

6 And, for example, like I'm looking at that OAKLAMORI
7 piece -- district in green there, which is already within
8 in that one percent deviation that we had asked for. To
9 me, looks pretty good, right? What can we do in the
10 other areas where that ripple effect is going to continue
11 on? I would be very open to seeing what Tamina can come
12 back with given all of these conversations that we've had
13 for many weeks now towards our draft next week. Thank
14 you.

15 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

16 Commissioner Akutagawa?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just come back to me.

18 Commissioner Fornaciari?

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I like that
20 direction from Commissioner Sadhwani.

21 If you can zoom out a little bit please. Yeah, it's
22 a little funky kind of coming out here. You know, you
23 did take our direction and you did what we asked for, but
24 it is a little funky.

25 I do support the Marin to the coast again. What

1 I -- I just in a general direction I'd kind of like to
2 see if we could kind of rotate this yellow/blue/purple
3 thing around a little bit to maybe put as much of Solano
4 in with Yolo and then bring -- you know, make the purple
5 go down or split the purple up to go -- some north and
6 some south, I guess, is what I'm kind of thinking may --
7 would make a little more sense. So -- but I'll leave it
8 to your discretion.

9 But I do want to make an observation here. I mean,
10 if you look what we've done, there's essentially no
11 overlap between Tamina and Kennedy, right. We made this
12 thing go north-south with a pretty hard line in the
13 middle. And I think that for our direction, you know,
14 that's tying hands here. I don't have an answer to that,
15 although, you know, so I just want to share that
16 observation. I don't know if others have some ideas
17 about how we can go east to west to sort of break this
18 loose a little bit.

19 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Kennedy?

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

21 You know, going back to what Tamina had said
22 earlier, the conundrum of what to do with Central
23 Costa -- Contra Costa in this scenario is perplexing to
24 say the least. I mean, I see the rationale for a Delta
25 based or Delta and agriculture based district to the east

1 and north of that, you know, perhaps going over into some
2 Delta areas in San Joaquin County, certainly the tails
3 of Sacramento County, part of Solano, Yolo County, et
4 cetera. But it does leave us with Central Contra Costa.

5 I guess, on Marin I'm thinking more -- I think it
6 was Commissioner Toledo a month ago or so, someone
7 mentioned that, you know, there are -- there's a discrete
8 part of Marin that is very much coast-looking, coast-
9 focused. And there is also a part that is more bay-
10 focused. And I would not mind seeing a split there.

11 I don't know what it would do if we moved Vallejo
12 from NORTHCONT and tried to do something that made a
13 little more sense as far as Central Contra Costa. But
14 that's where I am on some of these questions. Thank you.

15 CHAIR LE MONS: You -- excuse me. Thank you,
16 Commissioner.

17 Commissioner Turner?

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair.

19 Commissioner Kennedy, I support splitting Marin.
20 We've heard that it's two different types of industry
21 there, going with the coast and then those that are a
22 little bit more inland. And with that split, it would
23 perhaps allow -- again, we keep speaking in terms of
24 ripple. I like the configuration actually. And I think
25 in live line drawing, a lot of the corrections -- we can

1 make some of those adjustments there. And the only thing
2 I would perhaps be -- no, actually I'm going to stop
3 there. I think we can correct it in live line drawing.
4 I like the configuration. And I think some of it can be
5 handled by splitting Marin coastal from that other part
6 that's more inland.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

8 Commissioner Sinay?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair.

10 I just wanted to also recognize that Tamina, you did
11 a great job in listening to what we had to say and that
12 as much as we can, you know, kind of keep the working
13 class in that north county, the NORTHCONT one -- and I
14 know we're a little over, but just -- and also thinking
15 about, you know, the working class again and Oakland --
16 and the Oakland one, I think we're going really well.

17 There is that central -- I mean, the CONCORD one.
18 That one is a tough -- and there are little tweaks that
19 can be done to kind of make the CONCORD more of the
20 professional suburban versus working class. I mean,
21 there's some like Antioch and others that could still
22 move -- be moved into the north, but that's already over.
23 And move more -- to me, it makes more sense to follow
24 the -- there's two rivers there -- follow one of the
25 rivers into the kind of San Joaquin because when we --

1 you do -- you know, going back to what -- you know, we do
2 need to go -- this line is really causing some challenges
3 when you look at the numbers, the negatives and the
4 positives. And if we're -- if we are going to get into
5 more positives, we are going to have to cross some of
6 these pretend lines that we created for the line drawers.

7 So I would like to let the line drawers, you know,
8 know that we understand that we need to let go of some
9 our restrictions that we've given you so that we can get
10 to equal numbers as well as, you know, contiguous, we've
11 been good at contiguous, you know, and compact is kind of
12 further down.

13 But we understand that we will need to cross some of
14 those lines to get to equal numbers. So please don't
15 feel like your hands are as tied as we have tied them in
16 the past.

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Turner?

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, thank you.

19 And thank you for that, Commissioner Sinay.

20 And if we go east into San Joaquin, because we do
21 recognize the congressional we're going to have to go
22 into some of these counties and splits, I would hope
23 looking at what's currently there, the Isleton, Walnut
24 Grove, all of that, that we'd be looking at some of those
25 smaller unincorporated areas that would get us closer

1 like perhaps Terminous. I don't think there's much
2 there. But maybe even kind of a scoop into Woodbridge,
3 Coulterville, you know, somewhere through there. We know
4 we couldn't go all the way through and cut it off.

5 Well, we actually talked about moving Elk Grove and
6 what have you. So maybe at the top end of the San
7 Joaquin to pull some of the numbers might work, Tamina.
8 If you go there, I would just want to ensure that those
9 cities would be those that are matched with the Rio
10 Vista, Isleton, all of those places on both sides of the
11 river -- the water there. Thank you.

12 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

13 Tamina, you can continue.

14 MS. RAMOS ALON: Thank you, Chair.

15 And just a quick reminder of some of the things that
16 we've done before because I don't want anybody to think
17 that Kennedy and I have any hard lines between our areas.
18 We've been swapping back and forth quite a lot. You will
19 recall the Elk Grove being with Yolo and Solano, which
20 then we were given direction -- I already see people
21 making faces. Yeah, we were given direction to reverse
22 that switch. There's been Yolo in and out of both
23 sections, West Sac definitely in and out of both
24 sections. We also had down here Contra Costa extending
25 both to the Lincoln, Stockton border and actually taking

1 part of Stockton in previous visualizations. And we had
2 the Alameda County area take Mountain House and Tracy,
3 and previously it actually came all the way out to
4 Lathrop and Manteca.

5 So these new lines are actually -- are actually
6 pretty new. These hard lines on the counties over here
7 and in the areas are reflective of just last week's
8 direction to do this. So happy to explore again into the
9 eastern areas. Happy to also -- if you'd like me to find
10 previous visualizations that had these areas together,
11 happy to find those as well.

12 Oh, we also had the Santa Clara into Stanislaus
13 visualization before as well, which we were asked to not
14 do again. So that being said, thank you very much. I
15 will take direction to have a look at this East Bay area.
16 And we will move into greater Eden --

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Befo --

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: -- which is on page -- I'm sorry.

19 CHAIR LE MONS: Tamina, I believe Commissioner
20 Turner has a comment.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Tamina, thank you for
22 that. And I appreciate the way you and Kennedy both work
23 together for that to accommodate the requests. I want to
24 be clear that I'm -- I am not requesting, as we move
25 east, that you look at any configuration that would move

1 Mountain House and Tracy back into that area. Okay?

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's okay. I realized that
5 Tamina hasn't gone through the part that I want to
6 comment on. I'll wait. Thanks.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

8 Tamina, please move forward.

9 MS. RAMOS ALON: Thank you.

10 So we are moving to page 15. This is Greater Eden.
11 We have -- do have a split here in Fremont. And this is
12 split along several COIs that have been submitted. It is
13 split for population. But it is split along the lines of
14 several COIs that had been submitted, the Asian-Indian
15 community tech COI and the Asian majority tech district
16 COIs, both have splits which follow this particular line
17 in Fremont.

18 This area also has the North Berryessa COI, which is
19 this area right here, which is kept together, which then
20 forms this line in the south. It again has a -- in
21 Sunnyvale, Cupertino, and Santa Clara COI kept together
22 as well.

23 Moving to page 16, this is Cupertino. This is very
24 similar to what we saw last week. There was no direction
25 to change this area. The only change that was made is

1 this line up here in the North Berryessa area, which was
2 for population between the two and to keep this COI,
3 North Berryessa COI, together.

4 We'll move to page 19, which is NORTHSANM, which no
5 longer has anything to do with NORTHSANM because this is
6 a San Francisco-based visualization now. And I will turn
7 on the San Francisco layers. So NORTHSANM has all of San
8 Francisco with the exceptions of Parkside, Lakeshore,
9 Ocean View, and this split in West Twin Peaks. This is
10 unchanged from the previous week that you've seen this
11 before. This is the exact same split between NORTHSANM
12 and GREATERSA that we saw last time.

13 GREATERSA is on page 18. And I'd like to talk about
14 it in conjunction with page 17, which is SANTA CLAR over
15 here because these two very much affected each other when
16 we were drawing. So GREATERSA, which comes down through
17 San Mateo County and to the northern part of Santa Cruz
18 County, used to not have Los Gatos in it. So this
19 section over here, Santa Clara County, used to not be
20 included with GREATERSA.

21 Then the direction was to keep the Highway 17
22 corridor together and include Santa Cruz with Los Gatos,
23 which pulled in this area into this visualization. And
24 so what happened on the other end is that traded out, at
25 the top part, the border between GREATERSA and SANTA CLAR,

1 San Carlos. So there are no city splits here. This just
2 traded out the City of San Carlos and also traded out the
3 City of Emerald Lake Hills, which is right down here.
4 And that's what moved this line in SANTA CLAR and
5 GREATER SA.

6 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Chair.

8 Tamina, I just -- first off, I do want to express my
9 thanks to the line drawers as well too for all the stuff
10 that you've been doing. And I think we're getting
11 closer. And that's why some of these comments are
12 happening.

13 I wanted to just start up at the very top with San
14 Francisco. And I think that's the NORTHSANM I think,
15 page number 19. So first off, that standard deviation
16 is 4.32 percent. So we already know that we got too many
17 people there. It looks like we're going to need to
18 remove some more population from this visualization and
19 then move it south at least for right now the way --
20 using it where we are right now.

21 I'm not sure which portion should move south. I
22 think I'd have to go back and visit -- revisit the COI
23 testimony. But I wanted to point that out. But in
24 moving it south, obviously it's going to then have
25 implications for the GREATER SA one.

1 And that's where a comment that I do want to make on
2 that one, and I want to perhaps see again where maybe,
3 Tamina, you can help or whether any of the other
4 commissioners have some comments about it, I also perhaps
5 -- I don't know if this is feasible or if this is heresy,
6 I'm thinking about instead of going north-south on this,
7 going east-west because I don't like in this particular
8 visualization that you have some of the working-class
9 communities like South San Francisco, Brisbane, also Daly
10 City in with a district that is pretty affluent coastal
11 communities.

12 So just to look at it a little bit differently, I
13 might -- I just wrote a note, you know, can we just go
14 across the bay, you know, to the other side, maybe
15 combining it with some portion of, going up a little
16 higher, you know, yeah, Hayward or part of Alameda, I
17 don't know. Some of the other commissioners I'm sure
18 will have a comment on that.

19 That then has ripple effects then as you go down
20 into Santa Clara and into the remainder -- the coastal
21 remainder part of GREATER SA, which also includes Santa
22 Cruz. The COI testimony that we saw was that Santa Cruz
23 also prefers or feels that they are more aligned with
24 Monterey, not with the -- you know, the bay area
25 peninsula of communities. So I just want to just give

1 general direction on that.

2 The last part I want to also comment on in terms of
3 the implications of a more southward move down, it may
4 help, I do want to just note that Gilroy being in this
5 current Cupertino district, maybe even going up to Saint
6 Mar -- San Martin again doesn't feel right. You have a
7 predominately more rural farm-working kind of communities
8 that seem like they should be put together more with the,
9 you know, that mid-coast.

10 This is also where the discussions that we've been
11 having around the VRA -- both VRA, but the kind of the
12 districts in the Central Valley areas where there's some
13 underpopulation around the standard deviation. This move
14 down may help balance out some of that population
15 deviation and bring more of communities of interest
16 together that center around the farming, the farmworkers,
17 and other working-class communities as well too. So I
18 just want to stop there. Thank you.

19 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani?

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. That was lot of --
21 it sounds like a lot of fairly significant architectural
22 changes. So I just wanted to reup what I've said
23 previously.

24 I think we've got these anchor areas that we're
25 working on. There's going to be ripple effects

1 everywhere. And I think as we strive towards a draft map
2 on November 10th, I'm going to continue to reiterate that
3 date because I think it's coming up. And I think we have
4 to get comfortable with the fact that we might not have
5 it perfectly correct by then.

6 I think we need to begin to focus some of our
7 efforts here on the deviations. I raised my hand because
8 I wanted to ask Tamina about the San Francisco region.
9 Last week I had raised -- and I think I've raised it also
10 in the assembly and probably the senate too -- in that
11 upper part of San Francisco, we've had differing
12 testimony from various communities of interest. We've
13 had testimony from historic and cultural AAPI and
14 immigrant groups with very specialized needs in terms of
15 language access and services, including Chinatown. At
16 the same time -- and I know that you've heard that
17 testimony because I see West Twin Peaks is now a part of
18 San Francisco.

19 We've had testimony from the LGBTQ community about
20 where their communities lie. And so this definitely
21 looks different from last week. But I wanted to find out
22 if you were able to kind of play around with the
23 Chinatown piece and seeing if it's able to connect that
24 into the Daly City, the GREATERSA district, what our
25 options may or may not have been, and then also thinking

1 about the West Twin Peaks neighborhood.

2 And, of course, I'm recognizing that both of these
3 districts are overpopulated at this point in time. So
4 I'd be curious to hear from you, knowing that our -- you
5 know, the interest is to keep those two communities of
6 interest intact to the greatest extent possible, what are
7 our options for doing so while at the same time reducing
8 this deviation? And I'm sorry if I'm putting you on the
9 spot.

10 MS. RAMOS ALON: So, first, I want to say this is
11 the same visualization from the last week. The
12 changes --

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh.

14 MS. RAMOS ALON: -- that were made were actually on
15 the senate one. The senate and assembly ones, we have
16 different splits in all of them, not -- sorry -- senate,
17 assembly. The senate has it all together. So we --
18 there's a line in assembly which we took out certain
19 neighborhoods and put in other neighborhoods. And then
20 this one we didn't change because the majority of it was
21 in San Francisco proper.

22 In terms of moving Chinatown, which is up here, down
23 with San Mateo County, let's see, I suppose you could,
24 because this is such a larger split, it's less of a 50-50
25 split that we see more in the assembly, you could make

1 maybe just if you were to just take up the coast here
2 some areas, split a couple neighborhoods on the coast to
3 get to Chinatown. And that would be -- that would
4 replace this area here to go up and to get Chinatown
5 there. That's pretty much the only option for linking
6 Chinatown since there is only a small population that
7 needs to be taken out. We're happy to hear any other
8 suggestions. I can definitely look at it some more.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And how about -- I think
10 that the thought from some of the groups that we've heard
11 from is linking the opposite side through Outer Sunset,
12 Golden Gate Park, and up that way. But I guess I'm
13 curious if -- what are our options here in terms of the
14 deviation, like so as we move towards a draft map and we
15 need to get these deviations down, you know these -- this
16 map very well at this point, what do you see as some
17 options for us? What would we need to lose, for example,
18 in this NORTHSANM, I think that's how you say it,
19 district in order to get that deviation down? Where
20 would -- where are places that we could cut from if we're
21 going to maintain, for example, the LGBTQ community of
22 interest? I guess those are the kinds of trade-offs that
23 I'm trying to really understand as we move into this
24 next phase.

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: And we're actually --

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Yee?

2 I'm sorry. Go ahead, Tamina.

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: They're act -- I'm sorry.

4 CHAIR LE MONS: Go on, I'm sorry.

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: There are actually --

6 CHAIR LE MONS: Go ahead, Tamina.

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sorry.

8 There are actually quite a few communities of
9 interest in San Francisco that we're keeping an eye on.
10 And so that's the difficult part is really balancing
11 those all out. Because the popu -- so there is always
12 the option of going over the Golden Gate Bridge if we
13 wanted to do -- okay. I'm seeing furious shakings of
14 heads. Okay. No problem.

15 But that would've been another way to split up San
16 Francisco. If we are not going to go across the Golden
17 Gate Bridge, then really this area has nothing -- the
18 northern area has nothing to connect to, and it has to
19 connect to the rest of San Francisco. And so the
20 question really is just where that line is going to be.
21 To deal with the deviation, which is a little bit
22 overpopulated, we can look at moving the line a little
23 bit to -- into these other areas. It's not going to be a
24 lot. It would not be enough to really take in a whole
25 'nother neighborhood, for example, just because these

1 areas are so densely populated.

2 But I'm happy to look at any suggestions of maybe
3 areas that you looked into or if you wanted me to just
4 redraw this and take a look at coming up this way, coming
5 up the western area, then we could do that, or just
6 trying to get as close as I can to zero by taking out --
7 maybe I could try taking out some of the eastern areas
8 instead of the west to get that down to zero. And then
9 hopefully that will create GREATERSA up to Chinatown.
10 But I'm happy to look at that.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Yee?

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair.

13 So continuing this line of thought, you know,
14 whatever you do with San Francisco, Tamina, I think
15 obviously we're going to need to push the population
16 down, right, down the peninsula --

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- and eventually getting into
19 the Central Valley where we have some negative deviations
20 that we need to fill in. So whatever you do with San
21 Francisco, working down here -- let's see, let's get down
22 to Santa Cruz. Let's see. I would -- I understand
23 Commissioner Akutagawa's creative thought to cross the
24 bay possibly. I would be against that. The bay is a
25 uncrossable barrier mentally in my mind as a lifelong,

1 three-generation East Bay resident, completely different
2 than West Bay, East Bay.

3 So getting into Santa Cruz then, yeah, getting quite
4 a bit of testimony wanting to keep all the Monterey Bay
5 communities together. So if Santa Cruz itself gets moved
6 down into the mid-coast, I would not feel strongly about
7 keeping the Highway 17 communities together with Los
8 Gatos. That's -- I mean, that is a commuter corridor for
9 sure. But the communities are not really joined. So
10 could move that line.

11 And then let's see. Yeah, just looking at Santa
12 Cruz, keeping it with Monterey Bay all together then and
13 then pushing population to the south and east. So that's
14 all. Thanks.

15 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

16 Commissioner Sinay?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. Thank you.

18 Can we go back up to -- well, first, let me -- let's
19 stay here. And I completely agree with Commissioner
20 Russell -- Commissioner Yee, you know, we kind of said
21 the 17 corridor, if we needed it, it wasn't something
22 that we were very adamant about. And I still feel
23 uncomfortable, in all of these, that we have cut Santa
24 Cruz so many times because it isn't that big of a
25 community. And so I -- it's looking like we -- you know,

1 it might be better not to need it so that we can move
2 things north and east, I mean south and east. I knew I
3 was going to get one of them wrong.

4 If we could go back up to San Francisco. And I
5 think it -- San Francisco is one of the most unique
6 places in the world I -- you know, having lived there,
7 having worked in the community there, and having worked
8 in other places. But San Francisco is very small, very
9 dense. I mean, you know, I think you could compare San
10 Francisco in some of the challenge -- luckily, we're not
11 doing New York City in redistricting.

12 But I think we need to keep -- there's a -- every
13 neighborhood is unique on its own way. They all have a
14 lot of history and sometimes things have changed since
15 its historic -- its history, but it's still considered
16 that -- you know, defined that -- those neighborhoods are
17 defined that way.

18 And we have mentioned two neighborhoods, basically
19 the LGBTQ and the Asian community, but there is also a
20 Latino and black community. And they used to be very
21 separate, one from the other. I was happy -- you know,
22 happy to see in the COI testimonies we received that the
23 Latino and the black communities are working closer
24 together.

25 It was I who said, you know, it made sense to move

1 Excelsior, Bayview, and Visitacion Valley, in I think it
2 was either the senate or assembly, over to Daly City
3 because I thought -- and I -- and you know, I don't know
4 that it -- that the Asian and other -- you know, that
5 they're all working class, lower-income communities. And
6 that was without the Mission and Potrero Hill and other
7 areas that are traditionally more Latino and also working
8 class.

9 What's really difficult is that San Francisco's very
10 dense. And we're going to make people unhappy. And so I
11 think as we're looking at how we do this, you know, we
12 keep saying it's going south; there is an easier
13 solution. And I'm just going to put it out there just
14 because I don't want people to think we haven't thought
15 of this. And I'm not advocating it.

16 But there -- as much as West Marin and the whole Bay
17 Area says they're very different than San Francisco, they
18 do commute back and forth, not -- over the bridge,
19 through the ferries. Any time you sit in the ferry -- at
20 the ferry building, you'll see all -- a lot of the
21 commuters. There are a lot of similarities. But I
22 understand, you know, the idea of not crossing the
23 bridge.

24 But if it -- if crossing the bridge helps us with
25 the negative -- you know, get to those numbers that we

1 need for a congressional district, then I think we need
2 to be okay with that. I do understand crossing the bay
3 the other way to the east. It's -- it is mentally -- you
4 know, it's not just that it's mentally different, they
5 are very -- they are working-class communities, but
6 they're very different types of working-class communities
7 and the types of jobs that they have and the types of
8 unions they belong to and how they're organized and their
9 religions and such. And so that is -- it is harder to
10 match them that way.

11 But I just want to say with San Francisco, that it
12 isn't just LGBT, white, and Asian and -- but that it is a
13 very diverse community in so many different ways because
14 even Latinos aren't just all from Mexico. There's a lot
15 of Central American as well. And the Asian are all one.

16 And so we're going to make people happy or not happy
17 in this area as well. And when we -- when people are
18 happy and not happy, it means we're doing our job because
19 we've struggled with it. So my -- as much as we can keep
20 some of those communities together, that's great, but we
21 really do need to get these numbers closer to zero.

22 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

23 Commissioner Yee, did you have another comment?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: No. Sorry.

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay, thank you.

1 Tamina, you can continue.

2 MS. RAMOS ALON: We're going to page 20, which is
3 MONTCOAST -- MIDCOAST, sorry, MONTCOAST isn't assembled.
4 MIDCOAST is here. MIDCOAST had no direction to change in
5 the last week.

6 I do hear the current direction to see if I can
7 include Santa Cruz County whole with the MIDCOAST area.
8 I will also be working with Kennedy to take a look at the
9 San Benito and Monterey areas to see if we can see if any
10 of that is going to be incorporated with more Central
11 Valley areas for following previous direction that was
12 given.

13 Page 21 is SOUTHCOAS. Again, there is no change
14 from last week on this one. However, I will note that
15 the islands will be moved according to new direction to
16 be with their corresponding counties instead of all
17 together in the Santa Barbara-based district.

18 And, lastly, we have VENTURA on page 22, which takes
19 all of Ventura County except for Bell Canyon. If you'll
20 recall, the last -- the previous visualization had
21 Westlake and Agoura Hills, did not have Calabasas. And
22 the direction was to include Calabasas in this
23 visualization. And so that has been included, which
24 dropped the deviation down to 0.43 percent. And that is
25 the end of my areas.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, thank you.

3 Tamina, thanks for this. I want to just continue
4 some of the -- for me, what I see as the ripple effects
5 as we're pushing south. For this MIDCOAST, pushing it
6 down south into -- beyond San Luis Obispo and into the
7 northern Santa Barbara County, I feel like, you know, San
8 Luis Obispo kind of is the, I guess, is kind of the
9 anchor point here between the coastal communities. COI
10 testimony speaks to a desire to be affiliated, the
11 northern Santa Barbara County, portion of the county, to
12 be affiliated with SLO and then for SLO to be then
13 affiliated with Monterey County.

14 So I -- my -- I just want to just give direction in
15 saying that if you have to push down into souther --
16 north Santa Barbara County using Buellton, Los Olivos,
17 that Gaviota Tunnel -- and I think we spoke about this
18 before -- as your dividing line so that you have some
19 flexibility there as well too, that would honor, I think,
20 some COI testimony we received.

21 And then in terms of going into VENTURA, one thought
22 I have is perhaps -- I know we've received a lot of
23 testimony from folks. Honestly, I think this gets to,
24 you know, what some of the commissioners have said about,
25 you know, at some point, we're just not -- we're just

1 going to have make decisions. Some places may not go
2 with others. And some people are not going to be happy.

3 On that thought, perhaps splitting MALIBU, as you
4 have to push down south, split MALIBU maybe right before
5 the City of Malibu if that gives you enough population
6 to capture for, you know, this next -- for this -- you
7 know, as the ripple effects go south. So I just wanted
8 to give that direction to hopefully give you some
9 flexibility. Thank you.

10 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani?

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I apologize. I want
12 to go back up to the north real quick just to clarify my
13 direction. I went back and in taking a look at some of
14 that testimony, the COI testimony that we've received
15 both from AAPI, AMEMSA, as well as Equality California --
16 and I think what I'm looking at could help us solve some
17 things.

18 I misspoke. The piece around Chinatown I think was
19 for the assembly districts. And on the congressional
20 side, I do think if -- you know, if we cut, right, we're
21 overpopulation right now, so if we go back and include
22 that West Twin Peaks and start cutting from some of the
23 pieces on the lower end, some of those neighborhoods on
24 the lower end to get closer down to that zero deviation.
25 And their report has all sorts of stuff on there if you

1 take a look at Equality California, their page 14, and
2 AAPI and AMEMSA has it on page 7, actually fairly similar
3 and that includes Chinatown and Japantown.

4 I understand Commissioner Sinay's piece around other
5 communities. Certainly, there's been a lot of testimony
6 about housing affordability and tenant protections, food
7 security, healthcare services. So I'm definitely
8 sensitive to all of that.

9 My sense is actually if we can get this piece down
10 to that correct deviation and then we have this -- the
11 VRA stuff in the Central Valley, including Merced and San
12 Benito, rippling upward, it's going to help us figure
13 out, and those become two kind of anchor points
14 throughout this region, it's going to help us figure out
15 a lot more of those questions around Santa Cruz where
16 I hear commissioners having somewhat different directions
17 there.

18 So that would be my more specific direction. So I
19 apologize. I just wanted to go back and clarify that
20 because I think I had it wrong the first time.

21 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

22 Commissioner Fornaciari?

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I -- as you zoomed
24 in, I noticed a little tip of Alameda's still there. Is
25 that somehow connected to San Francisco in its --

1 apparently, it is. It just seems odd.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: It is. It's an anomaly.

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: These are all San Francisco census
4 blocks.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I assume the --

6 MS. RAMOS ALON: It is actually -- yes, this is
7 actually not part of Alameda, this little area over here.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh, it's not.

9 MS. RAMOS ALON: It's very odd. Let me show you
10 the --

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: It's unpopulated.

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: I don't know why they draw it that
13 way, but it is actually part technically of San
14 Francisco. But it is -- yeah, it is unpopulated.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So we are going across the
16 bay, Russell -- Commissioner Yee.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: It's because of the landfill,
18 yeah. Well, it's all landfill.

19 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani, did you have
20 another comment? Okay.

21 Commissioner Yee?

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: I just wanted to explain that was
23 landfill added to Alameda in the mid-20th century. It
24 did end up crossing the city line.

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Got you.

1 Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 Okay. Tamina, you can continue.

3 MS. MACDONALD: So we're ready to move on to the Los
4 Angeles area if you would like to do that, Chair Le Mons.

5 CHAIR LE MONS: Yes, please.

6 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Just one moment. Thank you.

7 MS. CLARK: While I'm setting up --

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

9 MS. CLARK: -- my --

10 CHAIR LE MONS: I'm sorry, Jaime.

11 While you're setting up that up, Commissioner
12 Akutagawa, did you have another comment?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I -- just one last
14 thing. I just wanted to mention to Tamina, I also
15 noticed I believe we're splitting a COI on that
16 VENTURA/SOUTHCOAS visualization. It looks like San
17 Buenaventura is separated from Fillmore and Piru. And it
18 is a very distinct COI that we got quite a bit of
19 testimony about that. So I just wanted to note that
20 if it does push south, it'll alleviate that split. But I
21 wanted to point that out. That is a concern. Thank you.

22 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

23 Jaime, I'm sorry.

24 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much.

25 I'm getting my map set up. And just so everyone

1 knows and can prepare, we're going to start on page 49.
2 So if you wish to go to page 49 of the handout, I will
3 join you there very shortly. One moment please.

4 CHAIR LE MONS: Let me do a point of check-in here.
5 We're going to be breaking for lunch in about nine
6 minutes. So just keep that in mind, everyone. I could
7 even break now, and we could have a little longer lunch,
8 which I'd be -- yeah, okay.

9 So, Jaime, why don't we do that, why don't we go to
10 lunch? We'll come back and start with Los Angeles right
11 after lunch.

12 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

13 CHAIR LE MONS: So let me see here. Give me one
14 second.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thanks, Chair. That's very
16 generous of you.

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. So 1:30. We're going to
18 break for lunch, Kristian, now and come back at 1 -- wait
19 a minute. I have a little discrepancy in my flow here.
20 So we're supposed to be back at 1:30. Is that what
21 you're showing as well?

22 MR. MANOFF: Yes, Chair.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Then we'll be back at 1:30.
24 Everyone -- that doesn't get -- yes, okay. 1:30 back.
25 That'd give you a little bit longer for your lunch.

1 Enjoy it. And then we'll start with Los Angeles with
2 Jaime upon return. Thanks, everyone.

3 (Off the record at 12:37 p.m.)

4 (On the record at 1:30 p.m.)

5 MR. MANOFF: Welcome back, Chair.

6 CHAIR LE MONS: Welcome back, everyone. I hope you
7 had a nice relaxing lunch. We're going to jump right in
8 and pick up where we left off. We were about to move
9 into Los Angeles visualizations. So at this time, I'm
10 going to turn the floor over to Jaime.

11 Jaime?

12 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much, Chair Le Mons.

13 And good afternoon, Commissioners. We are going to
14 start on page 49 of the congressional visualization
15 handout. And just like the other areas, we are going to
16 begin with visualizations Mr. Becker might want to chime
17 in on.

18 So this visualization, LBNORTH, it incorporates the
19 direction that was provided by commissioners to have Long
20 Beach area moving north along 710 corridor and to include
21 those in -- to include those areas in a district with
22 Long Beach. A change is that Long Beach is split.

23 That change occurred as a result -- and we'll -- we
24 can get into this more later -- of moving sort of the
25 Compton area with Inglewood, which underpopulated this

1 visualization and needed to pick up visualization -- or
2 needed to pick up population. So that's just balancing
3 population. This is a 2.98 percent deviation.

4 MR. BECKER: Anyhow --

5 CHAIR LE MONS: (Indiscernible) --

6 MR. BECKER: -- I'll just chime in really quickly
7 because this might go quickly.

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Go ahead, Mr. Becker.

9 MR. BECKER: Looking at this screen --

10 CHAIR LE MONS: (Indiscernible) --

11 MR. BECKER: -- yeah, looking at this screen, I
12 don't think there's a lot I have to say. Just obviously,
13 as I've been a broken record on this, pay particularly
14 close attention to the deviations as to whether it's a
15 district that you're likely to need to subtract some
16 population from or add some population from. But this is
17 an area of Voting Rights Act where the Voting Rights Act
18 is quite relevant. And it's -- and it appears that those
19 concerns have been taken into account.

20 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Kennedy?

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I just
22 wanted to repeat what I had said yesterday at the wrong
23 time, I guess. I would like to see this redrawn to keep
24 most of Long Beach whole. It will need to add kind of a
25 bridge to re -- or the district to the west, the 710

1 district, would need a beachhead in northern Long Beach
2 to reach up to the rest of its population. And we would
3 need to look at taking population from the north end of
4 this district to compensate and moving it to the 710
5 district in order to compensate for the population that's
6 put back with the rest of Long Beach. So --

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Kennedy, I apologize.
8 It froze a little bit for me. I don't know if it froze
9 for everyone. No? So everyone got to hear fully what
10 Mr. Ke -- what Commissioner Kennedy said? Okay, awesome.
11 Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. And, Jaime, the
13 portion of northern Long Beach that I'm talking about
14 using as a bridge to get up to the rest of the 710
15 population is preferably exactly the same portion of
16 northern Long Beach that is not part of the main Long
17 Beach district at the assembly level. Thank you.

18 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner.

19 Commissioner Fernandez?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

21 I just -- I know we have -- this is the very first
22 one, so sorry about that, Jamie.

23 And this is probably more for you, David Becker.
24 The visualization right next to it to the left, which
25 also has a CVAP of 51.63, that is not a VRA

1 consideration, correct?

2 MR. BECKER: The areas in South L.A. around the
3 district that's South L.A., STHLA and SP710, those are
4 areas where we did not see consistently the third Gingles
5 precondition. But they are areas of significant minority
6 concentrations. And it's probably unlikely that -- it's
7 probably very likely that those districts will see
8 significant percentages like the type we're seeing right
9 here.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you for that.
11 And as Commissioner Kennedy mentioned, I would like to
12 see if it can be withdrawn or can be redrawn -- sorry,
13 not withdrawn -- to include as much of Long Beach as
14 possible, but of course still maintaining the VRA aspect
15 of it. Thank you.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

17 Commissioner Akutagawa?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Thank you, Chair.

19 I do have some thoughts on this. And I agree with
20 everybody else saying -- you know, trying as best as we
21 can to keep the majority of Long Beach whole if it's
22 possible. I know that there hasn't been presentations of
23 this part, but I just want to note that SHORELINE, which
24 is right next to the SP710, has a standard deviation of
25 4.68 percent. So we'll need to bring some of that down.

1 What I'm going to suggest is not going to bring it
2 down a lot. But I think there will be other additional
3 ripple effects that we'll be looking at. But I would
4 like to suggest that we move Lomita. I believe, in some
5 of the COI testimony that we received, Lomita feels --
6 there's -- that they have more of an affinity with those
7 harbored gateway cities, which is currently the 710, the
8 SP710 communities.

9 Also I'd like to suggest moving Lynwood into this
10 visualization as well too. We've also received testimony
11 that -- or I'm sorry. Moving Lynwood out of this
12 visualization and into the STHLA visualization and then
13 moving northward some portion of that STHLA -- I think
14 it's CANNDU where you see -- it says Florence-Graham. I
15 think that little block there -- I think that that's
16 either Zapata King or CANNDU neighborhood council. And I
17 think if you move that up, I think, according to just
18 generally what I looked at in terms of population
19 numbers, that might help offset some of the numbers that
20 you'll be losing from -- or that you'll need to
21 accommodate Lynwood. And then I think then maybe that
22 might help alleviate some of the numbers in terms of, you
23 know, creating space so that maybe all of that can be
24 redone.

25 Also, I think we're going to hear some testi -- some

1 direction in terms of what to do with Downey and Bell
2 Gardens and some of those gateway cities. So hopefully,
3 some of that direction will help. Thank you.

4 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Yee?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair.

6 Thank you, Jaime, for struggling with us with this
7 very complicated part of the state.

8 I wanted to echo the call to try to keep Long Beach
9 all together. I mean, the testimony has been so
10 extraordinary. Somebody in Long Beach needs to write a
11 book on community organizing. It's really been such a
12 united call for keeping the city together as much as
13 possible. So we'd like to do that.

14 I'm wondering, of course, about the VRA
15 implications. And I'm wondering if Mr. Becker or Jaime,
16 if you can say anything about the -- a little more
17 granularly about the distribution of the Latino CVAP
18 across north to south there and how it -- that would
19 change if we do unite Long Beach itself.

20 CHAIR LE MONS: Go ahead, Jaime.

21 MS. CLARK: So this area, the gateway cities, there
22 is a very high concentration of Latino CVAP. There is
23 significantly lower concentrations of Latino CVAP in the
24 Long Beach area, specifically sort of in southern Long
25 Beach. And again, just noting that the -- in this

1 visualization, Long Beach was split due to the direction
2 to keep the Compton and Inglewood areas together, which
3 then underpopulated this visualization, SP710. It's the
4 one that's showing up in green on your screens. And that
5 is what caused Long Beach to be split in this
6 visualization, LBNORTH.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Mr. Becker?

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Perfect. Thanks.

9 MR. BECKER: Yeah, I don't know if I have anything
10 to add to that. I mean, I think that there's, look,
11 there's a area of intensely concentrated population.
12 There's a lot of population in this area.

13 And the ripple effects are going to be intensely
14 felt no matter what there. And that could result in some
15 packing as well that we would -- that we should probably
16 be concerned about. So you know, at first glance, it
17 looks like these districts do actually a fairly good job
18 of keeping several COIs together and accommodating the
19 Voting Rights Act concerns and are -- some need a lot
20 more -- some need more adjustment than others with regard
21 to deviations.

22 That's going to be where some of these hard choices
23 are made. I think one of the biggest things to think
24 about right now is how do you depopulate the slightly
25 overpopulated ones? How do you uppopulate the ones

1 that need additional population here since we need to get
2 close to zero?

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Toledo?

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So I'm certainly sympathetic
5 to the voices of the Long Beach community. And I'm also
6 sympathetic to the COIs in the Compton, Inglewood, and
7 Culver City area, Watts as well. And so it seems like
8 there's this -- and I think the other -- the third aspect
9 is this Orange County line here too that we're trying not
10 to go into -- we've been trying not to go into Orange
11 County. And that's kind of limiting our options here if
12 we want to unify Long Beach and also protect the COIs
13 in the Compton and Inglewood area.

14 So we may want to give some flexibility around the
15 Orange County line if we are interested in -- I think.
16 And maybe it's a question for the line drawers. Would
17 that help in -- would having some flexibility with Orange
18 County help in potentially unifying Long Beach and
19 protecting the VRA interests up here? Thank you.

20 CHAIR LE MONS: Jaime?

21 MS. CLARK: Would you like for me to respond, Chair
22 Le Mons?

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Yes. Yes, please.

24 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

25 Thank you so much, Commissioner Toledo.

1 Last week I received direction to remove Los
2 Alamitos and Rossmoor from this visualization. And
3 additionally, I just would add that those communities
4 have less Latino CVAP than some of the other areas that
5 we're looking at here. And so I'll certainly look at
6 potentially moving them in and whether or not that would
7 work for this particular visualization, I think -- and
8 part could depend on additional direction I might receive
9 down the line when we're looking at other visualizations.

10 And thank you so much. I appreciate that.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

12 Commissioner Akutagawa?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you, Jaime.

14 I know that it's like a Jenga game, right. I mean,
15 we're taking out pieces, putting in pieces. I -- you
16 know, this process is such that we're giving directions
17 at -- to see what it's going to look like. And then we
18 realize okay, it didn't really quite work like what we
19 thought it was going to work.

20 I realize that both in terms of the SP710 and this
21 LBNORTH and the STHLA and the SHORELINE, they are all
22 pretty interconnected together. I know we've also
23 received quite a bit of COI testimony about Gardena, and
24 in particular that Gardena could be split. I think it
25 was the --

1 MS. CLARK: Gardena is split in this visualization.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, I see. Okay. So it's
3 split at the location. I thought that was the entirety
4 of Gardena in the SHORELINE. So that is split at the COI
5 input request?

6 MS. CLARK: Yes, it's split at Rosecrans, which is
7 north of Marine. That's generally the area that we
8 receive COI test -- we receive COI testimony that there's
9 a COI south of Marine, that -- and the line is just north
10 of Marine --

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

12 MS. CLARK: -- if that makes sense. And then
13 additionally, other COI testimony grouping the sort of
14 very northwest corner of Gardena with Hawthorne and other
15 areas to the north. And both of those COIs are respected
16 in this visualization.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Okay. I was hoping
18 that maybe that might be a place where we could move some
19 additional population into the South L.A. out of the
20 SHORELINE. I'm also going to give direction. West
21 Rancho Dominguez, which is in -- I think it's in the
22 South L.A. visualization right now. I was also going to
23 give direction to move that into the SP710.

24 I think what -- where I'm trying to go is, you know,
25 we've talked about north-south in certain areas. In this

1 particular case, I think, to the point that was made,
2 L.A. being so packed, the north-south in this particular
3 case, you know, it's the same struggle we're having in
4 other places like the Central Valley. Those gateway
5 cities and Long Beach don't necessarily mix and that
6 they're in some ways cutting off communities that they
7 have more of an affinity with -- in terms of like
8 Montebello, Pico Rivera, and, you know, Santa Fe Springs,
9 and Norwalk, and some of those areas. So I -- that's
10 where I'm trying to go with this and to see, little by
11 little, how we can create something that creates some
12 balance in this particular area. Thank you, Jaime.

13 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Turner?

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

15 I wanted to go back to the LBNORTH. Yep, right
16 there. And I believe it was Commissioner Toledo that
17 talked about, perhaps, going back to -- into Orange
18 County. We have received a lot of testimony as well
19 about including Seal Beach with Long Beach and maybe even
20 into the Huntington Beach area. So I'd like to have you
21 look at combining Seal Beach with Long Beach and portions
22 as needed of Huntington area. Thank you.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani?

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think a lot of --
25 some of my comments have already been said. So I agree

1 with -- I don't know who said it at this point -- those
2 northern cities, Vernon, Commerce, Bell Gardens, Downey,
3 et cetera, that's really stemming out of East L.A. I
4 could see them all going back with the 710 if need be.

5 But I'm seeing we're already overpopulated there.
6 So I think there's a couple options here. Certainly, I
7 want to respect the communities of interest that we have
8 heard loud and clear from in Long Beach to keep Long
9 Beach as tied together as possible.

10 I think we had a letter even just this morning from
11 a group pointing out if we were to cut, how to cut in
12 such a way that preserves much of those communities. I
13 think that's what was lifted by Commissioner Kennedy
14 already. So definitely want to try and preserve that.

15 And I very much would support and be interested in
16 taking a look at, as we're starting to cut, having that
17 port -- that central portion of Long Beach connecting
18 down into Seal Beach, and as Commissioner Turner
19 mentioned, if need be, all the way down into parts of
20 Huntington if we have to. I know we are -- we're getting
21 a whole lot of testimony from this region. But as much
22 as we have attempted to maintain that at OCLA border,
23 there are places where we're going to have end up
24 crossing it. And I think we're at that point where we're
25 going to have to start feeling comfortable with that

1 potentially. Thank you.

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

3 Commissioner Toledo, did you have another comment?

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I don't. Thank you.

5 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Jaime, continue.

6 MS. CLARK: So moving on to page 50, please. This
7 visualization is just sort of south of the 60 corridor.
8 It's a negative 2.07 percent deviation. It includes
9 Montebello, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, La
10 Mirada, the Whittiers, including Whittier, the City of
11 Whittier, La Habra, La Habra Heights, Hacienda Heights,
12 Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar, and Walnut and including
13 the very easternmost area of the City of Industry. This
14 again is a negative 2.07 percent deviation. It's on page
15 50 of the handout.

16 MR. BECKER: I'll just add comments about this. And
17 the district above it, the CDCOV. Both slightly
18 underpopulated. Both keeping in mind on the -- keep an
19 eye on that as you move the per -- the Latino
20 concentrations in these currently appear to quite nicely
21 accommodate the Voting Rights Act considerations that
22 we're seeing.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I want to -- I
25 understand what we're trying to do here. I do want to

1 just say that the communities of Hacienda Heights,
2 Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar, Walnut are very different
3 from the communities of Pico Rivera, Montebello, Santa Fe
4 Springs, Norwalk, in particular, including parts of
5 Whittier as well too. And so I think we've also seen COI
6 testimony that spoke to Downey, Norwalk, Santa Fe
7 Springs, Pico Rivera wanting to also be together too.

8 And I think that that would also preserve, as this
9 is a potential VRA district, it could still honor,
10 because it's all in the yellow -- I'm just going by that.
11 I think it could still preserve the intents of what we
12 need to meet our -- in terms of our obligations to the
13 VRA. Thank you. And if I need to give direction, then I
14 would like to remove those -- that portion and see how we
15 can relook at that portion.

16 MS. CLARK: -- so much. Next we're please going to
17 look at page 52 of the handout. This visualization is
18 called CDCOV. Again, it's page 52 of the handout.

19 This includes South Almonte, Almonte, North Almonte,
20 southern parts of the City of Monrovia. And it includes
21 Bradbury, Duarte, Azusa, Irwindale, Baldwin Park, West
22 Puente Valley, La Puente, western areas of the City of
23 Industry, South San Jose Hills, Covina, West Covina, San
24 Dimas, La Verne, Citrus, Azusa, and areas in Glendora
25 that are south of 210.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa, did you have
2 something to add?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I -- well, since -- I
4 didn't mean to, but I -- since we're here and you asked,
5 I will.

6 I also want to just note that in terms of
7 commonalities of communities, San Dimas and La Verne are
8 different from the West Covina, Covina, Baldwin Park, La
9 Puente area communities again, and very different from
10 Almonte and South Almonte. Again, I would like to give
11 direction to relook at this. I think potentially
12 Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Walnut, Diamond Bar,
13 if we are not going to cross over into Orange County or
14 into San Bernardino, they may be better combined with San
15 Dimas and La Verne versus the current mix that exists
16 right now. Thank you.

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Vazquez?

18 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, that was actually going
19 to be some of my point. So I would like, from this CDCOV
20 visualization, to remove La Ver -- all of La Verne, all
21 of San Dimas, and see -- and potentially even Charter
22 Oak, potentially Citrus depending on populations. And I
23 would really like to see if we could get Rosemead,
24 Alhambra, and Monterey Park in this visualization, not
25 San -- not San Gabriel, not South Pass, not San Marino.

1 That would be where I'd start. There may be more
2 with live line drawing. But I'd like to see where
3 population -- where that get -- that shift back west gets
4 us. Thank you.

5 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Toledo?

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, I'm just a little
7 concerned about -- these are areas where we have a
8 negative deviation where we have to add people. And we
9 are taking out of communities and -- or we're potentially
10 giving direction to take out when we actually need to
11 add. So the -- I -- and I did hear Commissioner Vazquez
12 add to -- making some suggestions to -- suggestions of
13 places where we can eventually add folks.

14 But we're also suggesting to taking out population
15 as well. So it -- I'm hoping we'll be able to give
16 direction to get -- try to get to -- as close to zero
17 deviation as possible and to give discretion to the line
18 drawers to -- to do so in a way that maintains the CVAP
19 where it is. Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Can I respond? Yes. I'm
21 sorry. The -- my -- in my head and I did not verbalize.
22 And I should have.

23 I'd like to see the deviation get as close to zero.
24 And I do think even though I'm -- my direction asks to
25 remove a bunch from the west, my hope is that we can add

1 more population -- or sorry -- remove population from the
2 east. My hope is that we would add much more from the
3 west side of this visualization where it's currently
4 green. I think those communities, again particularly
5 Alhambra, Rosemead, Monterey Park, have more in common
6 with Almonte, South Almonte, and even up through Covina
7 than San Dimas, La Verne, and Glendora.

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Mr. Becker?

9 MR. BECKER: Yeah, I'm going to channel Commissioner
10 Toledo here for a second. The -- I just want to note
11 that even with that instruction -- and that's a perfectly
12 fine instruction -- the green district that we're looking
13 at is also underpopulated. So we're talking about --
14 what I'd advise, as we're trying to get to the draft map
15 finalization next week, is for these congressional
16 districts, the first thing, because it's the first
17 criteria on your mind when you're giving advice, is if
18 you see a positive number, removing population, if you
19 see a negative number, adding population. And then
20 secondary concerns come in later with regard to those
21 populations. So I think you'll be much happier with
22 where we are close to the finish line if we get these
23 much closer to zero deviation.

24 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thank you. I mean, that's a
25 good flag. I mean, in my head --

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Commis --

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sorry.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Go ahead, Commissioner.

4 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sorry. I was just going to
5 say I mean, all those places I asked to be removed make
6 much more sense to be added to the green. So it -- my
7 direction, I think, is a net shifting, hopefully, again
8 based on populations. I just -- I don't think the lines
9 as currently drawn group all of the COIs in this area as
10 well as they could be.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I want to piggyback
13 on what Commissioner Vazquez is saying. I would agree.
14 I would also add San Gabriel to that mix. I think we
15 could leave out San Marino and Arcadia, although there
16 are some significant Asian COIs that I think we've gotten
17 inputs on, but in terms of balancing the population
18 numbers, I think Alhambra, Monterey Park, Rosemead,
19 Temple City, and San Gabriel all share fairly similar
20 profiles.

21 With that said, you know, the other option on this
22 one is to also dip in and grab Montebello as well too
23 from -- to this. I would also suggest removing Azusa. I
24 know, Commissioner Vazquez, you said that Azusa shares a
25 similar profile, but I think they -- I believe, given

1 that they're a foothill community also, that again, to
2 make room for these additional cities, it may be best to
3 move Azusa and possibly even, you know, portions of
4 Duarte and putting them into more of a foothill community
5 district or visualization. Thank you.

6 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani?

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I'm a little at a
8 loss here. I mean, what I'm hearing is massive changes
9 to the architecture of this map. I disagree with that.

10 I'm not sure what commissioners mean exactly when
11 they say this area doesn't go with that one. The -- as
12 I'm seeing it, the architecture we're looking at is very
13 reflective of communities of interest testimony. And if
14 there's other testimony that I'm unaware of, please let
15 me know. But you know, I see this as very reflective of
16 much of the testimony that we've received from a whole
17 host of different communities of interest talking about
18 working-class communities, varying socioeconomic levels.

19 Are there improvements to be made? Sure, maybe
20 marginally. But I mean, I'm really concerned about swap
21 this, swap that, this isn't right. Like before we get to
22 a draft map next week, that's going to be a whole lot of
23 changes throughout this entire region.

24 You know, that's -- the green area, San Gabriel and
25 upward, is reflective of AAPI COIs that we received as

1 well as environmental COIs that we had received. These
2 are obviously bright yellow districts. So these are VRA
3 districts. So when we're talking about like completely
4 overhauling them by taking out large portions, I'm really
5 concerned about that.

6 In terms of the population deviation, some general
7 thoughts for me, you know, as we go down into the Rowland
8 Heights area, you know, we're in a negative 2.0. Pulling
9 down possibly into Orange County could make sense.
10 Pulling in City of Industry possibly makes sense. I
11 don't think City of Industry has a very large population.
12 It's predominately industrial.

13 MS. CLARK: I apologize --

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, yeah, no, go ahead.

15 MS. CLARK: -- to interrupt you. Just really quick
16 talking about that split, it does touch Pomona here. So
17 not splitting City of Industry would mean needing to
18 include Walnut. And that's the reason for which Industry
19 is split. And I apologize for interrupting you.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No, no, no. That's totally
21 fine. That's really helpful. That's really helpful.

22 I mean, I'd also be curious about -- I mean, the
23 district right next to it that includes all of Pomona is
24 at zero population, which is phenomenal. But one of my
25 thoughts was also, you know, could we slice into portions

1 of Pomona to calibrate out the population deviations as
2 we continue to move forward? Thank you.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Vazquez?

4 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I appreciate the
5 concern of massive changes to the architecture. And I
6 don't think we've actually -- I may have missed it. I
7 know we've had community of interest testimony around
8 sort of subclusters of these cities.

9 But I don't know that I've heard folks from La Verne
10 saying that they feel, you know, really close to West
11 Covina as compared to, you know, this -- I very much see
12 of -- again, like our -- many of our other maps have
13 reflected a foothill-ish district. And to me, Alhambra,
14 Rosemead, and Monterey Park again, even San Gabriel, just
15 make more sense from a community affiliation point of
16 view than La Verne, San Dimas, Charter Oak, et cetera.

17 I think we've only seen that maybe in one -- that
18 first initial foothill visualization, in one of these
19 visualizations. But I don't think previously we've had
20 an opportunity to endorse this La Verne, San Dimas
21 affiliation with the rest of the San Gabriel Valley. And
22 that, for me, is something that just doesn't make sense
23 from a community of interest standpoint.

24 And I'm not overly concerned. I do -- especially,
25 La Verne. There's a portion of Bonita that I think is

1 probably high population Latino CVAP. But La Verne and
2 San Dimas, ethnically and community-wise, very different
3 from Alhambra, Monterey Park, and Rosemead, et cetera.
4 So I'm -- I feel like there's absolutely a path to
5 maintain our CVAP numbers for the most part and not put
6 us in a tricky area while keeping together the
7 communities of interest in this congressional
8 visualization.

9 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I'm with Commissioner
11 Vazquez on this too. The San Gabriel Valley,
12 particularly San Gabriel, Alhambra, Monterey Park,
13 Rosemead, Temple City, has a very diverse population base
14 of different folks. And I think that from a community of
15 interest, we have seen community of interest testimony
16 that does speak to that more San Gabriel Valley, less so
17 with the northern foothill communities.

18 I think there is -- I also agree I think there is a
19 way to preserve the VRA aspects of these communities with
20 the communities that are being discussed. I think also
21 if need be, yes, move into Orange County. And I think
22 it's -- Pomona is, I think, still L.A. County. But also,
23 we got significant COI testimony about keeping Whittier
24 together with -- or I saw COI testimony about Whittier,
25 South Whittier, Sante Fe Springs, Pico Rivera,

1 Montebello, Downey, and Norwalk also having shared
2 communities of interest testimony as well too.

3 And so I think there is ways in which this puzzle
4 piece with this particular region is still going to honor
5 the very implications of the district that we're seeing
6 here in the yellow, but also still being able to
7 incorporate in communities that share similar profiles.
8 But I would not -- I mean, I think -- I would look again,
9 but I don't think Almonte and La Verne share, you know,
10 similar profiles. Thank you.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Does the line drawers feel like they
12 have the direction necessary to accomplish what has
13 amounted to a pretty robust discussion about this
14 particular visualization, Jaime?

15 MS. CLARK: Actually, thank you so much, Chair Le
16 Mons. I do have some clarifying questions.

17 Some of this gets back to a question I asked last
18 week, which is fundamentally does the Commission prefer
19 districts in San Gabriel Valley to be more east-west or
20 to be more north-south? Additionally, the direction that
21 I just received concerning the Downey, Bell Flower area,
22 really very happy to explore all of this. And I think
23 that in some ways that kind of gets back to this South
24 L.A.-based district.

25 And I think that there's some -- yeah, I think that

1 that's also a question of priority for the Commission.
2 This visualization, the way that sort of this whole --
3 I'm going to zoom out the map for a little bit. And the
4 way that this whole area in Los Angeles County is -- the
5 architecture of it, as Karin says -- the architecture of
6 it is really very intertwined. And changing some of
7 these areas would also, you know, create more of a
8 visualization like we had last week with Carson and
9 Compton together, for example.

10 So I think that -- I thank the Commission for this
11 discussion. And I think that there's some overarching
12 just architecture questions that are coming up right now
13 that to be able to create visualizations for next week
14 that are responsive to your direction, there -- I think
15 that -- yeah, I just need some more like big-picture
16 answers, I guess -- or big-picture direction please.

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. So I'm going to ask
18 commissioners to keep that in mind with the direction. I
19 do feel like we are kind of two trains running today in
20 terms of we had a really important discussion about the
21 importance of having the direction be more big picture
22 right now. And some of the granular stuff can get worked
23 out in line drawing and at another stage. So keep that
24 in mind and maybe not have the direction be as granular
25 at this point that's going to set off a domino effect

1 that, you know, usurps a lot of the work that's there.
2 There may be an opportunity -- or I won't say maybe.
3 There will be an opportunity to get a little bit more
4 granular with some of these directions.

5 So I'll just invite you to try to -- we want to
6 cause less confusion. And we have the 10th as our
7 deadline as well. So we want to keep all that in mind.
8 And that's not to say that, you know, there's no judgment
9 on any of the feedback. I do think it's different types
10 of direction that's being given at this point.

11 Commissioner Vazquez?

12 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes, thank you.

13 And appreciate, Jaime, you pushing on this question.
14 I know you've asked it before. And I appreciate your
15 patience with us because it's really hard to keep in mind
16 all of the maps of the same area, whereas you are soaked
17 in this area, I'm sure, way more than you want to be.

18 That being said, my answer to your question, I do
19 think, particularly for the San Gabriel Valley and the
20 mountains, that an east-west orientation makes more sense
21 just given communities of interest do follow those
22 freeways of the 210, the -- or three freeways really, the
23 210, the 10, and the 60, which run east-west. And you've
24 heard my feedback about how I think that can be
25 accomplished in that area. Thank you.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I would agree on the
3 east-west orientation. And I want to just speak to the
4 two freeways that I believe intersect the San Gabriel
5 Valley that are most often traveled by individuals in
6 these communities, the 10 freeway to the north and then
7 the 60 freeway to the south. Those are the areas that
8 really I think define the transportation corridors of the
9 San Gabriel Valley.

10 I also want to just remind us that we also had a
11 really good conversation around northeast L.A. and also
12 making sure that we're getting that right. And so I
13 think that same conversation in some ways also applies
14 here. I do know that the VRA district that is in yellow
15 is one that we have to really grapple with. But I just
16 want to remind us also of that northeast L.A. section as
17 well too. Thank you.

18 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'll just reup. I don't see
20 significant changes to this area that need to be made
21 beyond population deviation changes. I think where we're
22 looking at bigger changes is that Long Beach area as
23 we've already had that conversation, and pulling more of
24 Long Beach together, pulling out some of those green
25 areas -- what am I looking at? Oh, sorry. No, no, no,

1 no. Coming down Vernon, et cetera, back into the Harbor
2 Gateway region so that Long Beach can maintain its
3 whole -- to me, if we're making big architectural changes
4 between now and Sunday, that's where I would want to see
5 the priority being put is making -- keeping that Long
6 Beach further intact as possible.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Mr. Becker?

8 MR. BECKER: I just want to remind everyone of
9 something I said yesterday. These are -- with regard to
10 the senate districts, these are humongous districts.
11 These are 760,000 people each. All parts of the district
12 are not going to be uniform. They're not going to be
13 monolithic. It is impossible, especially in a place as
14 diverse and complex as Los Angeles, to not include
15 disparate areas, areas that might have different
16 interests with regard to communities within districts
17 this large. And that's entirely normal. That's true of
18 all 435 house districts in the United States.

19 So just keep that in mind because if -- right now,
20 the -- you know, I'll stress again the number one issue
21 is the deviations. That is the number one thing keeping
22 you from getting to a point where you're closer to the
23 finish line. And there are -- you know, if you look at
24 the area around the bay and the coastline, those tend to
25 be overpopulated. And the areas inland that we're

1 looking at right now tend to -- have tended to be a
2 little bit underpopulated.

3 So there are some ripple effects that are going to
4 have to take place there to get these close to zero
5 percent. And I can just tell you this is -- I'm going
6 to keep being a broken record on this. Getting to close
7 to zero percent deviation is extremely hard. And you
8 want to get as close there as you can because at the time
9 you're starting to make the hard decisions and moving
10 certain blocks in and out, that gets really difficult.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

12 Commissioner Akutagawa?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I want to ask a
14 question, Mr. Becker. So on this STH60 visualization
15 that includes Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Diamond
16 Bar, and I believe Walnut, we've gotten quite a bit of
17 testimony from the Asian AAPI community as that being an
18 Asian COI. I'm curious because it is in a VRA district,
19 it -- I guess I -- hearing what you're saying, I guess
20 I'm just trying to balance out like how that might work
21 towards the VRA. But I'll just stop there.

22 MR. BECKER: Well, I'll remind you there are no
23 areas of California where the Asian community is large
24 enough and geographically compact enough to form a
25 majority of a congressional district, which are very,

1 very large. So the first Gingles precondition is not met
2 with regard to the Asian community on the congressional
3 maps. So there are certainly communities of interest
4 that should be considered and kept together. They will
5 likely be included with other communities of interest
6 that might be slightly different. That's going to be
7 normal in districts of this size.

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Vazquez?

9 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes, thank you.

10 I just really -- I feel like I can't emphasize
11 enough that I -- while I understand and hear and respect
12 that we're going to have to sort of create large
13 districts that are contained within them contradictions
14 and disparities, and I -- for me -- you know, in some
15 ways, I guess I -- maybe I can be a bit more full-
16 disclosure, like I feel a really strong affinity to the
17 San Gabriel Valley. I went to school in La Verne. And I
18 spent two years working for the school board association
19 without an office. My office was my car.

20 And I represented all of the San Gabriel Valley, the
21 mountains, and even up through La Canada Flintridge,
22 those school districts. So I was at their school board
23 meetings. I listened to their kids. I had lunches and
24 coffees with those school board members from all over
25 this region. And so I feel like I have just a lot of

1 knowledge and respect for all of these communities within
2 sort of the area that we're looking at. And for me, it
3 just -- it feels -- I don't know that the communities of
4 Monterey Park, Rosemead, Alhambra, again even San
5 Gabriel, maybe Temple City have the same interests. And
6 in fact that I would say they have pretty varied
7 interests from the higher income foothill communities
8 that they're currently districted in.

9 You know, Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia,
10 Glendora, Claremont, those parts of Upland even, those
11 are, to me, too disparate when there's an opportunity and
12 we have other visualizations that have those communities
13 districted in with their working-class neighbors to the
14 east. And so this piece feels really important to me to
15 get right. And I -- while again, I agree that we should
16 try to get the final architecture where we want it, for
17 me, this is not where I want it. I would like to see
18 something that is more comprehensive of what I view as
19 the San Gabriel Valley.

20 CHAIR LE MONS: Jaime?

21 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Thank you all so much for
22 this direction. This is definitely something that I am
23 happy to look at, make -- you know, and will not present
24 anything that -- yeah, I'm happy to take a look at this.
25 And we'll come back next week with my best effort to keep

1 these communities whole that the Commission is speaking
2 on. And I think moving forward, I do understand the
3 general more zoomed-out direction in this area. And
4 again, I will just do my best to implement the wishes of
5 the Commission.

6 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Jaime.

7 Commissioner Sadhwani?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I -- thank you, Jaime.
9 I really appreciate that.

10 And I appreciate, Commissioner Vazquez, all of
11 your -- you know, your personal experience and personal
12 connection to this area. And I hear you. And I do get
13 it. Like I get it. Like there are neighborhoods that
14 are tied to each other in very different ways.

15 At the same time, however, I think very similar to,
16 you know, the conversations even further north when we're
17 talking about connecting Fresno and Bakersfield, you
18 know, and we have folks saying, hey, we don't -- we're
19 different, you know, keep us apart. And yet at the same
20 time, when we look at all of the other factors that we're
21 trying to weigh here, sometimes we're going to have to
22 have communities in these very large humongous districts,
23 as Mr. Becker identified, like sometimes they will have
24 to connect together.

25 You know, and the good news is, you know, while we

1 need to get close to something finished for November
2 10th, we're going to have another chance to come back
3 and rework this. So I just wanted to uplift that. But I
4 feel like we're under some pressure now because that
5 November 10th deadline for us is -- it's looming.

6 And so I'm really concerned about trying to put onto
7 the line drawers like major architectural shifts at this
8 point. But it's not going to be our last pass. And
9 we'll have additional opportunities to think about these
10 pieces. So thank you. And thank you --

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I want to just go on
13 the record and just say that I am in complete agreement
14 with Commissioner Vazquez. I mean, my father lives in
15 Rosemead. He is not wealthy. He is on a fixed Social
16 Security income very similar to many others in that
17 community that share communities of interest with
18 communities like Almonte, Baldwin Park.

19 I think it's not maybe as -- quite as drastic of a
20 change. I think some of these foothill communities,
21 wealthier communities like South Pasadena, Pasadena,
22 Altadena, La Canada Flintridge, Sierra Madre, Monrovia,
23 Arcadia, you know, along those -- those could be
24 together. I understand that this is going to be a very
25 large district. And so if it goes east-west and then

1 goes a little bit south, I think we can create a district
2 that is both -- achieves that zero deviation and still
3 also honors the different COIs that we do have in these
4 districts, some which, you know, may not make complete
5 sense.

6 You know, if, let's say, you know, Hacienda Heights,
7 Rowland Heights, and Diamond Bar, and Walnut stays in
8 with Pico Rivera and Whittier, but you know, also keeping
9 in mind that there's COI testimony for Downey and Norwalk
10 to be in that, you know, maybe relooking at Long Beach.
11 But maybe all of Long Beach is not going to be together
12 too. I think that's the other kind of sacred cow that we
13 have to be willing to, you know, break some eggs on.
14 It's not what Long Beach wants. It's not like what we
15 had asked for either. I think we wanted to try to honor
16 that as best as we could.

17 But what I'm hearing is that because these are large
18 districts, there are going to be, you know, different
19 areas. But we can't say that any one place is going to
20 be kept, you know, whole at all times. So I'm trying to
21 just make sense of this. And perhaps, again, splitting
22 it in that east-west kind of direction that groups
23 together similar communities with other similar
24 communities along the foothills. Thank you.

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you for that.

1 I just want to say that it sounds like the line
2 drawers have the direction. They can synthesize the
3 information. So I'd like to move beyond this discussion.
4 We have a lot more territory to cover. So if you have
5 something new to add to this discussion, I don't want to
6 shut that down, but we don't need anybody else to echo --
7 to back anybody else's position at this point. I'd like
8 to move forward.

9 Mr. Becker, is your hand up? Well, your hand is up.
10 Did you want to speak? Okay.

11 All right. Jaime, let's move on please.

12 MS. CLARK: We are going to start north. We're
13 going to start in the northernmost area of the county of
14 Los Angeles if everybody could please join me on page 41.

15 This visualization, again page 41 of the handout,
16 includes all of Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita Valley,
17 and additionally a little bit of San Fernando Valley.
18 For population, I'm going to zoom in to this area. It is
19 Porter Ranch and Granada Hills North. These are areas
20 that have identified as potentially, you know, fitting
21 with the Santa Clarita Valley. And additionally I've
22 gotten some Commission direction to include those areas
23 with Santa Clarita. They're there for population right
24 now. And the percent deviation of this visualization is
25 .08 percent.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Fernandez?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you. Thank you,
3 Chair.

4 Actually, I just wanted to do a brief comment based
5 on the prior conversation -- is I just wanted to remind
6 everyone that at our visualizations last week, we did not
7 completely go over everything because we started to
8 change the whole architecture of the maps. So in a
9 sense, these -- this might be the first time we're really
10 drilling down to it. And even if we're not, I don't see
11 what -- I don't mind having major architectural changes.

12 I realize that some may be uncomfortable with that
13 at this point. But I also know that once you get to live
14 line drawing, that's super slow. So if we're going to
15 make a major change, I'd prefer to do it now before we
16 start getting into line -- live line drawing.

17 And I also don't want to stunt any of the comments
18 from my fellow commissioners thinking that they can't
19 give their input right now. So that's all I wanted to
20 say. Thank you.

21 CHAIR LE MONS: I hope you don't think that -- this
22 is Commissioner Le Mons. I hope you -- I hope none of
23 the commissioners feel like you are stunted. I'm
24 inviting your comments. But there is a point where, if
25 we're communicating direction to the line drawer and they

1 have what they need and I've checked in with them, I will
2 move the conversation forward.

3 We have to balance between long robust comments that
4 are repetitive and the time that we need to get this
5 completed. And we have a very, very tight timeline to
6 get this project done. So I'm asking all the
7 commissioners, you know, you can -- really want to get a
8 point in there, but if the point has been made and has
9 been received, then please try to accept that it has been
10 made and received, even if you weren't the person to
11 deliver it. So that's what I'm trying to balance here.

12 Commissioner Ahmad?

13 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair.

14 Maybe it's just my eyes. But on this visualization,
15 AVSCV, the screen is showing .08 as a deviation, but the
16 handout is showing .04. I just wanted to bring that to
17 your attention and ask which one is the correct one.

18 MS. CLARK: --so much. Yeah, this is the correct
19 one. The one on the map is the correct one. Because
20 this is just -- since last week, we've had, you know, one
21 day to -- one and a half days to draw lines and then one
22 more day to get out all these visualizations, my guess is
23 that there was a slight computational error with the
24 person who was creating the visualizations. And the
25 correct percent deviation is on the map itself. And

1 thank you so much for that question.

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thanks for that clarification.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay, Jaime, you can continue.

4 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much.

5 Next, page 42 please. This visualization is based
6 in the San Fernando Valley. It includes Sylmar, the City
7 of San Fernando, Pacoima, Foothill Trails district, Sun
8 Valley area, Mission Hills, Arleta, North Hills, Panorama
9 City, North Hollywood, Greater Valley Glen areas, Van
10 Nuys, again this P-O-S-O, Poso, neighborhood area is not
11 included in this visualization, Lake Balboa and Reseda.
12 And this is a percent deviation of negative 1.24 percent.

13 And next, moving on to page 43 please, this
14 visualization is negative 1.17 percent deviation. The
15 change from last time is that Calabasas is no longer
16 included in this visualization as Tamina pointed out to
17 you just before I presented. This includes Chatsworth,
18 Northridge, West Hills, Woodland Hills, Hidden Hills,
19 Bell Canyon, Tarzana, Encino, Sherman Oaks, the Poso
20 neighborhood, Studio City, areas in North Hollywood, also
21 including Palisades all the way to Santa Monica, City of
22 Topanga, and Malibu. And this is a negative 1.17 percent
23 deviation.

24 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I did read that for

1 this particular visualization -- or not this specific
2 one -- but in the testimony from Equality California and
3 other members of the LGBTQ community, they did speak to
4 there being an LGBTQ plus COI as well as other area --
5 individuals, I guess residents in the area, spoke about
6 Santa Monica, Tapanga, and Malibu being intertwined
7 together. I know that the SHORELINE visualization is
8 over by 4.6 percent. And this particular one is under by
9 1.21 percent.

10 Jaime, perhaps, we can look at splitting Santa
11 Monica. I know it's not all of Santa Monica, but either
12 splitting or perhaps moving all of Santa Monica into this
13 visualization. I know it'll take the standard deviation
14 up a little bit. But then maybe during line drawing, we
15 can make little adjustments to the valley section of this
16 particular visualization so that more of the valley can
17 go back into the valley. Thank you.

18 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. You can continue, Jaime.

19 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much.

20 Next, moving on to page 44, this is the SHORELINE
21 visualization. It includes Westwood and Westside
22 Neighborhood Councils, Del Mar, Santa Monica, Marina del
23 Rey. Excuse me. It in -- it does not include LAX per
24 Commission direction, additionally including El Segundo,
25 Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Gardena south

1 of Rosencrans, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills areas.

2 This is a percent deviation of 4.72 percent.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: You can continue, Jaime.

4 MS. CLARK: And thank you so much.

5 Moving on to page 45 please.

6 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa, your hand is
7 still raised. Is that from before? Okay, thank you.

8 MS. CLARK: This visualization includes Sunland-
9 Tujunga, not quite sure how to pronounce it, Glendale, La
10 Crescenta, La Canada Flintridge, the very western part of
11 Pasadena -- Pasadena is split in this visualization --
12 Eagle Rock, Glassel Park -- the northern part of Glassell
13 Park, Silver Lake area, Hollywood Hills, Mid City
14 Neighborhood Council, West Hollywood Beverly Hills, and
15 Bel Air per Commission direction.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I want to also note
18 that there was again from the LGBTQ community, there's a
19 pretty significant COI in this particular area. Again, I
20 want to just note that I know it's a little odd, but
21 Beverly Hills with this particular COI seems not seeming
22 to be together.

23 I also want to note that as we just talked about the
24 San Gabriel Valley, if that, that CDWSGV, if that were to
25 be created as more of a -- just a foothills communities

1 kind of COI or visualization, perhaps La Crescenta
2 Montrose, La Canada Flintridge could be moved out of this
3 GLEN2BA visualization. That may also help increase the
4 numbers for the CDWSGV so that that could get to zero
5 percent, perhaps also pulling in a little bit of the
6 Malibu, San Fernando Valley visualization. If you move
7 all of Santa Monica into it, maybe the North Hollywood,
8 you know, Studio City, great Toluca Lake could be pulled
9 into this to achieve a zero percent deviation, and
10 whether or not it makes sense to move Beverly Hills to
11 the SHORELINE so that they'll be with other similar
12 communities. Thank you.

13 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much.

14 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani?

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, going back, I mean,
16 these are all areas that are kind of connected. Going
17 back up to that Antelope Valley district, I think it was
18 in pink, I'm pretty sure -- is that -- can we take a look
19 at the terrain layer there? I think we've received some
20 testimony about those two little northern bits of the San
21 Fernando Valley, that they're -- that there's -- yeah,
22 that they're separated by a mountain range or some
23 mountains. Yeah, the Porter Ranch, Stevenson Ranch.

24 I think what the testimony had suggested is if
25 possible, swapping Grenada Hills, Porter Ranch, Stevenson

1 Ranch for Sylmar, Pacoima, I believe. And perhaps, if
2 anyone on staff could double-check that testimony that
3 has come in, I would definitely want that to be evidence-
4 based if we were to make that switch.

5 But I would be curious about populations and if that
6 would work or not and what the longer ripple effects
7 would be. I agree, actually, with -- and that could
8 possibly even go into Sunland-Tujunga. I do agree with
9 Commissioner Akutagawa on this. The Sunland-Tujunga
10 linking all the way to Beverly Hills -- Sunland-Tujunga
11 has almost a rural sort of feel to it like an
12 urban/rural. I'm not sure exactly how they would qualify
13 themselves. But certainly, you get like horses and
14 things out in that area, whereas, you know, going into
15 West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, definitely more of an
16 urban area. So those -- I could certainly see the case
17 for splitting up those regions.

18 I think the Sunland-Tujunga piece could go in other
19 areas along with, as she mentioned, La Crescenta-
20 Montrose, La Canada, whether that's in a foothill,
21 whether that's towards Santa Clarita possibly, although I
22 really like where we're going with the Antelope Valley in
23 general. But I -- yeah, if we could -- I don't know if
24 that's already been explored. I feel like it was
25 mentioned previously, swapping Porter Ranch for Sylmar

1 and Pacoima.

2 But I don't know if you remember, Jaime, if you had
3 looked at that.

4 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much for that direction.
5 I -- just because of in this plan and in senate, there
6 were really big changes, I didn't have time to look at
7 that. I do know that this area, Grenada Hills, Porter
8 Ranch, is about 50,000 people. And I will look to do a
9 switcheroo in this area that makes sense and aligns with
10 the wishes of the Commission and testimony that we've
11 received from the public.

12 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Jaime.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

14 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa, is your hand
15 raised from --

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I also wanted to just
17 note that Bel Air is also in this same visualization. So
18 you have two uber wealthy areas in this visualization
19 along with, as Commissioner Sadhwani had pointed out,
20 kind of more rural -- I'm not saying that they're not
21 wealthy either, but a definite difference in terms of
22 urban versus ex-urban even.

23 MS. CLARK: Yeah, if I could ask a follow-up
24 question to that actually. Last week I was asked to move
25 Bel Air into this visualization. And so I'm just

1 wondering if not here, then where?

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, that was asked to be
4 moved there because we would -- it was originally up in
5 the valley. And that wasn't making sense. So we needed
6 to move it down. It can go with the west, you know, the
7 west end of Los Angeles or -- yeah, I mean, it would go
8 kind of with the west end -- better with the west side of
9 Los Angeles. It's kind of in the middle. But they
10 even -- at one point, I think, we got a COI asking to be
11 with the west.

12 I was raising my hand just -- on GLEN2BA, we did
13 receive input that Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena share
14 custody of the airport as well as others. I don't know
15 how important that is. But I did want to -- since we're
16 looking at, you know, how do we move things around a
17 little bit, so Glendale -- Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena
18 have been mentioned. And other COIs have mentioned
19 Pasadena and Altadena. So there's kind of that corner
20 there. If it's -- if you need, you know, to get to zero,
21 if you take out that other -- I know we still at -- we
22 have more than enough. But anyway, playing around, if
23 you need to move in that direction.

24 MS. CLARK: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I just took a quick
2 look. I also want to note that we did get some COI
3 testimony about Toluca Lake and Studio City being -- from
4 the LGBTQ community, being -- having a desire to be with
5 the Hollywood communities as well too. So if that gives
6 you some flexibility, I wanted to just note that as a
7 COI. I know that the San Fernando Valley folks want to
8 keep that part together. I think, like Long Beach, we're
9 just looking at different options.

10 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, I just want to make sure
12 that we -- that both COIs were brought up and not just
13 one so that people knew we were grappling with them both.

14 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Jaime, go on please.

15 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much.

16 Next, could we please look at page 46 in the
17 handout? And this is the visualization called STHLA.
18 This includes LAX, Inglewood, CANNDU, Watts Neighborhood
19 Council, Willowbrook, Compton, East Rancho Dominguez,
20 West Rancho Dominguez, the very northern part of Harbor
21 Gateway. It includes a northern part of Gardena, Alondra
22 Park, Lawndale, Hawthorne, Del Aire, Lennox. This is a
23 percent deviation of 1.09 percent.

24 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

1 When we got to this one, it -- my notes popped up.
2 You had asked where should Beverly Hills go. I had
3 written a note down on -- it's the 10CORR. The 10CORR is
4 negative 28,000-plus people. And the yellow one above
5 it, the GLEN, it was up 23. So my note to myself was
6 that you could start grabbing from Beverly Hills. So I
7 guess where does Beverly Hills go towards the green where
8 they're at negative, working on getting to zero as I --
9 as we've been instructed.

10 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

11 Next, moving back to the visualization Commissioner
12 Sinay was just speaking on, this is page 47 of the
13 handout. This includes Greater Wilshire Neighborhood
14 Council, Pico, South Robertson, Palms, all of Culver
15 City, Ladera Heights, View Park, Park Mesa, Empowerment
16 Congress Central, Zapata King, Central Alameda
17 neighborhood, South Central Neighborhood Council, these
18 areas along 10 corridor, Olympic Park, Mid City, West
19 Adams, Jefferson Park Neighborhood Council areas. This
20 is a percent deviation of negative 3.69 percent.

21 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Yee?

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Jaime, could you show us
23 the black CVAP for this one as well as STHLA, please? I
24 just want to see it.

25 MS. CLARK: Oh, yes. One moment. And, Commissioner

1 Yee, just the black CVAP on the label and the -- none of
2 the other populations?

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, please.

4 MR. BECKER: May I suggest maybe all of them?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure.

6 MS. CLARK: Now I'll read them all out loud. In
7 this visualization, 10CORR, the Latino CVAP is 36.08
8 percent. Black CVAP is 31.11 percent. Asian CVAP is
9 9.29 percent. And white CVAP is 21.45 percent.

10 And then moving to the STHLA, Latino CVAP is 45.85
11 percent. Black CVAP is 39.36 percent. Asian CVAP is
12 4.06 percent. And white CVAP is 8.90 percent. And I'll
13 zoom to look at both of those at the same time.

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Jaime.

15 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Is there a way to also -- and
18 you know, put an -- the different -- is there heat maps
19 or something that we can use in this area just because
20 every single place is so different? Because I'm about to
21 pull back my recommendation to go -- Beverly Hills to go
22 into the green. I had said that based on our quick --
23 because there was no cities or anything in our PDF as I
24 was acting quickly just to get to the numbers without
25 looking more detailed. But I was wondering is there a --

1 do we ha -- do you have that layer like you had
2 originally when we first started all this?

3 MS. CLARK: Which CVAP would you like to see? I can
4 only show one at a time on the census block level.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can we start with black,
6 please?

7 MS. CLARK: One moment. One moment please. I had
8 it saved, but this program didn't save it properly
9 unfortunately.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And in particular, I'm just
11 trying to look at kind of the yellow areas that we have.

12 MS. CLARK: I understand. One moment.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Since we're so under in those
14 areas, I'm just trying to figure out those different
15 pieces.

16 MS. CLARK: Here -- and I'm just going to change
17 this really quick so it's the same heat map that we've
18 been looking at the rest of the time. Okay. And I'll
19 get rid of this because it's not very helpful.

20 Okay. So the percent black CVAP is on the census
21 block level on the map. And, Commissioner Sinay, where
22 would you like to look?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: This is actually helpful
24 because it's kind of the whole -- all of it at once. Can
25 we -- when everyone feels like they've absorbed it well,

1 can we move to the Latino? And if you can shift it over
2 a little bit to the right so that we're getting the
3 whole -- the three. Okay, that's good. Thank you. And
4 then if we can shift to Latino.

5 MS. CLARK: I'll remove the visualization layer so
6 it's maybe a little easier to see. And the --

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Would you be able to zoom out
8 just one tick more? Thank you.

9 MS. CLARK: And one more time I'm going to remove
10 this layer so the areas that are more sort of like darker
11 reddish-orangish color have higher percent Latino CVAP.
12 And again, this is on the census block level.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sorry to jump the line, but
14 can you move this towards the Long Beach too because --
15 where is -- I just want to see all of that. Thank you.

16 MS. CLARK: And I'm going to remo -- turn the la --
17 make the labels smaller or rather remove the percent CVAP
18 from this so that it is taking up less space on the map
19 and hopefully more informative for all of you.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And then can we see Asian,
21 please?

22 MS. CLARK: One moment. And again, I'll remove the
23 visualizations layer.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I think the final one is
25 Native American or indigenous.

1 MS. CLARK: We actually don't have that prepared in
2 advance. I can bring it up now.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, that's fine.

4 MS. CLARK: And the --

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I don't --

6 MS. CLARK: -- percent indigenous CVAP in these
7 visualizations is very, very low.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That's what I -- okay. Thank
9 you.

10 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh --

12 MS. CLARK: And --

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- sorry. Can we see the white
14 CVAP?

15 MS. CLARK: Yes, I also actually don't have that
16 preloaded, but I --

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

18 MS. CLARK: -- can --

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

20 MS. CLARK: One moment please. The program is
21 creating that map for you now. One moment. Oh, okay.
22 And for this, maybe I can just read out the breakdown and
23 not go through, to the same extent, with creating the
24 breaks so that they make -- let me get this right for you
25 so it'll be easy to see.

1 Okay. So I'm going to turn off the layer. So the
2 darker gray is higher percent white CVAP. The very
3 lightest gray is 0 to 13 percent then 13 to about 34
4 percent, 34 to 56 percent, 56 to 80 percent. And then
5 the very darkest gray is more than 80 percent white CVAP.
6 And this is on the census block level. And I'm going to
7 turn the visualization layer one more time.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks.

9 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

10 We are coming up on a break shortly. How many more
11 visualizations do we have left for south -- for Los
12 Angeles?

13 MS. CLARK: One moment please. Let me count.
14 Three.

15 CHAIR LE MONS: Three, okay.

16 Let's continue for the next four minutes. We will
17 take a break at 3 o'clock. And then when we come back
18 from break, we will finish. And then we still need to
19 get through Southern California and public comments. So
20 I just ask commissioners to be judicious in their
21 direction. Let's keep it focused and directed.

22 Thank you, Jaime. Go ahead.

23 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much.

24 I don't know if there are any other comments about
25 10CORR visualization.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. I wanted to take back
3 my -- on 10CORR, not to go into Beverly Hills. But if we
4 can try to get to the right -- to zero with 10CORR and
5 NELA, keeping in mind the COIs that have been submitted.
6 Thank you.

7 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

8 And next, we're going to go to page 48. I already
9 received some feedback about this visualization. It
10 is -- it includes San Pedro areas, Wilmington, Carson,
11 West Carson, the western part of the City of Long Beach,
12 Paramount, Lynwood, and South Gate. And this is page 48
13 of the handout. It is a 2.72 percent deviation.

14 And moving to page 51 of the handout, please, this
15 is the NELA visualization. This includes East L.A.,
16 Boyle Heights, LA-32 Neighborhood Council, Lincoln
17 Heights, Highland, Echo Park, part of Elysian Valley
18 Riverside Neighborhood Council, Greater Cypress Park
19 Neighborhood Council, also including this East Hollywood
20 area to include Thai Town with the Koreatown Neighborhood
21 Council, Historic Filipinotown, Kiko Union, Downtown Los
22 Angeles, including Little Tokyo and the Chinatown
23 community of interest. This is a percent deviation of
24 3.19 percent.

25 CHAIR LE MONS: You can continue.

1 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

2 And go -- the last visualization is on page 53. I
3 have also received a lot of feedback on -- relating to
4 this visualization. This is called CDWSGV. It includes
5 Altadena, most of the City of Pasadena, South Pasadena,
6 Alhambra, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, Temple
7 City, Arcadia, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, the northern part
8 of Monrovia, I should say, the northern part of Glendora,
9 Claremont, northern parts of Upland, Rancho Cucamonga.
10 It includes all of San Antonio Heights, Lytle Creek, and
11 Wrightwood and this forest area here to the north. This
12 is a percent deviation of negative 1.66 percent.

13 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Thank you very much, Jaime.
14 We appreciate it.

15 It's 3 o'clock. So we're going to go break.

16 Commissioner Akutagawa, we will take your comment
17 when we return.

18 Also, when we return, it'll be 3:15. We will take
19 whatever comments on Southern -- excuse me -- on Los
20 Angeles and then move into Southern California. I will
21 probably push back public comment for thirty minutes and
22 start it at 4 o'clock so that people can start to cue up.

23 Our goal is to try to get through the remaining of
24 the visualizations today and hear from the public to set
25 us up for next week. So please keep that in mind as

1 you're on break and formulate your thoughts so you can be
2 concise. Thank you so much. Have a good break. We'll
3 be back at 3:15.

4 (Off the record at 3:00 p.m.)

5 (On the record at 3:14 p.m.)

6 CHAIR LE MONS: All right. Welcome back, everyone.
7 So just before break, we were in the final stages of the
8 visualizations for Los Angeles.

9 I understand that -- Commissioner Akutagawa, are you
10 back?

11 Does anyone else have any comments, final comments,
12 on Los Angeles? Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chair, sorry. I'll just
14 pass for right now. Thank you.

15 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner.

16 Let's move to Southern California. Again, I want to
17 reiterate that we're going to start taking public comment
18 at 4 o'clock. The lines will close at 4:30. So there'll
19 be a thirty-minute window to get in the queue. And then
20 we will hear from those people who get in the queue.

21 So let's move on to Southern California, Andrew.

22 MR. DRECHSLER: Thank you, Chair. Today we're going
23 to be looking at --

24 CHAIR LE MONS: I'm sorry, Andrew. My apologies.

25 Commissioner Fornaciari, you had a comment?

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I've got a
2 philosophical struggle I'm going through here.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We've got a huge part of
5 the state to get through. And in the end, we need to
6 take public comment. And both of those things are
7 important.

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: But there are numerous
10 ways for the public to provide input to us. And there's
11 only one way for us to do our work in public. And so you
12 know, I'm kind of feeling that we're rushing this part a
13 little bit.

14 I understand there are constraints. But I just want
15 to share what was on my mind. And I don't know how my
16 fellow commissioners are feeling about that. But I felt
17 like I had to share.

18 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

19 Does other commissioners have comments on this?

20 Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner
22 Fornaciari. Usually, I'm the one saying hey, we're
23 rushing Southern California. And I kind of feel on all
24 of these, to -- you know, I feel like we got one
25 instruction. And we went back to the way we were doing

1 business before. And that's why it's taking a little bit
2 longer versus looking at that deviation numbers and
3 whatnot.

4 I take comfort on what's been said that once we're
5 doing line drawing, we can still -- you know, there'll
6 still be work to be done. And then if -- so I'd rather
7 not rush it, but I know that the -- we still have an
8 opportunity to get it right. And I would like to request
9 again that next time we start in Central Valley and go
10 south versus going north because it is much more
11 complicated going south. And that's where we usually end
12 up taking -- you know, that's where we usually run out of
13 time.

14 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. I don't want you to feel
15 rushed. But I do think that you have enough experience
16 with this process now that I think commissioners could be
17 a lot more concise. That's my perspective.

18 So we're -where we are with time because of that
19 lack of being concise as far as I'm concerned. So just
20 keep that in mind. And we'll get as far as we get. And
21 I'll try to, in the role of chair, balance between the
22 needs that we have facing us today.

23 Andrew?

24 MR. DRECHSLER: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

25 So we're going to go through and look at the

1 southern part of the state. And we have about fifteen --
2 we do have fifteen visualizations, four which are VRA
3 considerations. So similar to before, we will start off
4 with those.

5 One thing I just wanted to point out is we do have
6 some extra -- about 55,000 population down in San Diego
7 County that can be moved north into Orange. So that's
8 just one consideration to keep in mind as we look at
9 these. Otherwise, I will turn it over to Sivan. And she
10 will give us the visualizations. Thank you.

11 SIVAN: Good afternoon, everyone. Oh --

12 MR. DRECHSLER: Oh, I'm sorry. Chair --

13 CHAIR LE MONS: Sivan. Yes, I'm sorry. I was on
14 mute.

15 Sivan, before you start, Commissioner Sinay, did you
16 have another comment? Okay.

17 Go on, Sivan. Thank you.

18 SIVAN: Thank you so much, Chair.

19 All right. So just jumping right into this, we will
20 be on page 56. Just to kind of reorient everyone on the
21 labels, the first number is the number of people that the
22 deviation represents. The next number would obviously be
23 the deviation of the district. The next number is the
24 Latino CVAP and then black CVAP and then Asian CVAP.

25 If anyone has questions or a need for me to repeat

1 that, I'd be happy to do so. But I just wanted to start
2 out with some of the visualizations that Mr. Becker might
3 have comments on. I don't -- I believe only one of these
4 is different from the last time you've seen this round of
5 visualizations. So I will definitely point that out when
6 we arrive there.

7 But beginning in southeastern corner, we have the
8 SECA visualization. And as you can see, this encompasses
9 several old -- these are also the old congressional
10 district lines, which I can turn on or off depending on
11 if it's helpful for Mr. Becker's commentary. But this is
12 our first district.

13 And then zooming in over here, I also highlighted in
14 yellow Jaime's areas, which have potential VRA
15 considerations just because I was noting in the
16 discussion we had leading up to this that, you know,
17 obviously, these districts' visualizations are going to
18 be the trickiest to kind of balance as we move towards
19 those small deviations. So just as a reminder for
20 commissioners that -- you know, I just thought the yellow
21 coloring would be helpful as we continue these
22 discussions.

23 So on page 57, you'll find POMONTFON, which
24 encompasses Pomona, Chino, Ontario all the way up to the
25 southern half of Upland as well as Fontana.

1 And then on page 58 is RIASB. And this is the one
2 that changed just slightly since the last time you saw
3 it. And I'm just going to turn off the current
4 congressional districts to kind of highlight where those
5 changes were from last week. This is a change that
6 reflected a commissioner request to consider taking the
7 southern -- to remove -- sorry, pardon me -- to remove
8 Grand Terrace and Loma Linda as well as part of Grand
9 Terrace. And then it moved the boundary, which split
10 Redlands to be farther south to include Mentone. And
11 that change is represented right here.

12 And, Mr. Becker, did you have anything to add about
13 these visualizations?

14 MR. BECKER: No. If I'm reading this right, I think
15 the other maps didn't have that number at the top. That
16 number is the raw population that's either overpopulated
17 or --

18 SIVAN: Yes.

19 MR. BECKER: -- underpopulated from the -- okay.

20 These are all, you know, just obviously incredibly
21 close to the target area where you're talking about for
22 deviation. So keep that in mind.

23 This is an area with strong VRA concerns. The
24 Latino CVAP numbers are on the lower end here, consistent
25 with some testimony we've seen, but possibly on the lower

1 end. It might be something we'd want to think about
2 given the strong VRA concerns, the strong racially
3 polarized voting we've seen in this area.

4 Sivan, can you scroll down to the southeast
5 district?

6 SIVAN: Absolutely. Just give me one second.

7 MR. BECKER: So this --

8 SIVAN: Would you like for me to zoom in on any
9 area, or is this --

10 MR. BECKER: No. No, I think that's okay. This --

11 SIVAN: Okay.

12 MR. BECKER: -- one does not -- this one, the level
13 is a di -- is at a higher level. And obviously, it's
14 zero deviation, which is really nice when you get to
15 twenty-five people off. I mean, you're getting to a very
16 nice target with regard to congressional districts. So
17 tremendous credit to the -- to you, Sivan.

18 I think the percentages here are something that
19 would be consistent with the concerns that we have found
20 with regard to the racially polarized voting we found in
21 this area.

22 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Vazquez?

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes, thank you.

24 In order to try to increase the population of that
25 San Bernardino, Rancho Cucamonga visualization as well as

1 hopefully increase the number of the Latino CVAP in that
2 VRA district, so that RIASB, I'd encourage you to start
3 grabbing some population from the north side of Redlands.
4 And that purple -- that -- or that lavender district is
5 slightly overpopulated. So I'm hoping that will help in
6 that area. That's it for now.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Commiss -- okay. I -- go on, Sivan.

8 SIVAN: Thank you so much.

9 All right. So we will now be on page 60. And we're
10 just going to go back to the south to San Diego. So this
11 is visualization SESDELIC. And this did not change from
12 the last time you saw it. So it goes as far south as
13 National City. It does include Chula Vista or Bonita.
14 It goes all the way to Rancho San Diego and all of El
15 Cajon as well as part of the City of San Diego.

16 The next visualization is SDCOAST on page 61. The
17 slight changes that were made on this visualization since
18 last week were to move the northern border slightly south
19 to exclude Fairbanks Ranch and Rancho Santa Fe and then
20 also move the border farther east to include the Miramar
21 military base, which you can see in this slightly darker
22 shaded area right here. And I believe that was done in
23 an effort to balance population.

24 The next visualization is on page 62. And that's
25 going to be SMESCPOW. And that encompasses the City of

1 Poway as well as Ramona, going as far north as -- let me
2 zoom out just a little bit, see if you can get the whole
3 picture -- one second -- as far north as Rainbow, but
4 stops at the county line. It doesn't include Temecula.
5 The changes from last week are that -- some of the
6 changes reflected in the SDCOAST -- oh, pardon me --
7 yeah, so this visualization adds in Rancho Santa Fe and
8 Fairbanks Ranch as well as a small portion of Vista.

9 It lost -- oh, sorry. I'm reading off the wrong --
10 I'm so sorry. My notes -- pardon me. Let me just get.
11 Okay.

12 Yeah, so this lost the Miramar military area and a
13 portion of Vista. And then it extended north to include
14 Fallbrook, Rainbow, and Bonsall, which was not part of
15 this visualization from last time, which I can just
16 highlight right here. It grabbed all of this area and
17 then lost this portion as well as this portion right here
18 of the City of San Diego.

19 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you so much, Sivan, for
21 stepping in and doing such a great job in trying to
22 understand the complexity of all of this.

23 I also want to thank the individuals from San Diego
24 County for participating this week. We've gotten a lot
25 of input. And we've been asking for input. And so now I

1 think we have a little bit better sense for some of the
2 areas that Andrew kept saying well, I -- we need a little
3 more information. I think we've got some this week.

4 And so this more general comments. And if you
5 can -- you know, it's -- there are clusters of
6 communities. And then we can work them around since we
7 still have space to move and this is kind of the data
8 that we were look -- we were waiting for to get from the
9 community.

10 First thing is you had asked me yesterday for the
11 kind of the neighborhoods for the LGBT community, like,
12 where it would be on the map. And I will be honest. I
13 just did a Google search. And it would be the -- on the
14 north side, it will be the 8, on the west side, the 5.

15 Oh, do you want me to wait until you get there?
16 Sorry.

17 SIVAN: Oh, I'm --

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If I'm --

19 SIVAN: Yeah, if -- you can keep going if no one
20 else --

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

22 SIVAN: Oh, I'm just going to turn on this layers.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, so the north, the 8, the
24 west, the 5, south, the 94. And then this is where it
25 gets a little complicated. It's -- you -- from 94, go to

1 805 going north until you hit Adams Boulevard. And then
2 go Adams to Fairmont and then Fairmont back to the 8.
3 And that was for the LGBT communities that you had asked
4 for. And I know that in the senate, we had split those
5 neighborhoods because we used the 163 as the cutoff.

6 And then the other two areas -- well, we've talked
7 about South Bay. And on this congressional map, we don't
8 have South Bay correct. And so I wanted to -- I want to
9 make sure that we get it correct, especially for
10 congress.

11 Again, it's Logan Heights. And I keep forgetting to
12 say Sherman Heights. So it's Barrio Logan, Logan
13 Heights, Sherman Heights, and San Diego, those three, and
14 then National City, Chula Vista, Bonita, Imperial Beach,
15 San Ysidro.

16 And so what we can -- you know, it'll be important
17 to keep them together. I understand this is a big
18 district. So I've got that.

19 And then the other one that we've received a lot
20 from -- there's -- I haven't had a chance to really look
21 at it. There -- two of the Chamber of Commerce have
22 created a website. And they have maps on there.

23 But basically, the community of interest is -- they
24 bring up El Cajon. And this is where El Cajon is
25 really -- you know, we heard yesterday keep El Cajon

1 together. And then others say El Cajon to the left. And
2 then other people say El Cajon to the right. And that's
3 why I say let's just split El Cajon and where we have the
4 line is kind of where the communities differ.

5 But for that -- for the rural east coast, sorry --
6 East County community, it's Alpine, Jamul, Lakeside,
7 Santee, Poway, Ramona, and Borrego Springs. And so we've
8 got a lot of that mixed in the yellow and in the green.
9 And some of it is in -- in the blue. But as much as we
10 can have them all in -- in the same district, that would
11 be helpful. Thank you.

12 CHAIR LE MONS: Andrew.

13 MR. DRECHSLER: Thank you, Chair.

14 And thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

15 We will take a look at all of the direction.
16 Appreciate that. And the one thing that -- we both will
17 definitely be working with Mr. Becker on the -- sort of
18 the VRA visualization that we have here and how keeping
19 those neighborhoods that you mentioned and National City
20 together in -- to see how that impacts this area. But
21 you gave us some direction where we can make some of
22 those changes. So thank you.

23 SIVAN: I just wanted to ask if Mr. Becker had
24 anything else to add about some of those potential
25 changes that were brought up by Commissioner Sinay.

1 MR. BECKER: No, I think we'll need to see where
2 that leads us. But because that SECA district is so
3 well-drawn with zero deviation and with over 57 percent
4 Latino CVAP in an area of VRA concern, there is some
5 flexibility there that we can probably look in -- look to
6 use.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Ahmad?

8 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Really quickly I just have a
9 clarifying question for Commissioner Sinay.

10 Did I hear correctly that you said you Googled
11 something? And then if I heard that correctly, can you
12 please share what you Googled to inform your direction?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I looked up the neighborhoods
14 that were given to us in our COI testimony. And then I
15 looked on a map to see exactly where they were.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Fernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

18 No, I just wanted to -- I believe David Becker and
19 Andrew, they -- I was a little concerned that so much of
20 this VRA was being split up. I just want to make sure we
21 still maintain the integrity of the VRA. And it appears
22 that they will. Thank you.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

24 Sivan, continue please.

25 SIVAN: Thank you so much, everyone.

1 All right. Just resuming --

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. I'm sorry, Sivan.

3 Yes, Commissioner Sinay?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

5 I wanted to ask, you had said there's, I think,
6 57,000 people, Andrew, that need to go north. And I
7 wasn't quite understanding that.

8 And then I just -- one last piece around Camp
9 Pendleton because that's also really important to the
10 community -- we've split Vista. And if possible,
11 ideally, we'd keep Vista together with Carlsbad and --
12 and Camp Pendleton.

13 MR. DRECHSLER: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
14 And what I was just pointing out was the districts not
15 including this VRA district that is on the eastern part
16 of San Diego. If you were to look at the other districts
17 going north-south, the total population's about 55,000
18 over ideal. But we will see how that impacts with some
19 of the other changes.

20 But I just wanted to give you and the commissioners
21 heads up to -- well, we -- you know, if we did nothing
22 with the VRA visualization, you know, we would be having
23 to shift some of the population up -- not a big thing.
24 But as we start to think about getting to zero, I just
25 wanted to flag that population may need to be moving

1 north. But based on some of the direction you just gave
2 us in that -- in the -- in those districts of keeping
3 National City, you know, with -- in the southern part,
4 that may have some impact. So we will -- we'll
5 definitely make those changes and keep you posted.

6 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay, Sivan?

7 SIVAN: All right. So we should be on page 63,
8 which is the SDCOAST district that stretches into
9 southern Orange County. And the changes that we made in
10 this visualization since the last time you've seen it are
11 to add in Rancho Santa Fe and Fairbanks Ranch as well as
12 the small portion of Vista that was split.

13 It loses Fallbrook, Rainbow, and Bonsall. And it
14 adds in Aliso Viejo to the other southern OC coastal
15 cities cluster. And you can see those changes a little
16 bit more clearly here.

17 And this took into account commissioner direction or
18 attempted to follow commissioner direction to add Vista
19 with Oceanside. So more of Vista was added, although for
20 population balance reasons, the whole city was not able
21 to be added. But we can definitely play around with that
22 as it's been clear in direction from commissioners that
23 that is a desire to keep Vista with Oceanside and Camp
24 Pendleton. So we're going to keep playing around with
25 that combination.

1 Continuing north, on page 64, the NOCOAST
2 visualization, the only change in this visualization
3 since the last time you've seen it is to exclude the City
4 of Stanton. This followed a commissioner request to
5 remove Rainbow, Fallbrook, and Bonsall. And it did -- we
6 also received some direction to include Los Alamitos and
7 Rossmore in with this NOCOAST district.

8 If that still stands as a piece of direction, I can
9 continue to play around with that. But as you can see, I
10 think with the current deviation it tipped it a little
11 bit too far. But we could definitely continue to try
12 that if commissioners so desire.

13 Moving to page 65, this is the SAVANAANA
14 visualization. And zoomed in a bit too much. Sorry
15 about that.

16 All right. So this visualization now includes the
17 City of Stanton as it was lost from this purple district
18 right here previously. It also moves slightly farther
19 into Anaheim Hills for population balance and splits the
20 western half of the City of Orange along the 55.

21 This was following commissioner instruction to add
22 in the City of Stanton and also keeps in mind
23 commissioner direction to not split the City of Santa
24 Ana.

25 Should I pause at this point for comments, or should

1 I continue, Chair?

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Continue. I'm keeping an eye on
3 co --

4 SIVAN: Okay. Thank you so much. Okay. I'll just
5 trust you'll interrupt me. That's perfect.

6 Okay. Page 66 is the OCSBLA area. And this is, as
7 you can see, our most unbalanced district visualization
8 at the moment. So right now, this is underpopulated by
9 about 10 percent deviation.

10 I believe that the reason for this large deviation
11 was mostly in -- kind of running up against these VRA
12 consideration visualizations in L.A. County. And I think
13 with the quick turnaround in trying to incorporate
14 commissioner instructions from last week, this was one of
15 the pieces that we were not able to kind of iron out. So
16 this definitely leaves a lot to kind of adjust. So would
17 be open to hearing any comments about this visualization.

18 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, thank you.

20 I actually want to go back. I hear you on this,
21 Sivan. And I think, totally fair, right, that we're
22 balancing a lot of different priorities. So we're going
23 to see that in some districts. And, clearly, we see it
24 here.

25 And if we go back down to where the Costa Mesa line

1 was.

2 SIVAN: So if I zoom in further?

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: With -- I'm sorry. Well,
4 was Costa --

5 SIVAN: If I zoom --

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- Mesa included in this
7 district last week? I'm trying to remember. I know it
8 certainly wasn't on the assembly level last -- one set of
9 visualization.

10 SIVAN: Yeah, it was.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It was included last week?

12 SIVAN: Yes. The red line is last is the 10/27
13 version.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, got it. So this has
15 largely stayed the same.

16 SIVAN: Yes, except for this northern part where
17 Stanton is moved into the Santa Ana district.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. So a couple things.
19 So stemming from L.A. County and Long Beach, I know
20 several of us gave the direction that as we reconfigure
21 Long Beach to try and keep it whole, that it's reasonable
22 to continue -- you know, we've gotten a lot of testimony
23 about keeping coastal areas together. And while keeping
24 the solid coast of just one county is -- seems
25 problematic at this point, it seems unlikely. You know,

1 keeping parts of Long Beach with Seal Beach, possibly
2 down into Huntington if need be, seems reasonable. That
3 would definitely start cutting into this area.

4 Costa Mesa, we've had a lot of testimony linking it
5 to Irvine and Tustin, not with Little Saigon. That
6 leaves Newport Beach, probably parts of Huntington Beach
7 that we need to think about and reconfigure. So I
8 definitely think that there's going to be breaks in this
9 area. I would prioritize putting Costa Mesa back with
10 Irvine and Tustin.

11 We gave this direction, I think it was yesterday.
12 The days are all mixing together for me, so either with
13 assembly or senate. But having Costa Mesa come back into
14 that area. And I think from there I would say let's see
15 what happens because we're getting a lot of testimony.
16 So I don't want to get too in the weeds. But I think
17 those two big architectural pieces, the piece coming down
18 out of Long Beach, and then Costa Mesa back into Irvine,
19 Tustin, I'd be curious to see what ripple effects that
20 has pretty much everywhere else.

21 SIVAN: Absolutely. Thank you so much.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Kennedy?

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. On the OCSBLA, it
25 looks to me like Chino Hills' population is almost -- is

1 very close to your shortage in the OCSBLA. I haven't
2 figured -- I haven't finished figuring out where to pull
3 population from to rebalance the southwest Riverside
4 district. But if we did move Chino Hills into OCSBLA,
5 that would almost, in one fell swoop, eliminate that
6 imbalance in that district. Thank you.

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I want to just speak
9 to that NOCOAST one and I believe that Westminster,
10 Fountain Valley, Garden Grove needs to be pulled out of
11 the coastal communities. We're talking about, again,
12 very different communities, working class versus more
13 wealthy coastal communities. And we also heard
14 significant COI testimony, particularly yesterday, there
15 were several. And earlier in our process during the COI
16 input meetings there was requests to keep the Orange
17 County coast in its entirety as one -- or treated as one
18 community of interest. I do realize that we may be
19 looking at breaking things up. I think -- I want to
20 repeat what Commissioner Fernandez had said about also
21 being comfortable about re-architecting some of this.

22 I would suggest that we move Westminster, Garden
23 Grove, Fountain Valley, Midway City in together,
24 possibly, at the very least, with Cypress, Buena Park,
25 and with Fullerton. And what I'm going to suggest is

1 it's -- it may be a possibility of just eliminating this
2 district that we have -- OCBLA, I think -- and then
3 moving Brea into the -- in with a possible visualization
4 with communities to the north of LA. And then moving
5 Yorba Linda -- and if also moving Brea and Placentia --
6 either -- maybe Placentia with Fullerton. I think I read
7 COI testimony that said Placentia and Fullerton should be
8 together. But move Brea to the north and then move Yorba
9 Linda, Anaheim Hills, Villa Park, and that western part
10 of Orange in with the OCINLAND. And that may also,
11 potentially, help with some of the numbers there as well
12 too.

13 CHAIR LE MONS: Ms. Sadhwani?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I just wanted to agree
15 with Commissioner Akutagawa in that. I do think we have
16 also heard testimony that a lit -- parts of Huntington
17 Beach are also, possibly aligned with Little Saigon. So
18 I'm almost wondering if -- I mean, Huntington Beach are
19 fairly large place. If we need to be pulling from
20 Huntington Beach to support up into Long Beach, as well
21 as supporting -- I'm using my cursor here and no one can
22 see it -- using parts of the more inland components of
23 Huntington Beach to support the Little Saigon areas, I
24 could see making this cut like that possibly. Yes,
25 exactly right in that area, if need be. That's only if

1 for population. I never want to separate a city, but if
2 we have to. We've had a lot of testimony from this area
3 and I think those -- that's some of the areas where we
4 might be looking.

5 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I do want to just
7 say that testimony that we received from -- it's very
8 conflicted. But testimony that we've also received, in
9 terms of COI input from community advocates from this
10 area, Huntington Beach is not part of Little Saigon,
11 neither is Los Alamitos and Rossmoor. Yes, there may be
12 some pockets of individuals that live in these areas, but
13 it is certainly not part of Little Saigon.

14 Seal Beach may make sense to put together with Long
15 Beach. I think it just depends on who you ask, but being
16 neighboring cities, I -- you know, it -- I think that
17 there's a lot of shared back and forth commerce between
18 them, given along the shoreline, particularly. PCH, you
19 know, Seal Beach and Long Beach are fairly close together
20 there. And so you know, those are perhaps some of the
21 calculus's of this big Jenga that we're doing here. So
22 but I would say that Huntington Beach does not
23 necessarily reflect a similarity with Little Saigon and I
24 would just be a little careful about pulling that
25 immediately and perhaps look to other places first.

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Continue, Sivan.

3 SIVAN: Thank you so much. I believe we left off
4 with the SAVANAANA districts, so I will move into the
5 OCSBLA. Oh, we did cover this one, my apologies. What I
6 will highlight is, yes, that these -- this area right
7 here was not included last week but I've definitely
8 gotten some very good ideas from commissioners about how
9 we can sort of shuffle this area around.

10 The next visualization will be on page 67 for
11 OCSINLAND, everyone's favorite name. And the changes in
12 this visualization from last week are that it loses Aliso
13 Viejo, as well as part of Orange that was previously
14 included from last version. It extends eastward to
15 include Silverado, Trabuco Canyon, Rancho Santa
16 Margarita, and Coto De Caza, as well as the mountainous
17 area of this kind of upper Orange County. And it goes
18 all the way up to the Orange County border. And this is
19 a slightly negative deviation at the moment. And --

20 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I also wanted to
22 comment. I notice that there was COI testimony around
23 the border between Fullerton and Anaheim, and that a
24 portion of that southern Fullerton section also has
25 working class families. And I think the SAVANAANA, that

1 one has a negative 3.20 deviation. Perhaps, pulling in
2 some of the portions of that southern Fullerton area may
3 help balance that one out, which then, with the other
4 changes to the OCSBLA and the OCSINLAND one, we might be
5 able to get to a place where we'll be able to balance
6 that. And there's a 2.5 percent deviation I see for the
7 south Orange County, northern San Diego, so you know,
8 taking maybe a little bit from there may balance out that
9 whole section. Thank you.

10 CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Continue, Sivan.

11 SIVAN: All right. So this SWRIV visualization goes
12 as far north as Chino Hills, wraps around Norco to
13 Woodcrest, and then it goes as far south as Temecula, and
14 then wraps all the way around the Orange County border.
15 The differences from last week are that it adds Chino
16 Hills, while losing Silverado and the other mountainous
17 regions of Orange County. And I'll just highlight that
18 with the last week's lines. You can see it loses all of
19 this area and adds Chino Hills.

20 The next visualization is on page 69 and this is the
21 Morongo MORCOA. And there were no changes in this
22 visualization since the last time that you saw it. Let
23 me just zoom out to give you a better look. And I'd be
24 happy to zoom in again, if anyone needs a detail -- a
25 more detailed shot.

1 And then that will bring us to the final
2 visualization for our congressional districts on page 70.
3 This is the BEAVICAL visualization. And the changes that
4 we made in this vis were to swap with the RIASB
5 visualization to include Grand Terrace and Loma Linda,
6 while losing that northern portion of Redlands and
7 Mentone, which we heard some feedback about potentially
8 adjusting that a little bit further. And this was
9 following -- let's see. So there was a request to add
10 Wrightwood into this visualization, but I believe this
11 pushed the deviation a little bit too high because
12 removing from the CDWSGV visualization would push it even
13 further into the negative. And so any instruction on
14 what, potentially, to swap out to include Wrightwood to
15 make that possible, would be helpful, if that is still a
16 desired change.

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Vazquez?

18 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Actually, sorry. Can
19 you zoom in and then, Sivan, if you could repeat that
20 question you had, just so I make sure I understand
21 where -- what areas you're looking at.

22 SIVAN: Yeah, absolutely. One second. So I believe
23 that last week there was a request from commissioners to
24 consider adding Wrightwood into this visualization. And
25 I believe, because these two are so close to zero, but

1 this one is already in the negative and this one is
2 slightly positive, that moving Wrightwood in would just
3 tip that a little bit, you know, further in the wrong
4 direction. So if commissioners had -- still wanted us to
5 try and incorporate Wrightwood, just looking for what
6 would be swapped out, potentially, or if there are other
7 changes that are desired for this week.

8 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I'm -- I feel less concerned
9 about putting in Wrightwood at this point in this
10 visualization. And like I said, I think to balance the
11 lavender, the BEAVICAL district, if you pull some
12 population from the north side of Redlands, you may be
13 able to solve both of those issues.

14 SIVAN: Thank you so much.

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yep.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. On that note and
18 maybe Commissioner Vazquez or someone who might know
19 better -- Pinon Hills and Phelan were noted in several
20 COI testimonies as having a community of interest with
21 Wrightwood. Would it make more sense to pull them out
22 and pull them into the CDWSGV? And on that one, given
23 the directions that we gave to Jaime, we may be looking
24 at restructuring that one. And so there may be a way to
25 balance out the deviations there. I also want to note

1 that I noticed that there was COI -- lots of COI input
2 from Rancho Cucamonga asking to be in a mountain district
3 with San Antonio Heights and I don't know if that also
4 gives some additional flexibility, as that CDWSGV is
5 perhaps restructured too. Thank you.

6 CHAIR LE MONS: Any additional feedback on SOCAL
7 visualizations? Well, I want to thank the commissioners
8 for being very targeted with their feedback and we
9 actually got through that.

10 So Commissioner Fornaciari, I hope it was robust
11 enough, and is there anything you want to add? I've got
12 three minutes for you.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I just wanted to make sure
14 that commissioners felt like they had the space to say
15 what was on their mind, without being rushed. I mean --

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Absolutely.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: You know, I think we need
18 to balance it and so I appreciate the input. I think
19 folks got to say what they had to say and that we have an
20 opportunity to hear from the public. So I just want to
21 make sure the commissioners have had time.

22 CHAIR LE MONS: All right. Yeah, we checked all the
23 boxes. Thank you.

24 So with that, let's move to public comment and we
25 have a robust queue.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair. In
2 order --

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Hi, Katy.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. In order to
5 maximize transparency and public participation in our
6 process, the commissioners will be taking public comment
7 by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided
8 on the live stream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When
9 prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on the
10 live stream feed. It is 845-952-1762 for this meeting.
11 When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply press the
12 pound key. Once you have dialed in, you will be placed
13 in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please
14 press star 9. This will raise your hand for the
15 moderator.

16 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a
17 message that says, "the host would like you to talk" and
18 to press star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your
19 name, please state and spell it for the record. You are
20 not required to give your name to give public comment.
21 Please make sure to mute your computer or live stream
22 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
23 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
24 when it is your turn to speak and again, please turn down
25 the live stream volume. And we will be giving a thirty-

1 second warning and fifteen-second warning for the two-
2 minute public comment period.

3 We will be starting with caller 2041 and up next
4 after that will be caller 2647. Caller 2041, if you will
5 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
6 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

7 MR. HAKIMI: Good afternoon. My name is Ahron
8 Hakimi, A-H-R-O-N H-A-K-I-M-I. I'm the executive
9 director of Kern Council of Governments, the federally
10 designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Kern
11 County. And I wanted to comment on the MADERAKERN 1102
12 district. I'm very concerned about the size of the
13 district. Two hundred and twenty-nine miles from
14 Rosemont to Oakhurst, and the fact that Kern County would
15 be competing with Fresno for precious transportation
16 funds. As you -- as you may know, NPOs deal with federal
17 and state transportation funds. We already are
18 considered a step-child to Fresno because the main office
19 for Caltrans for the seven San Joaquin Valleys and
20 Fresno.

21 I'm very, very concerned that our influence in Kern
22 County would be even further diluted by having us compete
23 with Fresno. Especially, when it comes to competing for
24 federal and state grants where the congressional district
25 is always identified in those grants. As an example, a

1 grant could be given to Fresno County and the response to
2 us down in Bakersfield, in Kern County, well, your
3 district got a grant. Please reconsider --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds, sir.

5 MR. HAKIMI: -- the size of this district being so
6 big. Two hundred and twenty-nine miles is greater than
7 the distance between New York and Washington D.C. And
8 the fact that you're including the two largest cities in
9 the same district in San Joaquin Valley. Thank you.

10 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 right now, we will have caller 2647 and up next after
13 that will be caller 3979.

14 Caller 2647, if you will please follow the prompts
15 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

16 MS. KELLISON: Thank you. This is Heidy Kellison.
17 That's H-E-I-D-Y, last name Kellison, K-E-L-L-I-S-O-N.
18 I'm calling as a twenty-year advocate for communities
19 most in need in Yolo County. In particular, I currently
20 serve as a First 5 Yolo commissioner and so my comments
21 are not a representation of a First 5 Yolo position, but
22 I will provide my observations in advocating for our
23 community.

24 Yolo County is the most impoverished county in our
25 state and it is also rural, which means services are much

1 harder to provide to our residents who are most in need.
2 It is my job, as a commissioner, to make sure that
3 children ages zero to five and their families have a good
4 start in life. And so because of our small size and our
5 reducing tobacco tax revenues, we are required to
6 establish very deep and meaningful partnerships with our
7 governmental and private partners to -- partners. And
8 that, of course, includes our elected officials. Yolo
9 County is most benefitted when it is whole for adequate
10 representation of these very, very impoverished
11 communities. Carving an already small community into
12 smaller pieces really diffuses the voices of those who
13 are in need, and it favors those in more prosperous
14 and --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MS. KELLISON: -- neighboring communities. It is
17 particularly acute for communities like Winters, which is
18 not -- it doesn't have a geographical nexus like, say,
19 West Sacramento does for the City of Sacramento. So my
20 request is that you make Yolo County whole in these
21 lines. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
23 now, we will have caller 3979 and up next after that will
24 be caller 4359. I apologize. After that will be caller
25 4183.

1 Caller 3979, if you will please follow the prompts
2 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

3 MS. FIFITA: Greetings. My name is Melenaite
4 Fifita. I am with the Pacific Islander Health
5 Partnership, a nonprofit organization based in Garden
6 Grove. We at Pacific Islander Health Partnership
7 acknowledge and appreciate the Commission's continued
8 efforts and hard work that have gone into these district
9 visualizations. I wanted to comment on the community's
10 interest in Garden Grove and Westminster. West Garden
11 Gove and Westminster are home to some of the nation's
12 largest Vietnamese American communities. These cities
13 are also home to notable Korean American, and native
14 Hawaiian and Pacific islander, an HPI population. West
15 Garden Grove, Westminster, west Santa Ana, and north Sun
16 Valley should be drawn together, preferably, with other
17 immigrant communities. Our community of interest are
18 respected in some visualizations, but divided in others.
19 At the state assembly level, our community of interest is
20 together. Thank you.

21 At the state senate level, our community of interest
22 was divided. And we understand that the Commission may
23 be required to draw Voting Rights Act district in Orange
24 County at the state senate level. So any hopes I'll be
25 working in the area should draw our community of interest

1 together in an adjacent district.

2 At the congressional level, our community of
3 interest is kept together, but drawn into a more
4 prosperous coastal district. Across all levels, state --

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 MS. FIFITA: -- state senate and congressional
7 levels, the map submitted by the People's Redistricting
8 Alliance does the best job of being attentive to the
9 communities of interest's long history throughout Orange
10 County, including the native Hawaiian and Pacific
11 Islander communities. We urge you to consult those maps
12 for the best overall design --

13 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

14 MS. FIFITA: -- for any needs and current challenges
15 and changes within our communities. To the Commission,
16 you guys are great. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
18 right now, we will have caller 4183 and up next after
19 that will be caller 4359.

20 Caller 4183, if you will please follow the prompts
21 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

22 MS. SLADE: Good afternoon. My name is D-E-E, last
23 name is Slade, S-L-A-D-E. I am the president of the
24 African American Network of Kern County. I urge the
25 Ccmmissioners to revisit the map Madera --

1 VCD_MADERAKERN_1102. I feel that linking Fresno and
2 Bakersfield would not help Kern County. As a matter of
3 fact, it might disrupt some of the advancements that we
4 are making here in Kern, especially in our labor force.
5 And someone recently spoke about the transportation. So
6 I definitely would urge the commissioners to revisit and
7 not consider linking Kern County with Fresno. It would
8 make us lose some of the funding that we're already
9 entitled to, as well as our representation in the senate,
10 as well as the congressional. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
12 now, we will have caller 4359 and up next after that will
13 be caller 5056.

14 Caller 4359, if you will please follow the prompts
15 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

16 MR. VALERO: Hello. Hello, my name is Eddie Valero
17 and I am a Tulare County supervisor, representing
18 District 4, and the comments are my own. I would just
19 like to applaud the Commission for the KINGATULARE
20 assembly map; I think it is a great map. However, I
21 would encourage the Commission to consider keeping
22 Visalia whole in a different district, as it does take
23 portions of the north. And instead include communities
24 like Woodlake, Lemon Grove, Lindcove into that frame,
25 because of the many other unincorporated communities that

1 need a voice for the county of Tulare, but also in Kings
2 County, as well.

3 Many times, we are often labeled as the armpit of
4 California, but I believe we are the heart of California.
5 And I believe we need greater representation with these
6 unincorporated communities. I represent eleven
7 unincorporated communities already in northern Tulare
8 County, and they have been urging and yearning for
9 representation. So again, just to reiterate, I would
10 take out the Visalia portion north and extend it to the
11 communities of Woodlake, Lemon Grove, and Lindcove.
12 Thank you so much and I appreciate this time.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now we have caller 5056 and up next after that will
15 be caller 6873.

16 Caller 5056, if you will please follow the prompts
17 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

18 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Susan (ph.) and I'm
19 with Addie (ph.) for Justice. We're an organization that
20 works with members in Orange County, primarily Fullerton
21 and Buena Park. I just want to start by thanking the
22 Commission for the work that you've done. And thank you
23 Commissioner Akutagawa for the helpful suggestion in
24 Orange County.

25 I wanted to comment on the community of interest in

1 south Fullerton and west Anaheim. Low income immigrant
2 communities in these two cities share common challenges
3 like environmental justice and access to affordable
4 housing. Across all levels, south Fullerton and west
5 Anaheim should be drawn together and apart from more
6 affluent communities, such as Yorba Linda and Anaheim
7 Hills. Unfortunately, our community of interest is not
8 represented in most of the visualizations. The state
9 assembly level is, perhaps, the best of the three. While
10 district CADNOC_1102 does, generally, connect the two
11 communities. It could be strengthened by moving the
12 parts of west Anaheim closest to south Fullerton into the
13 district and this would better represent our COI.

14 At the state senate level, south Fullerton and west
15 Anaheim are divided. The two communities should be
16 united in a federal Voting Rights Act district. And
17 because there is not a required VRA district in OC at
18 this level, I do think that a reworking of Orange County
19 state senate districts would be needed.

20 And then at the congressional level, the south
21 Fullerton and west Anaheim COI is divided between
22 districts BCDSSA_1102 --

23 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

24 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- and BCDOCSCLA_1102. And we ask
25 that you unite the south Fullerton and west Anaheim

1 COI --

2 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

3 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- in both VRA districts. And
4 yeah, thank you so much to the Commission for your time
5 and for drawing these maps.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
7 now, we will have caller 6873 and up next after that will
8 be caller 7558.

9 Caller 6873, if you will please follow the prompts
10 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

11 FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you. My name is Barbara
12 (ph.). And as a grower in Kern County, I'm concerned
13 about tying Kern County and Fresno together, because of
14 our competing water issues. The majority of Kern County
15 growers receive their water from the Kern County Water
16 Agency through the State Water Project. Fresno, however,
17 receives water from other sources and by combining Kern
18 and Fresno, the projections and interest of Kern growers
19 will be diluted. So I would like to ask that Kern County
20 and Fresno not be linked together. Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
22 now, we have caller 7558 and up next after that will be
23 caller 9921.

24 Caller 7558, if you will please follow the prompts
25 to unmute by pressing star 6. One more time, caller

1 7558, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by
2 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

3 FEMALE SPEAKER: Sorry about that. Thank you. I'm
4 encouraged to hear so many phone calls, calling about the
5 Kern, Madera combination and how that won't work, because
6 I believe the same thing. I don't believe that this
7 combination of Kern and Fresno Counties will be fair to
8 the people of both counties. Both counties expect
9 equivalent treatment, expect representation, and we're
10 just very two distinct communities, and we need
11 representation for each community. Huge, huge thank you
12 for your time. And I have noted, as a citizen, I'm also
13 very impressed by the many people who are in positions of
14 influence who are calling in. But I'm a citizen, a mom,
15 but I've heard that the majority of calls seem to be
16 calling about the Kern, Madera combination and how that
17 would be unfavorable, unfair and disenfranchising for so
18 many. And I hope that you're noticing that too. Thank
19 you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
21 right now, we have caller 9921 and up next after that
22 will be caller 0018.

23 Caller 9921, if you will please follow the prompts
24 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
25 yours.

1 MS. CROWSON: Hi, good afternoon. Thank you for
2 your time. My name is Florence Crowson. That's
3 F-L-O-R-E-N-C-E C-R-O-W-S-O-N. I'm with the United
4 Domestic Workers of America, and I am a lifetime resident
5 of Merced County. And I want to keep Merced with the
6 Fresno and not combine it with the foothills, because we
7 should keep Merced whole and in one district. There is
8 too much risk to split Merced into congressional
9 districts. Thank you so much.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
11 now, we have caller 0018 and up next after that will be
12 caller 0073.

13 Caller 0018, if you will please follow the prompts
14 to unmute by pressing star 6.

15 MALE SPEAKER: Yes, yes. Hello.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

17 MALE SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

19 MALE SPEAKER: Great. So my name's Jeff (ph.) and
20 I'm calling regarding east Ventura County, Simi Valley,
21 specifically. I've looked at a lot of those
22 visualizations and I believe that the VICA 8038 map is --
23 is the most logical map. I see a current visualization
24 that has Simi Valley with Malibu and that just doesn't
25 make a lot of sense to me. I think Simi Valley,

1 Moorpark, and Santa Clarita being together in the
2 assembly map is much more in line with the communities of
3 interest principle. Thank you for your time.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
5 now, we will have caller 0073 and up next after that will
6 be caller 0247.

7 Caller 0073, if you will please follow the prompts
8 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

9 MALE SPEAKER: Hi, commissioners. My name is Mike.
10 I am calling on behalf of Equality California about the
11 congressional visualization NORTHSANM. I want to thank
12 the Commission for the robust discussion today about
13 keeping San Francisco's LGBTQ plus community of interest
14 together. In particular, we'd like to thank Commissioner
15 Sadhwani for her attention to our testimony about how to
16 structure the southern border of this visualization. I
17 continue to urge the Commission to include all of the
18 west of Twin Peaks in NORTHSANM and to reduce the
19 deviation by moving Cayuga Terrace, Crocker-Amazon,
20 Excelsior, Ingleside, Merced Heights, and Mission Terrace
21 out. Thank you so much.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 right now, we will have caller 0247 and up next after
24 that will be caller 0565.

25 Caller 0247, if you will please follow the prompts

1 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

2 MR. DELEON: Hello, good afternoon. My name is
3 Manny DeLeon (ph.). I'm a resident of Irvine and I am
4 with the Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander
5 Community Alliance, OCAPICA for short. I would like to
6 take this opportunity to appreciate the Commission's work
7 and this redistricting process, and the efforts to
8 consider the communities' comments in shaping our
9 district. That being said, I wanted to comment on
10 districts in and around Irvine, in Orange County.

11 Communities in Irvine and Costa Mesa face common
12 challenges related to affordable housing, language
13 access, and similar concerns. The two cities should be
14 kept whole, joined together, with parts of Tustin and
15 away from more affluent coastal communities, like
16 Newport Beach and Laguna Beach. I want to thank you all
17 for moving in the right direction within the governor's
18 second visualizations, but want to identify a few
19 remaining problems.

20 At the state's assembly level, while Irvine is kept
21 together with Tustin in a district -- in a visualization
22 district, Costa Mesa is the dividing mark from Irvine,
23 Costa Mesa, and Tustin communities of interest. We ask
24 that you unite our COI by drawing Costa Mesa whole into
25 this district with Irvine and Tustin. Costa Mesa is not

1 part of Little Saigon and has much more in common with
2 these communities. But please do this without dividing
3 the (indiscernible) COI to the north as well.

4 On the state level -- on the state senate level, our
5 COI is kept together, but draw in two more affluent
6 coastal communities of interest with which it is not
7 aligned. We understand that the Commission may be
8 required to draw a very district in Orange County at the
9 state senate level, so any wholesale to be reworked in
10 the area should draw these three cities together --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MR. DELEON: -- and away from the coast.

13 At the congressional level, we also see that while
14 Irvine is kept whole and together with Tustin, our COI is
15 divided by drawing Costa Mesa into adjacent coastal
16 districts. Again, we ask that our COI be kept whole by
17 drawing Costa Mesa into the same inland district as
18 Irvine, Tustin.

19 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

20 MR. DELEON: Across all levels, the maps submitted
21 by the People's Redistricting Alliance do the best job of
22 respecting communities of interest throughout Orange
23 County, including ours. We urge you to consult this map
24 for the best overall architecture for implementing these
25 important changes. And thank you so much for all the

1 work --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
3 now, we will have caller 0565 and up next after that will
4 be caller 1015.

5 Caller 0565, if you will please follow the prompts
6 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

7 MS. JONES: Yes. Hi, can you hear me?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

9 MS. JONES: Okay. Hi, my name is Jennifer Jones and
10 I am a resident of Simi Valley. And thank you,
11 commissioners, for taking public comment and listening to
12 the public in regards to what they -- their concerns and
13 issues in getting feedback in regards to the
14 visualizations. I'm hoping that we can keep Simi Valley
15 whole. I'm hoping that we can keep Simi Valley with
16 Santa Clarita.

17 We have a lot in common with Santa Clarita, as I've
18 stated numerous times before and I'm sure you're probably
19 tired of me calling in. But we share aerospace, we share
20 the film industry, we share horses, we share first
21 responders. We're both prone to wild fires. Our
22 geographics are really, really similar, because they're
23 both mountain areas. We share our law enforcement
24 whenever there's -- especially in regards to human
25 trafficking, which is a big deal actually. I'm sure you

1 guys realize that. We share information with law
2 enforcement to help them out to save human trafficking
3 victims. Also, in regards to drug busts, you know,
4 our law enforcement assists the law enforcement over in
5 Santa Clarita to make that happen.

6 And then also, you know, there's Magic Mountain. So
7 everybody I know in Simi Valley has a season pass.
8 Everybody I know in Simi Valley loves going --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MS. JONES: -- to Magic Mountain, and visiting Santa
11 Clarita afterwards, and eating and visiting that
12 wonderful bedroom community, just like Simi Valley is a
13 bedroom community. The house prices are very similarly
14 priced. And we did get a minority --

15 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

16 MS. JONES: -- growth here in Simi Valley. So I
17 hope when you're drawing your map for state and
18 congressional, you will consider keeping Simi Valley
19 whole and Simi Valley with Santa Clarita.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. So
21 right now, we have caller 1015 and up next after that
22 will be caller 1716.

23 Caller 1015, if you will please follow the prompts
24 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
25 yours.

1 MR. HARVEY: Thank you. My name is Jim Harvey. I'm
2 president of the Homestead Valley Community Council. I
3 want to start off by thanking the Redistricting
4 Commission for all your hard work and also thank you for
5 this opportunity to comment. I have two comments -- two
6 requests, actually.

7 I want to talk about page 69 in the visualization,
8 more specifically, VCD_MORCOA, the light blue area in San
9 Bernardino County. The district -- or the -- excuse me.
10 The community boundaries for Homestead Valley are
11 inadequately expressed on the maps that were supplied to
12 the Commission. Homestead Valley is actually larger than
13 that. It's missing the upper northwest dog leg; that
14 community is Johnson Valley. And so I'd like to request
15 that the Commission verify that with the San Bernardino
16 County -- in the San Bernardino County general plan.
17 More specifically, the Homestead Valley community plan.
18 You'll see that our community is larger. Why that's
19 important is because in this congressional district map,
20 that only is one of our subcommunities. Where I live,
21 Johnson and Valley split, but we're also split -- it also
22 splits Homestead Valley. That's important to us to keep
23 Homestead Valley together.

24 The second comment I want to make is that Homestead
25 Valley more closely relates to the communities to the

1 north and west of us, like Lucerne Valley, Adelanto,
2 Hesperia. And we're less related to the communities
3 south of us, especially in the Coachella Valley area. So
4 my request would be that you move Homestead Valley.
5 First, recognize it in its entirety and then move
6 Homestead Valley community into VCDBEA --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MR. HARVEY: -- BICVAL 1102, which is the light
9 violet district to the north of it. Thank you very much.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
11 right now, we have caller 1716 and up next after that
12 will be caller 2115.

13 Caller 1716, if you will please follow the prompts
14 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

15 MR. LU: Okay, yes. Thank you. My name is Bruce Lu
16 (ph.). I'm a resident of Westminster City. I did make
17 my comment on the visualization website, so I hope you
18 can read it. So it's important that Little Saigon's
19 included in the city of Midway City, Westminster, Garden
20 Grove, and Fountain Valley, Seal Beach, Los Alamitos,
21 Rossmoor, and Huntington Beach. We don't have anything
22 in common with Costa Mesa. Everything we do like making
23 sure my children can attend Vietnamese Language School in
24 Westminster like while we live in Los Alamitos is good
25 point. My parents in Huntington Beach they both are

1 still going to the Vietnamese grocery store next door and
2 now we have Vietnamese restaurant in Huntington Beach.
3 So please keep the Westminster, Garden Grove, Midway
4 City, Huntington Beach, Los Alamitos, Fountain Valley,
5 Seal Beach, and Rossmoor kept together. And thank you
6 for listening and for your time.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
8 now, we have caller 2115 and up next after that will be
9 caller 2232.

10 Caller 2115, if you will please follow the prompts
11 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

12 Caller 2115, you are unmuted. Can you hear me? You may
13 want to double check and make sure your phone is not
14 muted.

15 MALE SPEAKER: Hi, can you hear me?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. The floor
17 is yours.

18 MALE SPEAKER: All right, great. Thank you for
19 taking the time to hear me. I worry that the new
20 congressional districts in the Central Valley will change
21 our accessibility and the availability of our elected
22 representatives, relating to a lot of different
23 geographical area. And it would -- they'd have very
24 little time to actually listen to communities and
25 consider what those communities need, as they represent

1 them. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
3 now, we will have caller 2232 and up next after that will
4 be caller 2600.

5 Caller 2232, if you will please follow the prompts
6 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

7 MS. ASATO: Hello. My name is Kayla, Kayla Asato,
8 I'm a Orange County resident, City of -- resident of the
9 City of Orange and I'm an Orange County Environmental
10 Justice. Again, as always, I'd like to thank and
11 appreciate the Commission for all of your hard work. And
12 also thank you to the commissioner who made note of the
13 community of interest testimony to separate south
14 Fullerton from the rest of north Fullerton, because of
15 the shared socioeconomic status and demographic statuses.

16 I wanted to comment on that community of interest in
17 south Fullerton and west Anaheim, and affirm what the
18 previous commissioner -- what the commissioner said.
19 Low-income and immigrant communities in these two cities
20 share common challenges like environments of justice,
21 access to affordable housing, being attacked by police
22 brutality. And across all levels, south Fullerton and
23 west Anaheim should be drawn together and apart from more
24 affluent communities, like in Yorba Linda, like in
25 Anaheim Hills.

1 And unfortunately, our community of interest is not
2 respected in most of the visualizations; hopefully,
3 things will change. The state assembly is probably the
4 best of the three. And while the assembly district NOC
5 1102 does, generally, connect these two communities, it
6 could be strengthened by moving the parts of west Anaheim
7 closest to south Fullerton into the district, instead of
8 the other parts. This better represents our communities
9 of interest.

10 And at the state senate level, south Fullerton and
11 west Anaheim are divided. These two communities should
12 be united in a federal Voting Rights Act district,
13 because we do not draw a required VRA district in Orange
14 County at this level. We think a dramatic reworking of
15 the Orange County state senate district is needed.

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17 MS. ASATO: At the congressional level, the south
18 Fullerton and west Anaheim COI is divided between BCDSSA
19 1102 and BCDOCSBLA 1102, we ask that you unite the
20 communities in south Fullerton and west Anaheim into the
21 VRA district, which makes the district more effective for
22 Latinx community. And across all levels, the maps
23 invented by the People's Redistricting Alliance do the
24 best job of representing communities of interest
25 throughout Orange County, including ours.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
2 now, we will have caller 2600 and up next after that will
3 be caller 3100.

4 Caller 2600, if you will please follow the prompts
5 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

6 MR. PAVION: Hello. My name is O'Neal Pavion (ph.)
7 with Orange County Voter Information Project. But I am
8 also a resident of Stanton, in Orange County. Today, I
9 wanted to, before anything, I really thank the whole
10 Commission for the hard work and dedication that they're
11 putting behind this effort.

12 But to move forward, I wanted to comment on
13 districts in and around Irvine and Orange County.
14 Communities in Irvine and Costa Mesa face common
15 challenges related to affordable housing, language
16 access, and other concerns. The two cities that should
17 be kept whole, drawn together with parts of Tustin and
18 away from more affluent coastal communities like Newport
19 Beach and Laguna Beach. I wanted to thank you for moving
20 in the right direction with the 1102 visualizations. We
21 wanted to identify a few remaining problems.

22 At the state assembly level, while Irvine is kept
23 whole and together with Tustin, in district VADIRV 1102,
24 Costa Mesa is divided from our Irvine, Costa Mesa, and
25 Tustin communities of interest. We ask that you unite

1 our COI by drawing Costa Mesa whole and into this
2 district with Irvine and Tustin. Costa Mesa is not part
3 of Little Saigon and has much more in common with these
4 communities, so please do not -- please do this without
5 dividing the (indiscernible) COI to the north, as well.

6 At the state senate level, our community of interest
7 is kept together, but drawn into a more affluent coastal
8 community of interest with which it is not aligned. We
9 understand that the Commission may be required to draw
10 VRA district in Orange County at the state senate level,
11 so any wholesale reworking of the area should draw these
12 three cities together and --

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 MR. PAVION: -- away from the coast.

15 At the congressional level, we also see that the --
16 while Irvine is kept whole and together with Tustin, our
17 communities of interest are divided between -- are being
18 divided by drawing Costa Mesa into an adjacent coastal
19 district.

20 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

21 MR. PAVION: Again, we ask that our COI be kept
22 together by drawing Costa Mesa into the same inland
23 district as Irvine and Tustin. Thank you so much and
24 thank you so much for the opportunity to participate.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right

1 now, we have caller 3100 and up next after that will be
2 caller 3321.

3 Caller 3100, if you will please follow the prompts
4 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.
5 Caller 3100, you are unmuted. Can you hear me?

6 MS. ALVARADO: Hello. Can you hear me?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. The floor
8 is yours.

9 MS. ALVARADO: Thank you. Hi. My name is Karen
10 Alvarado, and I represent Orange County Congregation
11 Community Organization. And (Spanish words) are words to
12 empower our leaders to bring (indiscernible) change in
13 their community. So first of all, I want to recognize
14 the Commission's work in this process and I really
15 appreciate the opportunity to speak today.

16 I want to comment on Orange County district in and
17 around Santa Ana. As you might know, Santa Ana is the
18 home of the largest and most established Latinx community
19 in Orange County. And similar communities of interest,
20 including immigrants, low-income populations, and mixed
21 status families. Drawn around this COI, we believe
22 the -- they (indiscernible) obligation at every level
23 centered around communities in Santa Ana, which includes
24 the state senate district, which has not been drawn in
25 your visualizations.

1 At the state assembly level, we do want to thank you
2 for creating a majority Latinx district around Latinx
3 communities of interest in Santa Ana. However, this
4 district could be made more effective by removing parts
5 of Orange and adding east Garden Grove.

6 At the state senate level, a majority Latinx
7 district has not been drawn, despite racially polarized
8 voting being found in existence in our districts that
9 make a possible majority Latinx district. We ask the
10 Commission to consider this position and draw a district
11 around communities of interest with shared needs and
12 concerns, including those in Santa Ana, in
13 (indiscernible) Harbor, in Garden Grove --

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 MS. ALVARADO: -- parts of Orange with Anaheim,
16 south Fullerton, and other areas. At the congressional
17 level, a majority Latinx district has been drawn, but
18 divides communities, such as south Fullerton and west
19 Anaheim. This majority Latinx district could be made
20 more effective --

21 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

22 MS. ALVARADO: -- by adding south Fullerton and
23 east -- south Fullerton and east Garden Grove, and
24 removing Orange east of Santa Ana River and Santa Ana
25 with (indiscernible). Across all levels, the maps

1 submitted by the People's Redistrict --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
3 now, we have caller 3321 and up next after will be caller
4 3463.

5 Caller 3321, if you will please follow the prompts
6 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

7 MS. CHARCO: Hello. My name is Ana Charco, and I am
8 here on behalf of Latino Health Access. Latino Health
9 Access have been proudly working alongside our community
10 residents for over twenty-seven years, providing services
11 that address immediate health needs, while providing
12 information, including opportunities to increase voter
13 participation. And impact policies that will improve
14 social welfare determinant in the long-term. I first
15 want to thank you for your time, hard work and
16 dedication, and taking our testimonies into
17 consideration. I wanted to comment on Orange County
18 district and in and around Santa Ana.

19 As you might know, Santa Ana is home to the largest
20 and most established Latinx community in Orange County.
21 The city includes similar of interest, including
22 immigrants, low-income populations, and mixed status
23 families. At the state assembly level, we thank you for
24 creating a majority Latinx district around Latin
25 communities of interest with Santa Ana. This district

1 could be more effective by removing parts of Orange and
2 adding east Garden Grove.

3 At the state senate level, a majority Latinx
4 district has not been drawn, despite racially polarized
5 voting being found in existence in the districts that
6 make up a possible majority Latinx district. We ask the
7 Commission to reconsider this position and draw a
8 district around communities of interest with similar
9 concerns, including those of -- those in Santa Ana, east
10 (indiscernible), east Garden Grove, parts of Orange, west
11 Anaheim, south Fullerton, and other areas. This is, once
12 again, for the state senate level.

13 At the congressional level, a majority Latinx
14 district has been drawn, but it divides communities --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MS. CHARCO: -- of interest in south Fullerton and
17 west Anaheim. This majority Latinx district would be
18 even more effective by adding south Fullerton and east
19 Garden Grove. Across all levels, please refer to the
20 People's Redistricting Alliance did the best job of
21 respecting these communities of interest --

22 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

23 MS. CHARCO: -- for Orange County, including ours.
24 Thank you for your time.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right

1 now, we will have caller 3463 and up next after that will
2 be caller 4120.

3 Caller 3463, if you will please follow the prompts
4 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

5 MR. RICCI: Hi. My name is Chris Ricci. I am a
6 city council member representing District 3, in Modesto.
7 In this case, my views are my personal opinions. I'm
8 speaking of -- I'm just calling in to talk about
9 Congressional District 10. I just want to emphasize that
10 Modesto has a lot in common with cities like Tracy and
11 Manteca. They're commuter towns with probably forty
12 percent of their workers going to the Bay Area every day.
13 And I've heard a lot of talk about maybe including other
14 towns like Oakdale or Ripon in the district and I just
15 think that that's -- just we have a lot in common with
16 those communities.

17 The main goal is to try to keep these districts
18 competitive, while kind of sharing geographic and common
19 values. The experience of living in places like Modesto,
20 or Manteca, or Tracy are very similar. They're larger
21 towns of higher population, lots of commuters. Oakdale
22 and Ripon kind of have, what, five stop lights combined,
23 so it's just a very different experience. Thank you so
24 much.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right

1 now, we will have caller 4120 and up next after that will
2 be caller 4628.

3 Caller 4120, if you will please follow the prompts
4 to unmute by pressing star 6.

5 MS. SAAVEDRA: Hello.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

7 MS. SAAVEDRA: Hi. My name is Lupe Saavedra, and I
8 am a long-time resident of Santa Ana, in Orange County.
9 And I am a presenter in Orange County. A community
10 organization that help out those communities of color.
11 And I'm also a member of the People's Redistricting
12 Alliance. So first I want to thank you all for the work
13 that you all have done. I appreciate it, although our
14 community included (indiscernible). But I wanted to
15 comment on Orange County district in and around Santa
16 Ana.

17 So Santa Ana is home to the largest and most
18 established Latinx community in Orange County. The city
19 includes immigrants, low-income population, and mixed
20 status families. Drawn around this COI, we believe that
21 there are very (indiscernible) at every level centered
22 around our communities in Santa Ana. This includes the
23 senate.

24 A state senate district has not been drawn in your
25 visualizations. At the state senate level, a majority

1 Latinx district has not been drawn, despite racially
2 polarized voting being found in existence in our
3 districts that make up a possible majority Latinx
4 district. We ask the Commission to reconsider this
5 position and draw such a district around communities of
6 interest, with shared needs and concerns, including those
7 in Santa Ana east of Harbor, east of Garden Grove, and
8 part of Orange, west Anaheim, south Fullerton, and other
9 areas.

10 At the state assembly level, we thank you for
11 creating a majority Latinx district around aligned
12 communities of interest in Santa Ana. This district
13 could be made more effective by removing parts of Orange
14 and adding some of east Garden Grove.

15 At the congressional level, a majority Latinx
16 district has been drawn, but it divides communities of
17 interest in south Fullerton and west Anaheim. This
18 majority Latinx district could be made more effective by
19 adding south Fullerton --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MS. SAAVEDRA: -- and east Garden Grove, and
22 removing Orange east of the Santa Ana River and Santa Ana
23 west of Harbor.

24 Across all levels, the maps submitted by the
25 People's Redistricting Alliance does a good job at

1 respecting those community boundaries and our community
2 interests. So we would just encourage you all to consult
3 those maps.

4 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

5 MS. SAAVEDRA: And thank you so much for your time.

6 MR. MANOFF: Just as a reminder --

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 MR. MANOFF: I'm sorry to interrupt. As a reminder
9 to those calling in to give comment tonight, all of your
10 comments are being interpreted by our excellent ASL team,
11 and are being live transcribed by live captioning to
12 increase the accessibility to our live broadcast. Please
13 speak at a moderate pace, and take your time with city
14 and county names and numbers. Thank you so much.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
16 now, we will have caller 4628. If you will please follow
17 the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is
18 yours.

19 MALE SPEAKER: Good evening. Do you hear me, right?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure do.

21 MALE SPEAKER: Okay. Good evening. First, I would
22 like to thank you for all of your time and hard work. I
23 understand that it's not easy for you. I were very
24 disappointed that I wasn't able to speak during
25 (indiscernible) yesterday. However, I thought I could

1 give it another try again today, hoping I can speak.
2 Because when I saw the update map adding Costa Mesa, I
3 was very upset. But I heard that the Commission is going
4 to keep Little Saigon as a whole for the next map. Thank
5 you for listening to the commands that our community has
6 addressed. We need our voice heard in Sacramento and
7 Washington. That's (indiscernible) our (indiscernible).
8 Please keep Little Saigon community of interest together
9 in one district for the congressional, state senate, and
10 state assembly. Please keep Garden Grove, Westminster,
11 Midway City, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, Seal
12 Beach, Rossmoor, and Los Alamitos together. And I forgot
13 to give you my name. My name is Kim Boy (ph.). I'm
14 living in Westminster. Thank you for allowing me to
15 speak. Thank you.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Katy.

17 We're up on a break, so we're going to take a break
18 now and come back at 4:30 and continue with public
19 comment. Thank you.

20 MR. MANOFF: Returning at 5 o'clock.

21 CHAIR LEMONS: Pardon me?

22 MR. MANOFF: Returning at 5 o'clock.

23 CHAIR LE MONS: Oh, I'm sorry, 5 o'clock. Yes,
24 thank you. At 5 o'clock. It's been a long day.

25 MR. MANOFF: Very good, Chair. Thank you.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: See you back at 5.

2 MALE SPEAKER: We'll go backwards in time.

3 FEMALE SPEAKER: He has a time machine.

4 MR. MANOFF: All right. We are on break. Again, to
5 those calling in, please stay connected and we will back
6 to take your comments in fifteen minutes, at 5 o'clock.

7 (Off the record at 4:45 p.m.)

8 (On the record at 4:59 p.m.)

9 CHAIR LE MONS: Welcome back, everyone, from your
10 break. We're going to go back to public comment for the
11 rest of the evening. We'll take another break at 6:30
12 for fifteen minutes and we do have a hard stop tonight at
13 7:30.

14 Katy?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. Right now,
16 we will have caller 4656 and up next after that will be
17 caller 4984.

18 Caller 4656, if you will please follow the prompts
19 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.
20 Caller 4656, you are unmuted.

21 MR. YODER: Hello, Mr. Chairman and other
22 commissioners. My name is Paul Yoder, P-A-U-L Y-O-D-E-R.
23 I am a state legislative advocate for San Joaquin County.
24 I've addressed you before. With respect to assembly
25 districts, the proposed visualizations for San Joaquin

1 County have the county carved up into three separate
2 assembly districts. The county would like two assembly
3 districts made up of eastern San Joaquin County and
4 western San Joaquin County. The western San Joaquin
5 County district would also include Stanislaus County.
6 The Commission proposed this visualization during the
7 week of October 26th, and requests you to reconsider that
8 map.

9 For senate districts, San Joaquin County is
10 currently represented by one senate district. The
11 November 2nd visualizations propose to split it into two
12 senate districts. Currently, the senate district allows
13 the current senate district to allow San Joaquin County
14 to be heard. By breaking the county up into two
15 districts and aligning it with other counties, their
16 unique voice will be diluted. In comments during the
17 senate visualizations, a few commissioners noted that an
18 interest in -- or noted an interest in keeping other
19 counties whole. Why would you take a county that is
20 currently whole and break it in two?

21 For the congressional district, San Joaquin County
22 conducted significant public outreach over the past
23 several months. Residents do not want to be represented
24 by three congressional districts and want to have one
25 congressional district. San Joaquin County has the

1 minimum population for this --

2 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

3 MR. YODER: -- and the communities of interest to
4 have a congressional district that represents all of San
5 Joaquin County, except for parts of Mountain House.
6 Thank you for your considerations.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now, we will have caller 4984 and up next after
9 that will be caller 5129.

10 Caller 4984, if you will please follow the prompts
11 to unmute by pressing star 6. And one more time. Caller
12 4984, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at
13 this time by pressing star 6. I do apologize, caller
14 4984, there appears to be some connectivity issues with
15 you unmuting. I will make note and if I can, come back.

16 At this time, we'll be going to caller 5129. Up
17 next after that will be caller 5999.

18 Caller 5129, if you will please follow the prompts
19 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

20 MS. WYNN: Hello. My name is Christina Wynn (ph.).
21 I am a resident of Irvine and I am with the Orange County
22 Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance. I
23 understand that this Commission takes numerous factors
24 and comments into consideration and I thank the hard work
25 that this Commission has done to center our communities

1 of interest. I wanted to comment on districts in and
2 around Irvine in Orange County. Communities in Irvine
3 and Costa Mesa face shared challenges related to
4 affordable housing, language access, and other concerns.
5 These two cities should be kept whole, drawn together
6 with parts of Tustin and away from more affluent coastal
7 coast -- sorry -- coastal communities like Newport and
8 Laguna Beach.

9 I want to thank you for moving in the right
10 direction with those November 2nd visualizations, but
11 wanted to identify a few remaining problems. At the
12 state assembly level, why -- while Irvine is kept whole
13 and together with Tustin in district VABIDR 1102, Costa
14 Mesa is divided from our Irvine, Costa Mesa, and Tustin
15 communities of interest. We ask that you unite our
16 communities of interest by drawing Costa Mesa whole and
17 include it in with this district with Irvine and Tustin.
18 Costa Mesa is not part of Little Saigon and has much more
19 in common with these communities. Please do this without
20 dividing the (indiscernible) community of interest to the
21 north, as well.

22 As to state senate level, our community of interest
23 is kept together but drawn into a more affluent
24 coastal community of interest, both of which is not
25 aligned. We understand that the Commission may be

1 required to draw a (indiscernible) Orange County at the
2 state senate level, so any large-scale reworking of the
3 area should be drawn to the -- should draw these three
4 cities together and separate from the coast.

5 At the congressional level, we also see that --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 MS. WYNN: -- while Irvine is kept whole and
8 together with Tustin, our communities of interest are
9 divided by drawing Costa Mesa into an adjacent coastal
10 district. Again, we ask that our communities of interest
11 be kept whole by drawing Costa Mesa into the same inland
12 district as Irvine and Tustin.

13 Across all levels, the maps submitted by the
14 People's Redistricting Alliance --

15 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

16 MS. WYNN: -- does the best job in respecting these
17 communities of interest throughout Orange County,
18 including ours. We urge you to consult these maps for
19 the best overall architecture for implementing these
20 important changes. Thank you for all the work that you
21 have done on behalf of our community, Commissioners.

22 MR. MANOFF: And as a reminder --

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 MR. MANOFF: -- tonight for people calling in, your
25 comments are being interpreted and live transcribed.

1 Please speak at a moderate pace and take your time with
2 county names, city names, and numbers. Thank you so
3 much.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And now we have caller
5 5999 and up next after that will be caller 6275.

6 Caller 5999, if you will please follow the prompts
7 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you. Hi, can you hear me?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Great. Good afternoon. My name is
11 Mary Johnson, M-A-R-Y J-O-H-N-S-O-N. And I'm a member of
12 the Agua Dulce Town Council. Agua Dulce is a small,
13 rural, unincorporated community in northern Los Angeles
14 County. I reviewed the new assembly and state district
15 boundaries and I'm frustrated to see that our community
16 of Agua Dulce has been moved from the Santa Clarita
17 valley area to the Antelope Valley area for both assembly
18 and senate representations. Our community is linked more
19 closely with the Santa Clarita valley and has very little
20 in common with Kern County area and the Antelope Valley.
21 The Santa Clarita valley area aligns with other agencies
22 Agua Dulce has repre -- has for representation, and we
23 share common social and economic interests with the Santa
24 Clarita valley area.

25 I urge you to remove Agua Dulce from the Antelope

1 Valley area and place it back within the Santa Clarita
2 valley area where we will be rep -- better represented --
3 better represented in both senate and assembly districts.
4 Thank you for your consideration.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now, we'll have caller 6275 and up next after that
7 will be caller 6725.

8 Right now will be caller 6275. If you will please
9 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The
10 floor is yours. Caller 6275, can you hear me? You are
11 unmuted. You may want to make sure that your telephone
12 is not on mute.

13 MS. NADAL: Can you hear me now?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. The floor
15 is yours.

16 MS. NADAL: Oh, okay. Thank you. My -- my name is
17 Linda Nadal, L-I-N-D-A N-A-D-A-L. And I'm a resident of
18 Fallbrook, and -- which is a very rural unincorporated
19 area of San Diego County. And I want to thank you for
20 all the work you're doing and time spent on this. I'm
21 sure it's a very daunting task. And I also appreciate
22 that you have taken into consideration that Fallbrook
23 should not be connected with Oceanside and I want to
24 thank you for that. I really appreciate it.

25 And but I do see that you have not included

1 Fallbrook with Temecula. And I just want to encourage
2 you to add Temecula to that list, because we are
3 unincorporated, we don't have a hospital. And so all of
4 our hospital and needs would be going out to Temecula.
5 So all of my doctors are in Temecula, I do all my
6 shopping in Temecula. In fact, it's -- you know, as easy
7 to get to Temecula from the I-15 as it is go in town --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MS. NADAL: -- to Fallbrook. And so I'd really
10 appreciate you considering putting Temecula with the
11 Fallbrook, Bonsall, Pala --

12 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

13 MS. NADAL: Gee, I can't even remember all of them.
14 But the -- those unincorporated areas that are on the I-
15 15 down to Escondido. So thank you very much for
16 considering this and listening to our concerns. And --

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
18 right now, we will have caller 6725 and up next after
19 that will be caller 8431.

20 Caller 6725, if you will please follow the prompts
21 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

22 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, Commissioners. I appreciate
23 the opportunity to speak to you today. I just wanted to
24 commend you for your work so far. My name's Gina (ph.)
25 and I'm from Yucaipa. It's a small, quiet town tucked

1 into the San Bernardino mountains. I really want to show
2 support for some of the current visualizations you have
3 made so far. Our community definitely feels connected to
4 the mountains and the desert towns drawn into the
5 VCDBEABICVAL area.

6 So one thing I think that really makes sense with
7 this map is that all of these towns are surrounded by
8 land owned by the government. There's like national
9 forest spaces and desert land, all owned by the
10 government, and this map gives the communities affected
11 by those lands a voice in how their treated. So I think
12 it makes a lot of sense and I think you all are doing a
13 very great job. So thank you so much.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
15 now, we have caller 8431 and up next after that will be
16 caller 8499.

17 Caller 8431, if you will please follow the prompts
18 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

19 MS. LARSON: Hi, there. My name is Taylor Larson
20 (ph.). I'd like to make a public comment on communities
21 of interest. More than half of Kings County lives in
22 Hanford, Lemoor, and the surrounding communities, which
23 are over an hour and a half away from Bakersfield, but
24 only forty-five minutes from Fresno. Even though this
25 area is long and covers a great distance, it makes sense,

1 as these communities are connected by I-5 and Highway 99.
2 Residents regularly travel north or south for services,
3 such as myself, for education, health care, and more.
4 Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now we will have caller 8499 and up next after that
7 will be caller 8757.

8 Caller 8499, if you will please follow the prompts
9 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

10 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commission. I think that
11 Fresno and Kern County should be separated, because of
12 one thing, valley fever. Valley fever is an infection of
13 the respiratory system caused by a fungus that grows in
14 the soil of the Central Valley. While treatment is
15 available to most people, for those like me with a
16 compromised immune system, it can be catastrophic.
17 Valley fever has been an issue that has plagued residents
18 of Kern County for generations. Unfortunately, Kern
19 County has a per capita rate of valley fever that is over
20 six times that of Fresno. Kern County needs residents
21 who are focused on the severity of this issue. It is a
22 matter of health equity to ensure that Kern and Fresno
23 have separate representation. Thanks for your time.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now, we will have caller 8757 and up next after

1 that will be caller 6311.

2 Caller 8757, if you will please follow the prompts
3 to unmute. The floor is yours.

4 MS. GARCIA: Hello. Thank you. My name is Lucia
5 Garcia (ph.) and I live in Yucaipa, in the San Bernardino
6 County. I just wanted to call in and support the work on
7 this -- on this city BEAVICVAL map. Our entire community
8 has been stricken by wild fires and mud slides on the
9 (indiscernible). And map connect us to the forest and
10 those mountain communities, but also rural towns like
11 mine. So this map is the most logical, and really
12 appreciate your work on it. And I know this is a
13 difficult task, but thank you for working so hard. I
14 appreciate it.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now, we have Caller 6311, and up next after that
17 will be Caller 7693.

18 Caller 6311, if you will please follow the prompts
19 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

20 MS. COLE: Hi, thank you. My name is Robin Cole,
21 and I'm calling from Tracy. First of all, I would like
22 to thank the commissioners for what -- the work they have
23 done. The changes they've made to our congressional
24 district in Tracy that we asked for are fabulous. You
25 include Tracy with Manteca, Lathrop, Mountain House, and

1 Modesto.

2 I am a citizen of Tracy. My husband and I raised
3 both our children here. We -- from preschool all the way
4 through high school. I am not a paid consultant. I want
5 my community to be my community.

6 So first of all, the draw -- new drawings look great
7 on 11/02. I'd ask you that leave them that way so that
8 Tracy, Mountain House, Manteca remain in the Central
9 Valley region. I'd also request that the Assembly
10 district include Lathrop and Manteca, which is currently
11 carved out, and the senate district -- bring Mountain
12 House, Tracy together with Lathrop and Manteca as well.

13 We have successfully blended the sub -- with those
14 communities to bring a suburb, rural, and agricultural
15 community blend together that really works with us for
16 our common goals and concerns. These are specific to
17 transportation, water, our shared valley culture,
18 economic growth, and that will help to keep our young
19 adults to be able to live and work, build their own
20 families in the communities in which they were raised.

21 MALE SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

22 MS. COLE: This helps to build strong family ties.
23 The progress we've made in these areas will be severely
24 and negatively impacted by separating us out at this
25 point in time. So please leave Tracy, Mountain House,

1 Manteca --

2 MALE SPEAKER: Fifteen.

3 MS. COLE: -- and Lathrop with Modesto in the Valley
4 region. We have much more in common as valley people
5 than we do with other counties. Thank you very much for
6 your time and your hard work.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
8 now we have Caller 7693, and up next after that will be
9 Caller 6836.

10 Caller 7693, if you will please follow the prompts
11 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

12 MS. ROE: Hello, this is Christine Roe (ph.), and
13 I'm calling you about the congressional district. I'm
14 looking at pages 42, 43, and 45. First of all, I would
15 like to say that there's no labels for -- by neighborhood
16 councils or anything for the City of Los Angeles or the
17 communities on these maps.

18 The San Fernando Valley does not belong in DCD
19 (ph.), Malibu, San Fernando Valley. What you -- one of
20 your line drawers today made a very, very valid point
21 about Sunland-Tujunga being a rural community that's
22 going all the way down in DCD, Glendale, all the way down
23 to practically Beverly Hills.

24 So what would be better is to take Malibu, San
25 Fernando Valley, and put that with your lower -- your

1 mountainous areas down below the Mulholland Drive. Put
2 that together, your Malibu area, and then put the San
3 Fernando Valley whole -- take Sunland-Tujunga and put it
4 with DCD, SFD, and put the San Fernando Valley whole
5 above Mulholland Drive to an -- to be completely
6 inclusive and no longer call it Malibu SFD. Call it SFD.

7 And you know, I've lived in this community for
8 forty-five years. I've worked with --

9 MALE SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

10 MS. ROE: -- the (indiscernible) council. There are
11 thirty-four neighborhood councils that represent the San
12 Fernando Valley, and that includes all the way from
13 Sunland-Tujunga and Granada Hills and everything to the
14 north --

15 MALE SPEAKER: Fifteen seconds.

16 MS. ROE: -- and West Hills on the far west. And so
17 I'm very, very familiar with the San Fernando Valley but
18 also familiar with the adjacent communities of Calabasas,
19 which is just about three miles from my home. But
20 Calaba --

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
22 right now we will have Caller 6836, and up next after
23 that will be Caller 8978.

24 Caller 6836, if you will please follow the prompts
25 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

1 MALE SPEAKER: Hello. I live in Kern, and we have a
2 lot of energy and agricultural needs that are specific to
3 our county. The current visualization (indiscernible) us
4 and (indiscernible) to help both out. (Indiscernible)
5 effective. I ask the Commission to please reconsider
6 this decision given our cultural differences. Bye-bye.
7 Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
9 now, we have Caller 8978, and up next after that will be
10 Caller 3187.

11 Caller 8978, if you will please follow the prompts
12 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

13 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. I'm a resident of Fresno,
14 California. First off, I do want to thank you all for
15 your continued work on these maps.

16 I would like to again voice some concerns over
17 splitting the city of Fresno into three congressional
18 districts. Cutting the city of Fresno so many times
19 really, really dilutes the Latino vote and I do believe
20 will harm our community. I encourage the Commission to
21 draw two seats in the city of Fresno with one hoping that
22 it -- that it's over fifty percent Latino.

23 Again, I thank you guys for your hard work and for
24 listening to our concerns.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

1 right now we will have Caller 3187, and up next after
2 that will be Caller 9691.

3 Caller 3187, if you will please follow the prompts
4 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

5 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. I would like to thank the
6 Commission on your continued work on the map.

7 I want to voice my concerns about splitting the city
8 of Fresno into three. If the city is split in too many
9 ways, it dilutes the Latino vote. As part of the Latino
10 community myself, I ask that you consider only two seats
11 in the Fresno area with one being over fifty percent
12 Latino. This is to ensure Latinos can elect a candidate
13 of their choice.

14 I hope you will take our concerns about Fresno into
15 consideration, and once again, thank you for hearing us
16 out.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
18 now, we will have Caller 9691, and up next after that
19 will be Caller 8128.

20 Caller 9691, if you will please follow the prompts
21 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

22 MALE SPEAKER: Thank you. My name is Christian
23 (ph.) from the city of Fresno. First, I want to thank
24 the Commission for your continued work on these maps. I
25 know you all have really difficult jobs.

1 I called last night to voice my concern with the
2 proposed congressional maps that split Fresno into
3 thirds, and I wanted to call back again to reemphasize my
4 concern to the Commission. I'm a Latino native of south
5 Fresno, you know, which is really the heart of Fresno's
6 Latino community. I believe our community would be best
7 represented by drawing a Voting Rights Act district that
8 keeps the heart of Fresno's Latino community unified to
9 include all of the City of Fresno that's south of Shaw
10 Avenue and west of the 99.

11 I want to echo Commissioner Sinay's comments from
12 earlier this morning that I think very well stressed how
13 splicing the city of Fresno as the current visualizations
14 do would really disenfranchise our community by diluting
15 our vote. Rather, I believe the Commission should draw
16 two congressional seats in Fresno with one that's a
17 Voting Rights Act district -- excuse me -- that is
18 majority Latino.

19 You know, I also think this proposal would really
20 allow the Commission to draw three VRA district seats
21 across the Central Valley, which would really allow us to
22 maximize our representation in Congress. You know, to
23 this end, I'd really like to echo Commissioner
24 Fernandez's comments from earlier in the day that the
25 Commission ought to continue its work to make the Merced-

1 Fresno seat majority Latino as well.

2 So thank you again for your tireless work on
3 drawing --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MALE SPEAKER: -- equitable congressional maps that
6 maximize Latino representation in Congress for the
7 central valley and for Fresno specifically. I really
8 hope you'll take my concerns into consideration.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 right now we will have Caller 8128, and up next after
11 that will be Caller 7070.

12 Caller 8128, if you will please follow the prompts
13 to unmute? And the floor is yours.

14 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Hi. Can you hear me?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

16 FEMALE SPEAKER: Oh, hi. Hi, commissioner. I was
17 calling to ask your Commission would take public comments
18 and make sure we keep the community of (indiscernible)
19 together. So went online to submit my comment and tried
20 calling in to make sure our voice is heard. I wasn't
21 able to speak yesterday even though I work
22 (indiscernible) more than two hours, so I really
23 appreciate your comment, allowing me to speak today.
24 Thank you very much again.

25 I heard the commissioners yesterday talk about

1 making sure our beloved Little Saigon community is kept
2 whole. Thank you so much for listening to us. As a
3 reminder, Little Saigon includes Huntington Beach, Garden
4 Grove, Fountain Valley (indiscernible) and Westminster.
5 We deserve our voice to be heard collectively and hope to
6 continue to develop for the betterment of our children.

7 Thank you very much, and have a good evening. Thank
8 you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All
10 right. Now we will have Caller 7070, and up next after
11 that will be Caller 0080.

12 Caller 7070, if you will please follow the prompts
13 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

14 MR. IRVING: Hello. My name is Jim Irving,
15 I-R-V-I-N-G. I'm a realtor and a native of Paso Robles
16 and a form -- as a former county planning commissioner, I
17 appreciate the Commission's tireless and -- work on this
18 and your endless patience.

19 I am calling with regard to the proposed assembly
20 district which splits our county into two. We have
21 always been in the past a unified county, and it makes no
22 sense to divide our county and stretch it all the way
23 forward to -- or all the way north to Capitola. We have
24 very little in common with the Monterey Bay area.

25 Conversely, going south, the proposed district takes

1 the southern part of our county and stretches it into
2 Santa Barbara. Again, not a unified and similar area.

3 I would prefer to see the district redrawn to
4 perhaps run from San Ardo in Monterey County, which is an
5 oil-producing area and cattle and wine grapes and --
6 which is exactly what takes place in San Luis County with
7 oil, cattle, and wine grapes, and extend further south
8 into northern Santa Barbara County to include the area
9 around Santa Maria, going southward --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 MR. IRVING: -- to Lompoc and further down to Los
12 Alamos. Also all similar areas, and it would be much
13 more unified --

14 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

15 MR. IRVING: -- and it'd be much better for us.

16 Thank you very much.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
18 right now we will have Caller 0080, and up next after
19 that will be Caller 1535.

20 Caller 0080, if you will please follow the prompts
21 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

22 MR. PURDIE: Good evening. My name is Rob Purdie,
23 R-O-B, P as in Paul, U-R, D as in David, I-E. I'm
24 calling regarding VCD Madera-Kern 1102 which links Kern
25 and Fresno Counties together. I'd like to thank the

1 members for all their hard work and also thank
2 Commissioner Toledo for bringing his experience in health
3 care to this commission since my topic is health equity.

4 I'm a Valley fever patient and patient advocate in
5 Bakersfield, California. Valley fever's caused by a
6 fungal spore that exists in parts of southwestern United
7 States and is hyperendemic in Kern County. I'm a patient
8 living with the most severe form of the disease, and I
9 currently interact with hundreds of other patients.

10 And linking Kern County to Fresno County would more
11 than just dilute our voice when it comes to Valley fever;
12 it would actually completely extinguish it. The
13 current -- the 2019 case rate of Valley fever in
14 California was 22.5 per 100,000 residents. In Fresno,
15 that rate is forty, I believe. No. Excuse me, sixty,
16 which is quite a bit higher. But Kern County's rate per
17 100,000 residents is 367. So Valley fever greatly
18 impacts Kern County.

19 And we have been able to create a voice by working
20 with our representatives in Kern County, a united voice
21 for this endemic area that will be extinguished by
22 dividing this area and linking it to Fresno County. And
23 I think that will be to the detriment of not only Kern
24 County and Fresno County but the entire state.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 MR. PURDIE: So I just wanted to thank you guys
2 again for your time and for giving me the opportunity to
3 speak. That's it.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
5 right now we'll have Caller 1535, and up next after that
6 will be Caller 8224.

7 Caller 1535, if you will please follow the prompts
8 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

9 MS. HERNANDEZ: Again, thank you so much for taking
10 all these calls. I'm sure you're having a long several
11 days.

12 My name Carrie Hernandez (ph.). I'm from Fresno
13 City. I've been listening to everyone speak, especially,
14 obviously, the Fresno City individuals. And I would have
15 to say I'm agreeing and I will echo with what a lot of
16 the prior citizens have said before me about probably --
17 I think we need three Voting Rights districts.

18 My main concern is the Hispanic population. I've
19 lived here. I've had my children in school here. We've
20 traveled. I've been a part of a lot of Fresno Unified
21 schools and seen the communities. And I think it's very
22 important that the Hispanic community can be kind of
23 collated and kept together just so it can give us
24 representation that's unique to our issues, the minority
25 issues, to the poverty levels that we see.

1 I think when you break us up, we just get thrown by
2 the wayside, and I think we can all agree that we really
3 need to help these impoverished regions, and especially
4 when education's such a big issue. So when you consider
5 mapping, I implore you again to please consider keeping
6 our --

7 MAR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MS. HERNANDEZ: -- Hispanic population together,
9 which is really on south -- south Fresno side. So thank
10 you so much, and -- thanks again. Good night.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 right now we have Caller 8224, and up next after that
13 will be Caller 1535.

14 Caller 8224, if you will please follow the prompts
15 to unmute by pressing star six?

16 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello? Do you hear me now?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we do. The floor is
18 yours.

19 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, can you hear me?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we do. The floor is
21 yours.

22 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Hi, my name's Stephanie (ph.).
23 I have called and (indiscernible) today, letting you know
24 that I was not happy to hear that you want to divide
25 Little Saigon into different districts. You have failed

1 to see that Little Saigon (indiscernible) hospitals
2 (indiscernible) restaurants, you name it, are brought
3 over in the (indiscernible) of Midway City
4 (indiscernible) Huntington Beach (indiscernible)
5 Westminster and Garden Grove.

6 Westminster High School and Fountain Valley High
7 School are with Huntington Beach Union High School
8 District. Fountain Valley School District has school in
9 Huntington Beach. Garden Grove United -- Garden Grove
10 School District have school in Fountain Valley and
11 Westminster (indiscernible) share the same school
12 district with (indiscernible) School District, where a
13 lot of children who live in Garden Grove go to as well.

14 As you can see, our children attending school
15 (indiscernible) in the area, and the education is unique
16 (indiscernible) for the (indiscernible) community
17 (indiscernible) available at all of these school
18 districts for our parents who just go with speaking and
19 understand English.

20 It's important that you keep Little Saigon whole by
21 making sure our education and culture, community of
22 interest is kept together. (Indiscernible) Westminster,
23 Garden Grove (indiscernible) Huntington Beach
24 (indiscernible) stay together. Thank you for your time,
25 and hopefully you have made sure to not rip our community

1 apart.

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you again.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
5 now, we have Caller 1535, and up next after that will be
6 Caller 7333.

7 Caller 1535, if you will please follow the prompts
8 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

9 MR. MALDONADO: Hi, good afternoon. My name is Tony
10 Maldonado (ph.). I'm Latino, male, and a twenty-three-
11 year-old resident of -- twenty-three-year resident of
12 Santa Clarita. I'm vehemently opposed to the dramatic
13 changes to the visualization maps for Santa Clarita that
14 removes Simi Valley, Antelope Valley, and parts of the
15 greater Santa Clarita Valley and instead includes the San
16 Fernando Valley.

17 I strongly support the map as submitted by the City
18 of Santa Clarita. In short, we have nothing in common
19 with the San Fernando Valley and everything with Simi
20 Valley, Agua Dulce, and the Antelope Valley, and if your
21 maps were upheld, it would largely disenfranchise our
22 community.

23 The greater Santa Clarita Valley, like Simi Valley,
24 is an affluent exurban community geographically separated
25 from the highly dense urban sprawl of the San Fernando

1 Valley area of the City of Los Angeles by a large
2 mountain range with a very narrow passage in between that
3 during certain natural events has been physically closed.
4 In 1987, Santa Clarita seceded from the City of Los
5 Angeles because they had nothing in common with the City
6 of Los Angeles, which treated the area as its personal
7 landfill.

8 Now, the removal of Simi Valley, Antelope Valley,
9 and parts of the greater Santa Clarita Valley from our
10 maps and the proposed merger of the San Fernando Valley
11 would once again put the City of Santa Clarita and the
12 surrounding neighborhoods at a large disadvantage as the
13 City of Los Angeles will once again impose its will, much
14 to the detriment of the residents of Santa Clarita, who
15 have worked tirelessly to make it a fantastic place to
16 live and work for everyone: Latino, black, Asian, white,
17 LGBTQ, and everyone under the sun, regardless of
18 political --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MR. MALDONADO: -- affiliation. I propose and
21 hopefully hope that you will actually amend your --
22 amend -- amend your maps so that they actually match our
23 maps as we submitted. Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
25 now we will have Caller 7333, and up next after that will

1 be Caller 2688. No, I apologize. Caller 2668.

2 Right now will be Caller 7333. If you will please
3 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six? The
4 floor is yours.

5 MR. NETH: Thank you. Good evening, commissioners.
6 My name is Monorom Neth. I'm the first vice chair of
7 Cambodia Town in beautiful Long Beach City, and more
8 importantly, I am part of the Cambodian community in Long
9 Beach.

10 Long Beach has the largest Cambodian population
11 outside of Cambodia, and earlier this week, we saw the
12 Commission release two maps that kept Long Beach together
13 but the congressional map that proposed to split Long
14 Beach apart. I would like to request that Cambodian
15 community and Long Beach can be kept together. And as
16 you move forward with this process, I know you have a lot
17 to consider and not enough time, but please consider
18 keeping the Cambodian community and Long Beach together.

19 And I want to thank the commissioner who gave
20 direction to bring Long Beach back together. Today was
21 definitely the direction we want to see. Again, please
22 keep Long Beach and the Cambodian community together.
23 Thank you for hearing my comments on this matter. Thank
24 you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

1 right now we will have Caller 2668, and up next after
2 that will be Caller 5592.

3 Caller 2668, if you will please follow the prompts
4 to unmute at this time by pressing star six? The floor
5 is yours. Caller 2668, you are unmuted. Can you hear
6 me? You may want to double-check and make sure your
7 telephone is not on mute.

8 MALE SPEAKER: Oh. Hello? Can you hear me?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. The floor
10 is yours.

11 MALE SPEAKER: Well, first off, thank you for taking
12 the time to hear my comment and for all the hard work
13 you're doing to provide fair and equitable districts for
14 us -- us here in Central Valley. As an active member of
15 the Central Valley community, I've been watching the
16 process thoroughly, and I'd specifically like to thank
17 Commissioner Fornaciari for his acknowledgement of our
18 concerns over the Kern-Madera district, which ties the --
19 Kern and Fresno together.

20 Later today, I believe Commissioner Yee mentioned
21 that the public comments from members of the Long Beach
22 community was a united call, and I just hope that the
23 Commission's -- acknowledges that our concerns in the
24 Central Valley are a united call as well. Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

1 right now we have Caller 5592, and up next after that
2 will be Caller 7698.

3 Caller 5592, if you will please follow the prompts
4 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

5 MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Well, good afternoon,
6 commissioners. Thank you for your continued efforts on
7 these maps and the opportunity to speak.

8 I'd like to express concern that some of my fellow
9 neighbors have mentioned as well before me over splitting
10 the City of Fresno across three districts. I believe
11 there should be a Voting Rights Act congressional
12 district anchored in the City of Fresno that encompasses
13 everything south of Shaw Avenue and west of Highway 99 to
14 make sure the Latino communities of Fresno are included
15 in one district.

16 As Commissioner Sinay noted this morning, cutting
17 the City of Fresno three times reduces the Latino vote
18 and I believe marginalizes our Latino community. I
19 advocate for the Commission to draw two seats in the City
20 of Fresno with one as a VRA district, thus affording you
21 the ability to create three VRA seats here in the Central
22 Valley, which would promote a strong Latino community
23 voice.

24 Further, Commissioner Fernandez expressed the need
25 to push Latino (indiscernible) over fifty percent on the

1 Merced-Fresno seat to further reflect VRA concerns. I
2 have to say I agree with her and encourage the Commission
3 to push the seat over fifty percent.

4 Thank you again for your work, and I hope you will
5 take our concerns about the City of Fresno into
6 consideration. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now we will have Caller 7698, and up next after
9 that will be Caller 2881.

10 Caller 7698, if you will please follow the prompts
11 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

12 MALE SPEAKER: Hi. I wanted to thank all you guys
13 for all the time that you have spent putting these maps
14 together.

15 My area of concern is about splitting up the City of
16 Fresno and further disenfranchising our Latinx brothers
17 and sisters. I believe there should be a Voting Rights
18 Act congressional district anchored in the City of
19 Fresno. This should include everything south of Shaw
20 Avenue and west of Highway 99 to make sure that the
21 Latinx community members of Fresno are included in one
22 district and their electoral and political power is not
23 further diluted. I believe, like -- you know, like I
24 said, the Commission should draw two seats in the City of
25 Fresno with at least one of them being a majority Latinx.

1 So again, thank you guys for the work that you are
2 doing. Done. Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now we have Caller 2881, and up next after that
5 will be Caller 5820.

6 Caller 2881, if you will please follow the prompts
7 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

8 MR. WHITING: Hi. My name is Edward Whiting, and I
9 am currently an elected official with the City of Taft as
10 a city council member and have been so for the last three
11 years. Prior to that, I had a lifetime of law
12 enforcement with the City of Taft and the county of Kern,
13 almost forty years' worth. And I'd just like to thank
14 the Commission for their time. I know that they have a
15 very tough job.

16 I'm familiar with Fresno, which is two hours to our
17 north, but spent most of my life here in almost all parts
18 of Kern County. I can tell you Fresno and Kern Counties
19 geographically and culturally share very little. Kern
20 County is much more diverse.

21 We have oil to the west, agriculture in the southern
22 San Joaquin Valley, mountains to the east, and further
23 east is the upper desert. We have the largest oil
24 reserves. Our large agricultural area helps feed this
25 great nation and the world. Our mountains host fishing,

1 hiking, boating, and so much more. The upper desert to
2 the east produces one million tons of refined borates
3 every year, which is approximately thirty percent of the
4 global demand. It also hosts Edwards Air Force Base
5 dedicated to the -- aerospace testing, and at Ridgecrest,
6 there's a naval weapons test center.

7 As you heard from the previous callers, this
8 proposed change could drastically affect water
9 allocations, transportation grants, and roads projects.
10 I firmly believe the senate and congressional districts
11 should remain as is and not be aligned with Fresno,
12 which -- where we share very little.

13 MALE SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

14 MR. WHITING: And thank you, commissioners, for your
15 time.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
17 right now we will have Caller 5820, and up next after
18 that will be Caller 8087.

19 Caller 5820, if you will please follow the prompts
20 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

21 MALE SPEAKER: Yeah, hi. I reside in Fresno,
22 California. I called before in the past. I first want
23 to thank you for your guys' work on this map and your
24 long hours. We really appreciate it.

25 As the Commission does try to finalize these draft

1 maps, I did want to voice concerns as well as my
2 community has been tonight about splitting the City of
3 Fresno three times and how that really disenfranchises
4 our Hispanic community here. I know we have been calling
5 about this for weeks, and I will -- I will say there
6 should be a Voting Rights Act congressional district that
7 is anchored in the City of Fresno, not just going to have
8 part of it but is really anchored in the City of Fresno,
9 meaning, you know, south of Shaw Avenue and west of
10 Highway 99 all together to really make sure that our
11 Latino community in Fresno are included in one district
12 so they can elect a representative of their choice.

13 Cutting the City of Fresno three times really
14 dilutes the Latino vote and other people of color and
15 disenfranchises our community. You know, I think
16 Commissioner Sinay did note this this morning in her
17 comments. So we really ask that the Commission draw two
18 seats in the City of Fresno with one being a VRA district
19 in -- south of Shaw and west of 99.

20 Splitting the City of Fresno twice will give you the
21 ability to create three VRA seats across the Central
22 Valley, which I know the Commission did discuss today.
23 They did discuss wanting a third one, and this is a great
24 way to do it. It would go a long way to make sure that
25 our Latino community in the Central Valley isn't

1 disenfranchised. And I know Commissioner Fernandez also
2 mentioned there is more work needed on the Merced-Fresno
3 seats. And so we do --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MALE SPEAKER: -- ask that you (indiscernible)
6 the -- the Latino seat back over fifty percent, and we do
7 agree with that.

8 So we thank you for your work. You guys have been
9 incredibly receptive to other public comment across the
10 state, and we just ask that you hear this comment from
11 the Central Valley and please be responsive --

12 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

13 MALE SPEAKER: -- to it. We appreciate seeing the
14 new maps next week. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now we will have Caller 8087, and up next after
17 that will be Caller 8184.

18 Caller 8087, if you will please follow the prompts
19 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

20 MS. LOREN: My name is Jesse Loren. I live on the
21 west side of Winters towards Lake Berryessa. I'm a
22 retired teacher. I serve on Winters' city council, and
23 I'm liaison representative to Winters' Hispanic Advisory
24 Committee.

25 It is important to us to have senate, congressional,

1 and assembly districts be similar in structure and
2 communities of interest. I thank you and ask that you
3 continue to keep Yolo whole and visualize Yolo and Solano
4 County together as an anchor when drawing our district
5 lines.

6 I want to thank you for keeping Yolo together with
7 the Delta community and Solano and Contra Costa County.
8 Lake Berryessa and the mountain range is a shared
9 ecotourist area for our county. When the Monticello Dam
10 was built in the '50s, it critically impacted the
11 surrounding tributaries, including, but not limited to,
12 Putah Creek. Putah Creek is riparian. It's also home to
13 spawning Chinook salmon, which then move north to the
14 Delta, Sacramento, and out to sea.

15 I wanted to point out that management decisions
16 relate Berryessa concessionaires and marinas and whether
17 or not the lake is open for recreation all have great
18 economic impact on Road 128 businesses that are the
19 gateway to Berryessa but also impact Napa, Solano, and
20 Yolo.

21 From an education lens, Solano K12 --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MS. LOREN: -- students from greater (audio
24 interference) attend school in -- in Winters Joint
25 Unified School District, and Winters students are part of

1 the Solano Community College district.

2 Overall, education, employment, land, fire, health,
3 nature, and water management --

4 MALE SPEAKER: Fifteen seconds.

5 MS. LOREN: -- all binds us as communities of
6 interest. It is our regional interest to keep us
7 together. Thank you so much for your hard work.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
9 right now we have Caller 8184, and up next after that
10 will be Caller 6058.

11 Caller 8184, if you will please follow the prompts
12 to unmute by pressing star six? And one more time,
13 Caller 8184, if you will please follow the prompts to
14 unmute? And the floor is yours.

15 MS. RAMOS: Good evening, Commission. My name is
16 Belia Ramos, B-E-L-I-A R-A-M-O-S, and I am a Napa County
17 supervisor. I wanted -- I will start with tagging onto
18 the comments of the prior caller and specifically draw
19 the Commission's attention to the assembly district map
20 that is drawn in regards to Yolo but does not currently
21 include Napa County.

22 One of the very unique parts that the caller just
23 mentioned before is the Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument
24 area and the fact that the relationship between Yolo
25 County and Napa County is so incredibly strong.

1 Berryessa, Lake Berryessa, and the concessionaires are
2 fully contained within Napa County but have a direct
3 correlation and impact with Yolo County.

4 Additionally, Napa County and Yolo County share many
5 agricultural interests, and in fact, a very unique one is
6 the olive oil industry. I would implore the Commission
7 to consider redrawing the map of the assembly district so
8 that Yolo is contained wholly within one assembly
9 district but it also contains that unique relationship
10 that Yolo County has with Napa County through the
11 Berryessa Snow Mountain.

12 Yesterday afternoon, I did (audio interference) in
13 regards to the congressional district, we are incredibly
14 appreciative that Napa County has continued --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MS. RAMOS: -- to remain whole within these maps.

17 And I am appreciative of the comments made by
18 Commissioners Toledo and Fernandez that Marin County has
19 nothing in common with Napa County. Napa County, Lake
20 County, Sonoma County, we share agricultural and agrarian
21 interests. We share fire --

22 MALE SPEAKER: Ten seconds.

23 MS. RAMOS: -- prevention and recovery interests,
24 and we do not have anything in common with the coastal
25 county of Marin, and I would ask that you remove Marin

1 County from our congre --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 right now we have Caller 6058, and up next after that
4 will be Caller 6832.

5 Caller 6058, if you will please follow the prompts
6 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

7 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello? Yes. My name's Shiruni
8 (ph.), and I'm calling about northwest Orange County
9 area. I'm extremely concerned about the suggestion of
10 commissioners to move the bordering cities of Orange
11 County into L.A. County to keep Long Beach intact. The
12 seat of Long Beach is in L.A. County, and if Long Beach
13 is to split, the districts are still in L.A. County,
14 still within the community of interest with appropriate
15 representation, whereas if you take the bordering cities
16 of Orange County into L.A. County, we are talking about a
17 completely different community of interest, completely
18 different values, and we will lose any representation,
19 and our voices will be silenced.

20 We, the bordering cities of Orange County, need
21 Orange County representation that understand our needs
22 and concerns so that our voices can be heard. Any
23 bordering city that joins Long Beach will be
24 disenfranchised. One of the goals of redistricting is to
25 keep a cohesive community with community interests. But

1 L.A. County and Orange County are like night and day, and
2 we have nothing in common.

3 There was a suggestion to include Seal Beach and
4 parts of Huntington Beach into Long Beach. Well, you are
5 moving the right direction by moving Cypress, Los
6 Alamitos, and Rossmoor into Orange County, and we really
7 appreciate for that, and that -- we will -- so we would
8 like the commissioners to have the same concern to keep
9 Long Beach intact as to keep Orange County cities intact
10 with Orange County boundaries. Why break up a county
11 that is whole and break up into two?

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 FEMALE SPEAKER: Splitting our bordering cities into
14 Long Beach and LA County will be detrimental to those
15 cities. Please reconsider your redistricting, and I
16 implore you to keep Orange County cities --

17 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

18 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- within Orange County boundaries.
19 Thank you for your time and education through this
20 process.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
22 right now we have Caller 6832, and up next after that
23 will be Caller 2567.

24 Caller 6832, if you will please follow the prompts
25 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

1 MALE SPEAKER: Thank you. First, I want to thank
2 the Commission for hearing me and taking my concern under
3 consideration. I'm from Fresno, and my county is in the
4 Central Valley. I'm concerned that if Fresno and Kern
5 are in the same congressional district, my representative
6 will cater to the agricultural and enger -- energy needs
7 of Kern rather than what my community needs. I ask the
8 Commission to seriously reconsider its decision to
9 include Kern and Fresno in the same district. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
11 right now we have Caller 2567, and up next after that
12 will be Caller 8279.

13 Caller 2567, if you will please follow the prompts
14 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

15 MALE SPEAKER: Hi, commissioners. My name is
16 Robert. Thank you for your continued work on these maps.
17 As the Commission tries to finalize drafting maps, I want
18 to voice concerns about splitting the City of Fresno
19 three times.

20 Cutting the City of Fresno so many times dilutes
21 then Latino vote and harms our community. The Commission
22 should draw two seats in the City of Fresno with one that
23 is over fifty percent Latino. This makes sure Latinos
24 can elect a candidate of their choice.

25 Thank you for your work, and I hope that you will

1 take our concerns about the City of Fresno into
2 consideration.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now we will have Caller 8279, and up next after
5 that will be Caller 5699.

6 Caller 8279, if you will please follow the prompts
7 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

8 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you so much,
9 commissioners, for taking my call, and thank you for all
10 your hard work and for listening to the public and
11 putting, you know, Tracy and Mountain Home back in a
12 community.

13 Merced wants to be kept whole. This is very
14 important to Merced. I hear so many people talking about
15 the Voting Rights Act. You know, I'm a fifth generation
16 here in Merced. I have a family member that raised me
17 that actually marched with Dr. King in Selma for the
18 right to vote. And so splitting up Merced and giving us
19 two congressmen, congressional districts, will take away
20 and dilute not just the Hispanic vote by the African
21 American vote.

22 UC Merced, Merced Community College are important
23 institutions in the community with Merced College having
24 two campuses, one in Merced and one in Los Banos. We
25 should not split our community.

1 And again, historically, Merced County is a Voting
2 Rights Act, VRA, district that is majority Latino, but it
3 was also African -- African American. And the Commission
4 should continue to be in compliance with the VRA as
5 Latinos and African Americans and black people continue
6 to be underrepresented. The current proposal helps to
7 ensure our -- that our water, our culture, our
8 agriculture, our economic, family, religious --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- and social ties stay intact. So
11 again, please do not split Merced up. Keep us, again, as
12 a whole. And thank you so much for taking the time and
13 listening to us here in Merced.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
15 now, we have Caller 5699, and up next after that will be
16 Caller 3770.

17 Caller 5699, if you will please follow the prompts
18 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

19 MR. MUNSON: Thank you very much. I just want to
20 confirm you can hear me?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

22 MR. MUNSON: Thanks a lot. My name is John Munson
23 (ph.), representing Nature for All. I should mention
24 that I have lived in Duarte, Pasadena, La Canada,
25 Glendale, and Tujunga most of my life. I've been

1 conservation and equity organizing for twenty years in
2 and around the San Gabriel Mountains.

3 We generally like AVSCV, FSV, GLEN2B, and CDWSGV,
4 and we think them responsive to our recommendations. We
5 have a variety of concerns about how the lines are drawn
6 for dis -- congressional districts that include the San
7 Gabriel Mountains and adjacent communities. One of our
8 goals is to make sure that all of the foothill
9 communities of interest (indiscernible) Rancho Cucamonga
10 are located in the congressional district that includes
11 the national forest to the north, and we thank for -- the
12 Commission for keeping this in mind.

13 Note that I said districts, though. The scope of
14 the foothills COI is unusual in its length and its -- the
15 number of people in it. It appears in segments in
16 today's 27th, 28th, and 29th districts, and we believe
17 each of these segments qualifies a community of interest
18 in themselves. All -- we want to see all the foothills
19 cities and districts that include the national forest.
20 We do not want to see districts only composed of
21 foothills cities. We have always recommended that these
22 districts run from south -- run further south as you --
23 as your visualizations in the districts I mentioned
24 currently do.

25 From a public lands perspective, you do not want

1 only affluent people having a say in how forests are
2 managed.

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 MR. MUNSON: Park -- people (indiscernible)
5 communities need to be in the mix as much as La Canada
6 (indiscernible). We really like the (indiscernible)
7 community in the south (indiscernible) San Gabriel Valley
8 visualization CDWSGV --

9 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

10 MR. MUNSON: -- and I thank you very much.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 right now we have Caller 3770, and up next after that
13 will be Caller 5325.

14 Caller 3770, if you will please follow the prompts
15 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

16 MR. GARRETT-PATE: Thank you. Good evening,
17 commissioners. My name is Sam Garrett-Pate. I'm calling
18 on behalf of Equality California about two LA area
19 congressional visualizations, starting with LB North.

20 We want to thank the Commission for their attention
21 to Long Beach today. Specifically, we want to thank
22 Commissioners Turner, Sadhwani, and Toledo for their
23 instruction to unite most of Long Beach, including the
24 historic LGBTQ-Plus community with Seal Beach and
25 Huntington Beach, which have similar LGBTQ-Plus

1 communities of interest. Doing so would be consistent
2 with the VRA. It would allow for two black opportunity
3 districts to the northwest in LA County. It would allow
4 for an effective Asian Opportunity district around Little
5 Saigon, and it would unite the LGBTQ-Plus communities in
6 the area.

7 Next, regarding visualization GLEN2BA, we want to
8 thank Commissioner Akutagawa for her instructions to add
9 in North Hollywood and Studio City today, both of which
10 have significant LGBTQ-Plus communities of interest.
11 This change will help to further unite our LA LGBTQ-Plus
12 community and empower us to elect candidates of choice.

13 I want to thank you again. We greatly appreciate
14 this commission's commitment to empowering LGBTQ-Plus
15 Californians through redistricting, and I hope you have a
16 great evening.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
18 now we have Caller 5325, and up next after that will be
19 Caller 1781.

20 Caller 5325, if you will please follow the prompts
21 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

22 MS. HURLEY: Hello. Can you hear me?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

24 MS. HURLEY: Okay, great. My name is Corinthia
25 Hurley, and I'm a longtime resident of Merced,

1 California. And I am calling in -- in regard to the idea
2 of splitting Merced County into two districts.

3 I would like to say that I've come to notice some
4 things throughout these calls and the persons who have
5 spoken. What I will say is I applaud the Commission for
6 all the hard work that they've done and giving this -- I
7 know this was no easy feat. But I would like to point
8 out that I know we often pay attention to the statistical
9 data and the numbers and population and different things
10 like that. But I think one thing that I've noticed is
11 that the part that may have been left out that's just
12 important for us to note is the people and the lives that
13 will be affected by the decisions that we're making with
14 dealing with the redistricting.

15 So what I will say is just, like, Merced County is a
16 small county. So to split us into two would cause
17 irreparable damage and all the progress that we have made
18 as a community. Also, my concern is the community
19 that -- in the foothills is -- it looks vastly different
20 to Merced County, not even just geographically, but as
21 far as political views and just the different things that
22 we have as priorities here. And so I feel to split
23 Merced into two districts would do a complete disservice
24 to the community here and the persons who are here.

25 I think we have to look at keeping Merced whole and

1 in one district and --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MS. HURLEY: -- to keep us with Fresno because we
4 have been able to do a lot of work that way.

5 But I really would just urge the Commission to think
6 about the persons whose lives are going to change based
7 off the decisions that are made here and to really take
8 into account what has been said and to make some changes.
9 Thank you for your time.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
11 now we have Caller 1781, and up next after that will be
12 Caller 1539.

13 Caller 1781, if you will please follow the prompts
14 to unmute by pressing star six?

15 MS. VAZQUEZ: Hello, can you --

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

17 MS. VAZQUEZ: Thank you. This is -- thank you very
18 much. This is Lucia Vazquez. I reside in Visalia,
19 California, which is in the Central Valley. As a matter
20 of fact, I live real close to what they call the Oval
21 District, which is a very high poverty area, one of the
22 most -- the highest poverty areas in the Central Valley.

23 And I'm calling today to again thank you for your
24 work. I know this is difficult, to try to please
25 everybody. But I would like to urge you today and remind

1 you that we need four Latino VRA assembly seats in the
2 Valley. We need two Latino VRA senate seats and three
3 Latino VRA congressional seats, and fifty percent is --
4 is not a strong VRA district. We really need them to be
5 a little stronger than that.

6 Please take in consideration the black and AAPI
7 communities, to include them in the Latino VRA districts.
8 We have so much in common.

9 And please do not split small towns. You know,
10 it -- somebody -- it -- the cuts have to go somewhere.
11 We understand that. You know, the counties need to be
12 cut up, but not the small towns. They have so little
13 representation. It's so hard to be able to work together
14 with a small town to be able to get somewhere and really
15 get that effective leadership, and once you split that,
16 it really does a disservice to them.

17 So again, thank you so much for the time and the
18 countless hours that you have put in, and thank you for
19 your representation.

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MS. VAZQUEZ: We need effective leadership. Thank
22 you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
24 right now we have Caller 1539, and up next after that
25 will be Caller 7604.

1 Caller 1539, if you will please follow the prompts
2 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

3 MS. COOK: My name is Leigh Ann Cook, trustee for
4 the Rosedale Union School District in Bakersfield,
5 California, and for the County of Kern. Thank you,
6 commissioners, and your staff -- I especially know how
7 difficult this is on all of you -- for hearing my comment
8 and for the important work you are doing during this
9 public process.

10 Today I wanted to express my concerns and thoughts
11 on the Madera-Kern map within the 23rd congressional
12 district that represents Kern County. It is of the
13 utmost importance that we have strong representation in
14 Washington, D.C., to help us address our educational
15 challenges. As one of the fastest-growing minority
16 communities in the state, we need to be sure our voices
17 are heard for the resources that we desperately need.

18 We do not want radical changes to our
19 representation. We want to keep our communities
20 together, not linked with places as far away as Fresno.
21 I ask that something closer to our existing lines remains
22 to continue leadership that can address our unique
23 challenges.

24 It is also important to note the work Kern County is
25 doing to diversity its economy from our traditional

1 industries. This involves eastern Kern County and
2 aerospace and having our communities of Ridgecrest, China
3 Lake, areas surrounding Edwards Air Force Base, and the
4 Antelope Valley connected and that effort to attract
5 projects like Space -- the SpaceX program and the
6 emerging industries that go with it.

7 Lastly, the historical boundaries of the 23rd
8 district have gone no farther north of Tulare County,
9 have gone as far south as Lancaster, Palmdale, and as far
10 west as San Luis Obispo --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MS. COOK: -- County, which shares production of oil
13 and agriculture and ranching dating back to Congressman
14 Bill Ketchum.

15 Again, thank you for your time and hearing my
16 thoughts and concerns. I hope that you have a good
17 evening. And --

18 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

19 MS. COOK: -- on a lighter note, we cannot have
20 Fresno and Bakersfield together as they are Giants fans
21 and we are Dodgers. Have a good evening. Thank you.
22 Good night.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
24 right now we have Caller 7604, and up next after that
25 will be Caller 0458.

1 Caller 7604, if you will please follow the prompts
2 to unmute by pressing star six? One more time, Caller
3 7604, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by
4 pressing star six? Caller 7604, I do apologize. There
5 appears to be a connectivity issue. If we can, we will
6 try to come back.

7 At this time, we'll be going to Caller 0458, and up
8 next after that will be Caller 2087.

9 Caller 0458, if you will please follow the prompts
10 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

11 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. I also would like to offer my
12 thanks and appreciation to the Commission for all of the
13 work that you are doing on this monumental task. My name
14 is Fiona. That is spelled F as in Frank, I-O-N-A, and I
15 live in Diamond Bar. And I specifically want to speak
16 about our congressional district, which was on page 50 of
17 the document you were discussing today, and I would like
18 to thank the commissioner, whose name I've forgotten now,
19 who brought up the same points that I'm going to bring
20 up.

21 I'd like to thank you for keeping Diamond Bar,
22 Rowland Heights, Walnut, and Hacienda Heights together in
23 a district. These are communities that I feel as a
24 resident have many similar interests. As a resident of
25 Diamond Bar for more than ten years who has moved around

1 these communities doing the things I do in my normal
2 life, I don't feel like they -- these contiguous
3 communities have anything in common with the other
4 communities that have been added to this district,
5 specifically those cities along the 605 corridor.

6 The 60 corridor and the 57 corridor have a lot more
7 in common. I believe that -- I mean, there's a joke that
8 Diamond Bar's actually north north Orange County. We
9 have a little bit more in common with Brea and Fullerton
10 to the point where students -- high school students in
11 Fullerton and Brea who don't want to see each other at
12 Fullerton Community College --

13 MAR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- actually go to Mt. SAC and
15 Mount -- and students in the Walnut, Diamond Bar area
16 will go down to Fullerton Community College for something
17 different, I suppose. So I think that the consideration
18 of adding northern Orange County into the Rowland
19 Heights, Diamond Bar, Hacienda Heights, Walnut
20 congressional document --

21 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

22 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- possibly even pulling in Cal
23 Poly Pomona -- I know that's hard. But Cal Poly and Mt.
24 SAC work together a lot. And even extending up the --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

1 right now we will have Caller 8556, and up next after
2 that will be Caller 6456.

3 Caller 8556, if you will please follow the prompts
4 to unmute at this time by pressing star six? The floor
5 is yours.

6 MALE SPEAKER: Hi, can you hear me?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

8 MALE SPEAKER: Thank you so much, all the
9 Commission. And my name is Ronby (ph.). I'm from Long
10 Beach. I work for the community service interfaith and
11 also mental health services as well.

12 When people start to talk about unity, they feel
13 happy. Because in Long Beach City, it's beautiful city,
14 we bring together with different culture, economic, and
15 religion. So it's something we talk about -- or hear
16 about the splitting, which is very sad, and people not
17 happy at all.

18 And especially in Cambodia Town, we go through -- we
19 gone through three different wars. And when we come
20 here, we have already small town, and now we hear that on
21 the map it say it's splitting and this is getting
22 smaller, so we are not really happy. And please consider
23 that.

24 Continue to keep (indiscernible) where we have --
25 and we have (indiscernible) and it will really grow,

1 growing so fast and beautiful in Long Beach. So please
2 keep the way it is and continue to add more technology
3 and economics and religion work together as a whole.

4 Thank you so much, Madam Chair, and all the hard
5 work from the Commission. I really appreciate it. Thank
6 you so much.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now we will have Caller 6456, and up next after
9 that will be Caller 9400.

10 Caller 6456, if you will please follow the prompts
11 to unmute by pressing star six? And one more time,
12 Caller 6456, if you will please follow the prompts to
13 unmute by pressing star six? I do apologize, Caller
14 6456. There appears to be some connectivity issue. If
15 we have time, I will try to come back.

16 At this time, we will be going to Caller 9400, and
17 up next after that will be Caller 1986.

18 Caller 9400, if you will please follow the prompts
19 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

20 MS. GIUMARRA: Yes. Thank you so much for taking my
21 comments. My name is Cynthia Giumarra. It's
22 G-I-U-M-A-R-R-A. I'm a resident in Bakersfield,
23 California. I wanted to address the map of Madera-Kern
24 1102. I appreciate your efforts to bring equity across
25 our state in how various districts are lined out.

1 I would ask, though, that with regard to Fresno
2 County and Kern County, that we make no changes. These
3 two communities are uniquely situated with different
4 major business interests and various historical and
5 civic-social interests. They have things that are unique
6 to each county, and I believe that keeping the
7 representation and the district lines as they're
8 currently drawn would be the most efficient and effective
9 way of giving the constituents in these counties the
10 representation that they need because of the uniqueness
11 that we find in these two communities.

12 I know especially in Kern County -- and this has
13 been brought up on earlier comments today -- we have a
14 unique medical need in our county that deals with Valley
15 fever. It's also been brought up that we're uniquely
16 situated with major oil interests, with agriculture, and
17 also with cattle and dairy farming. So I'm just asking
18 that you would not change those district lines --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MS. GIUMARRA: -- between Fresno County and
21 Bakersfield or Kern County, that it would be most
22 effective to keep them drawn as they're currently drawn
23 so that it would meet the needs that the constituents in
24 these counties have most effectively. So thank you for
25 your time, and --

1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

2 MS. GIUMARRA: -- I wish you all the very best in
3 this major effort. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
5 right now we have Caller 1986, and up next after that
6 will be Caller 5944.

7 Caller 1986, if you will please follow the prompts
8 to unmute by pressing star six? And one more time,
9 caller with the last four digits 1986, if you will please
10 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing
11 star six? I do apologize, Caller 1986. If we have time,
12 I will attempt to come back. There appears to be some
13 connectivity issues with you unmuting.

14 Right now, we have Caller 5944, and up next after
15 that will be Caller 1473.

16 Caller 5944, if you will please follow the prompts
17 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

18 MALE SPEAKER: Hi, good evening, commissioners. I
19 wanted to correct the record about something that came up
20 in the meeting this morning. The dollop in the Kern
21 County-Bakersfield district that goes into Delano,
22 Bakersfield, and whatnot was described as being part of
23 the three conditions VRA area. And that dollop is -- was
24 actually expanded in the visualizations quite a bit last
25 week to take up another 150,000 people, and really,

1 that's kind of what's driving this whole issue with
2 having a district that is connected to Fresno. That's
3 why that population had to shift north. So the existing
4 district lines would put that 150,000 people back where
5 they were.

6 You know, we've heard a lot of (indiscernible)
7 testimony from -- you know, it's been bipartisan,
8 multiracial, from a lot of community leaders, elected
9 down here -- about that district. It's very unwieldy,
10 and I don't think that you could have, well, really a
11 district like that with -- result in about seventy-five
12 percent of the people there never having a chance to have
13 any local representation. There's just no center to it,
14 and it just doesn't make sense --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MALE SPEAKER: -- for the people that live there. I
17 would hope that you guys would apply the same standards
18 that you have to other places. We hear a lot in other
19 districts when you're discussing other areas about
20 spheres of influence and --

21 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

22 MALE SPEAKER: -- anchor cities and that sort of
23 thing, and it seems like in regards to this particular
24 district, that's kind of gone out the window. So I would
25 hope that you guys kind of reassess that. Thank you very

1 much.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
3 now we have Caller 1473, and up next after that will be
4 Caller 5042.

5 Caller 1473, if you will please follow the prompts
6 to unmute by pressing star six?

7 MS. WALSH: Hello?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. The floor is yours.

9 MS. WALSH: Good evening. My name is Susan Walsh,
10 and I am calling from Merced, California. And along with
11 many of the other callers, I first want to say thank you
12 to the Commission. The work you are doing is critical to
13 democracy and critical to the future of California, and
14 it's also mind-bending. So I appreciate all your
15 efforts.

16 I'm calling to ask that Merced County remain in one
17 congressional district. Merced County is a resource-poor
18 county, and over the last decade, we have been able to
19 pull together because of our common economic, historical,
20 water, ecology, and educational communities. As an
21 earlier caller mentioned, we have -- we are lucky enough
22 to be the home of the tenth campus of the University of
23 California in Merced, but our community college, which
24 serves thousands of students, operates across the county
25 in both the east and west sides in Merced and Los Banos

1 with other places between. I sit on the citizen advisory
2 committee for the (indiscernible) people here -- sorry
3 about the dog -- and I also sit on other county-wide
4 committees, including for the League of Women Voters
5 and --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 MS. WALSH: -- and for the county library system. I
8 urge you not to separate Merced County and to let us
9 continue to have the political representation we need to
10 forge a path --

11 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

12 MS. WALSH: -- (indiscernible) economic growth of
13 the counties north and south of us. Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
15 now, we will have Caller 5042, and up next after that
16 will be Caller 4340.

17 We do have a break coming up in about ten minutes,
18 but I would like to give those who have not spoke this
19 evening the opportunity to please press star nine to
20 raise your hand, indicating you do wish to give comment
21 this evening as we are coming to the end of our queue.
22 Again, star nine will raise your hand, indicating you
23 have a comment to make. I see those hands coming up, and
24 thank you so much.

25 Right now, we have Caller 5042. If you will please

1 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six? The
2 floor is yours.

3 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello? Can you hear me?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

5 FEMALE SPEAKER: Perfect. Hi, everybody. My name
6 is Claire, and I'd like to make a public comment on Kings
7 County. Many Kings County students attend West Hills
8 Community College after graduating high school, which has
9 campuses in Kings, Tulare, and Fresno County. Far more
10 students from Kings County attend Fresno State than Cal
11 State, Bakersfield.

12 And also, Kings County is a former Section 5 county
13 and should be kept whole out of the deference to the --
14 that former student. It's a protected county out of
15 the -- by the Voting Rights Act.

16 And thank you for your time.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
18 right now we will have Caller 4340, and up next after
19 that will be Caller 6666.

20 Caller 4340, if you will please follow the prompts
21 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

22 MS. LADDISH: Thank you. My name is Kate Laddish,
23 K-A-T-E L-A-D-D-I-S-H. I live in the Yolo County city of
24 Winters along the Yolo-Solano line and near Napa. Thank
25 you to commissioners and line-drawers for hearing public

1 input about the previous congressional and senate
2 visualizations and reorienting Yolo County so we're -- so
3 we are grouped with Solano in the northern part of the
4 Delta rather than with counties along the Oregon and
5 Nevada borders.

6 The current congressional and senate visualizations
7 are significant improvements, and -- although we are
8 still put in the assembly visualization. Through this
9 process, there's been an oft-repeated refrain of keep
10 Yolo County whole and group Yolo and Solano together.
11 There's also been significant public input about keeping
12 the greater Winters area and Yolo, Solano, and Napa
13 together.

14 Looking at the current congressional visualization,
15 I'm delighted that all of Yolo County is included in
16 VCD_CONCORD_TR 1102. I very much appreciate that the
17 Yolo and Solano parts of the Winters area are together in
18 this district. This district with Yolo, eastern Solano,
19 and the Delta parts of Sacramento and Contra Costa
20 reflects our shared interest in the Delta. Winters and
21 other Yolo County and Solano communities feel this
22 kinship with Vacaville in Solano County, which is not
23 included in this district. I would like to see Vacaville
24 moved into Concord TR.

25 And turning to the senate, I like how Yolo is

1 grouped with Napa County, much of Solano, the Delta
2 portions of Sacramento, as well as Lake County --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 MS. LADDISH: -- in VSD Napa Byron 1102. However,
5 I'm quite concerned that west Sacramento is in N Sac
6 1102. Please move west Sacramento into Napa Byron. Yolo
7 County is a community of interest and should be kept
8 whole --

9 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

10 MS. LADDISH: -- in district. Similarly, please
11 unite Yolo in future assembly visualizations, grouping us
12 with Solano, Sacramento, Delta (indiscernible) and Napa.
13 Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
15 right now we have Caller 6666, and up next after that
16 will be Caller 8809.

17 Caller 6666, if you will please follow the prompts
18 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

19 MS. SAN: Good evening, commissioners. My name is
20 Sithea San, and I am the chairman and executive director
21 of Cambodia Town, Inc. I called in a few weeks ago to
22 oppose maps that would have separated the Cambodian
23 community from Long Beach. Today, I am calling to share
24 that the Cambodian community will always oppose maps that
25 propose to split us apart, as the map the Commission

1 released this week would have done.

2 Thank you so much, commissioners, for hearing our
3 comments. The whole of the Cambodian community in Long
4 Beach wants to be with Long Beach. Long Beach is a
5 diversity, and our Cambodian community is a proud partner
6 on a lot of the work that is done by so many good people
7 all around us in Long Beach. We have made a conscious
8 effort to organize and elevate Cambodian voices in
9 politics, education, and civic engagement, and have
10 established ourselves as equal members of the entire Long
11 Beach community.

12 Our progress has only been possible through the hard
13 work of our own community members and through recognition
14 and respect from others --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MS. SAN: -- in the entire Long Beach community.
17 Thank you for keeping the Cambodian community together in
18 Long Beach, and have a great evening.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
20 right now will be Caller 8809.

21 Caller 8809, if you will please follow the prompts
22 to unmute? And the floor is yours.

23 MS. WARMSLEY: Thank you, Madam Secretary. This is
24 Councilwoman Kimberly Warmsley for the -- from the 6th
25 District in Stockton, California. I'm calling on behalf

1 of myself and my constituents in regards to the
2 congressional district -- my district.

3 First of all, I want to point out that VCD 1102
4 leaves out the rest of the Delta and Stockton, a most
5 vulnerable and historically marginalized city. Stockton
6 is the tenth-most-diverse community in the nation with
7 one of the strongest agriculture economies in the world.
8 It is vital we protect our Delta and the surrounding
9 neighborhoods and cities throughout this district. This
10 map is not reflective of its jewel.

11 I want to point out VCDA Map 1013. I find this map
12 very lucrative, and the reason that I support this
13 alignment is because it benefits and unifies not all
14 but -- not some but all of the neighborhoods within the
15 San Joaquin Delta, including Stockton, a very unique and
16 diverse community. The commonalities that we have within
17 the San Joaquin County Delta must continue to preserve in
18 our waterways, agriculture land, schools, especially
19 hos -- hospitals, including our new veterans' facility
20 and the San Joaquin County General Hospital, which offers
21 a trauma clinic.

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MS. WARMSLEY: Remember, this region is key to our
24 most precious assets within the State of California,
25 which is the San Joaquin Delta. In close, I want to just

1 point out that Elk Grove needs to be aligned with
2 congressional districts in Sacramento because, again, it
3 shares its commonalities --

4 MALE SPEAKER: Ten seconds.

5 MS. WARMSLEY: -- with Sacramento and not San
6 Joaquin County. Please consider maybe branching off and
7 expanding into Lodi and French Camp --

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Katy. Thank you,
9 callers. We're on a break -- we're coming up on a break.
10 So we're going to take a fifteen-minute break, and when
11 we come back, we will finish hearing our public comment
12 from those that are in the queue.

13 So, Katy, if you could give the raise hand
14 instruction, we will go to break at 6:30. I'll give you
15 a little bit of time here to give that instruction.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: For those that have
17 called in (indiscernible) this evening, if you'll please
18 press star nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish
19 to give comment. And for those that have not been able
20 to connect before, I will come back and retry those
21 numbers. That is for Caller 1986 and Caller 6456 and
22 Caller 7604. And for everybody, please do not hang up as
23 our lines are closed. So please do not hang up, and we
24 will be back. Thank you so much.

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Katy.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.

2 CHAIR LE MONS: Let's go to break, Kristian.

3 MALE SPEAKER: Thank you so much. We are on break
4 until 6:45, everybody.

5 (Off the record at 6:30 p.m.)

6 (On the record at 6:44 p.m.)

7 CHAIR LE MONS: Welcome back, everyone, from break.

8 At this time, we'll go back to our public comment.

9 Katy?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.

11 And we'll start with Caller 7839, and up after that
12 will be Caller 1986. But before I do that, I would like
13 to give Caller 5956, Caller 6456, Caller 6751, Caller
14 7604, and Caller 8775 -- if you will please press star
15 nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish to give
16 comment, it will make my job a little bit easier. I will
17 still be giving you an opportunity to speak. It makes it
18 a little more fluid. Star nine, again, would help a lot.

19 Right now, Caller 7839, if you will please follow
20 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is
21 yours.

22 FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening. Thank you so much
23 for listening to my comments. I also would like to agree
24 with all the previous callers in thanking you for all
25 your hard work that -- that you (indiscernible) to make

1 this process work.

2 My name is Daphne Balsimore (ph.), and I've lived in
3 Simi Valley for thirty years. My comments deal with -- I
4 would like to see -- I'd like to see you keep Simi Valley
5 and Santa Clarita County together in the same assembly,
6 senate, and congressional districts. We have similar
7 shared characteristics and issues, including we're
8 communities of working class people; we share wildfire,
9 water, and energy grid issues. And I also want to share
10 that I support the BICA-AD38 assembly map.

11 Thank you so much for your time. I really
12 appreciate it, and I hope that you can keep Simi Valley
13 and Santa Clarita together. Thank you, thank you. Have
14 a fantastic evening. Good-bye.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now we'll retry Caller 1986, and up after that will
17 be Caller 9918.

18 Caller 1986, if you will please follow the prompts
19 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

20 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Alyssa (ph.). I'd
21 like to make a public comment on Kings and Kern County.
22 The Kern River is a natural dividing line between east
23 and west Bakersfield. The communities on the west side
24 of the Kern, including all the way up to Kings, Fresno,
25 and Tulare, share similar water conditions. On one side

1 of the river, they pump groundwater, and on the other,
2 they utilize surface water. Given the centrality of
3 water to everyday life in the valley, that
4 differentiation is critical to recognize in districting.
5 Thank you for your continued work on the maps.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
7 right now we'll be going to Caller 9918, and up next
8 after that will be Caller 3082.

9 Caller 9918, if you will please follow the prompts
10 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

11 MALE SPEAKER: Good evening, everyone. Good
12 evening, Commission. I thank you for all of your hard
13 work during this time of redrawing lines in the
14 districts. But I did have one concern.

15 As a member of the community who lives in, works in,
16 and works closely with the Latino community, I have a
17 concern that their vote is being split up into multiple
18 districts as the constituents all live in one primary
19 area of Fresno. So I would like to see a VRA
20 congressional seat in Fresno, and I would like to see
21 possibly a line drawn through Fresno somewhere, you know,
22 west of 99 and south of Shaw. I think that's going to
23 increase the Latino vote in that area and keep everyone
24 together as their cultural concerns are very similar.
25 I think it would be unfair to keep them split up.

1 Thank you for your time. I appreciate all of your
2 hard work. I know it's not easy in this time, and I know
3 you guys have a really hard job. But thank you for
4 hearing my concerns tonight.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
6 now we'll be going to Caller 3082, and up next after
7 that, we'll be going to Caller 5956.

8 Caller 3082, if you will please follow the prompts
9 to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.
10 Caller 3082, you are unmuted. Can you hear me? You may
11 want to double-check to make sure your phone is not on
12 mute. Oh, now you are muted again. There you are,
13 unmuted. The floor is yours. And once again, you might
14 just want to double-check that your phone is not on mute.
15 Caller 30 -- can you hear us now? Caller 3082? I do
16 apologize for your technical difficulties. I will come
17 back to you in just a couple of more speakers.

18 Right now, we will be giving Caller 5956 an
19 opportunity. If you will please follow the prompts to
20 unmute by pressing star six? And just one more time,
21 Caller 5956, if you wish to give comment, please press
22 star six. And as you have not raised your hand, I will
23 not waste our time any longer.

24 And up next after that, we will be giving Caller
25 6456 another opportunity as you had your hand raised

1 earlier and were unable to unmute. That's Caller 6456.
2 If you wish to give comment and try one more time, please
3 press star six. And one more time, Caller 6456, if you
4 wish to try again and give comment, please press star
5 six. Thank you, Caller 6456. I apologize if you are
6 trying to unmute, and please contact the Commission in
7 the other ways available.

8 At this time, we will go to Caller 6751. If you
9 will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
10 pressing star six if you wish to give comment this
11 evening? And one more time, Caller 6751, if you wish to
12 give comment, please press star six. Clearly, you do
13 not.

14 I believe Caller 3082 is our last retry. Caller
15 3082, if you will please press star six?

16 MR. SMART: Can you hear me?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

18 MR. SMART: Can you hear me now?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

20 MR. SMART: Well, after four hours, I'm glad. I'm
21 Pastor William Smart, president and CEO of the Southern
22 Christian Leadership Conference of Southern California.
23 I want to thank you all for hearing the voices and
24 concerns of African American community in Los Angeles.
25 We appreciate that you drew senate and congressional

1 seats that would continue to allow our community an
2 opportunity to elect candidates of our choice. I look
3 forward to working with you as we go into line drawing to
4 make these the strongest African American VRA districts
5 possible.

6 However, my community still has concerns about your
7 assembly visualizations. I request that you work to make
8 these districts -- draft districts more sensitive to the
9 African American community before you enter the live
10 line-drawing phase. I recognize that Los Angeles is a
11 large, complex region, and you are hearing from many
12 individuals, groups, and organizations throughout this
13 process. Please continue to keep the needs of African
14 American communities in the Los Angeles Basin in mind
15 when you revisit the assembly visualization.

16 We are SCLC. We fought for the 1955 Voting Rights
17 Act. We are Martin Luther King's organization. We are
18 watching, working all throughout this space, the city,
19 the county, to ensure that there is Voting Rights
20 districts and that we are represented as a people and not
21 negated in this process. Thank you for your hard, hard
22 work, because you have --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MR. SMART: -- really shown that you work hard.
25 Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And I
2 do want to give Caller 8775 an opportunity to unmute. If
3 you wish to give comment, Caller 8775, please press star
4 six to unmute at this time. The floor is yours.

5 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. I'm just calling to urge the
6 Commission to ensure a strong Voting Rights district in
7 the community of Fresno. The proposed maps are really
8 detrimental to the Hispanic and Latino voices in Fresno,
9 and I just urge the Commission to relook at drawing those
10 lines for the sake of equity in that area. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 Chair, that is all of our callers this -- this evening.
13 Chair, I believe you are on mute.

14 COMMISSIONERS FORNACIARI: You're muted.

15 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you so much, Katy, appreciate
16 it, and I'm happy to say that we were able to get through
17 all of our callers again this evening. We appreciate the
18 feedback. If for some reason you had technical
19 difficulty and was unable to get your comment in, please
20 visit our website at WeDrawTheLines.ca.org. Use the
21 form, and you can still provide your comment at any time.

22 So again, thank you so much. We had some robust --
23 excuse me -- public comment over the last three days. I
24 want to thank all the commissioners, the staff, the line
25 drawers, and everyone who helps to make these meetings

1 successful for the -- excuse me -- residents of
2 California. It has been a pleasure to serve as the chair
3 this week, and I look forward to passing the baton to
4 Commissioners Turner and Taylor for next week and to
5 continue to do the great work for the citizens of
6 California.

7 So with that, we are going to say goodnight, just
8 under 7 o'clock. The meeting is adjourned.

9 (Recessed at 6:57 p.m.)

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And I further certify that I am not of counsel or attorney for either or any of the parties to said hearing nor in any way interested in the outcome of the cause named in said caption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of November, 2021.



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