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P R O C E E D I N G S

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11:05 a.m.

CHAIR TURNER: Good morning, and welcome to -- all of you, welcome to day 2 of our California Redistricting Hearing. I'm Commissioner Trena Turner, and we will start with roll call.

Alvaro, please.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair.

Commissioner Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Present.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Turner, Chair
9 Turner.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Here. Thank you.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: You're welcome.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: And Commissioner Yee. I need
13 a -- here. Here.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. We have a quorum.

15 I'd like to start out this morning with kind of
16 setting a agenda and expectation for our next couple of
17 days. Thank you to all of your Commissioners for your
18 hard work, to all of our staff and line drawers, et
19 cetera, and of course, we are grateful to all of our
20 Californians that's calling in for the process.

21 I'm wanting to start by saying today, November 8th,
22 we're going to work on your Congressional maps today.
23 We're going to work on our Congressional maps and
24 complete them today. We will open for public comment
25 towards the end of our meeting time.

1 On tomorrow, we will revisit and go back to our
2 Assembly maps. Tomorrow, we will revisit and go back to
3 our Assembly maps, that's on November the 9th.
4 Following, the goal is to work on our Senate maps and our
5 Board of Equalization maps on the 10th.

6 Heard from many of you Californians, I know just
7 even in sentiment. For a lot of our Commissioners, we
8 want to ensure that we with putting forth our best effort
9 and best product. So with that, we're going to revisit
10 and ensure that what we send for our draft map reflects
11 what we all feel really good about moving forward.
12 This -- we set aside some notes and some buckets the
13 other day that will hopefully guide our conversations
14 today.

15 It will be important, Commissioners, that -- we've
16 said a few different times from the meetings that we not
17 repeat a lot, add in what's already been stated. It will
18 be crucial over these next couple of days that we do
19 exactly that, that we stay in tune of the conversation
20 and that we add in where necessary, that we not do a lot
21 of -- not a lot of extra dialogue is where I'll leave it
22 so that we can get through this process.

23 So today, we have our Congressional maps that have
24 been put up. We're going to go through those, and we're
25 going to ensure that they are both a structure and a map

1 that we are proud of. We've gone through our VRA
2 districts that are pretty tight. We will not attempt to
3 revisit and shift what we've done from a VRA perspective,
4 but we will be looking at the architecture around some of
5 the other items in these areas.

6 So good morning to you all. Buckle up. Let's get
7 this done for our Congressional maps today. So we're
8 going to start with our line drawers that will be talking
9 to us about our Congressional maps. Thank you.

10 MS. MAC DONALD: I'm sorry. Okay. Here we go.
11 Good morning, Chair Turner, and good morning,
12 Commissioners. We're going to start again with Kennedy
13 in the Central Valley. Thank you.

14 MS. WILSON: I will first start with three districts
15 Mr. Becker may want to comment on. We are going to start
16 with Kings, Tulare -- Kings, Tulare, Kern. This is going
17 to be on page 38, and going over our label, we have the
18 name of the visualization, the percent deviation, which
19 is at zero now. We have percent Latino CVAP, percent
20 black CVAP, percent Asian CVAP, percent indigenous and --
21 CVAP, and percent white CVAP.

22 And here, like most others, we have -- I'm going to
23 zoom in to Bakersfield. This takes a bit of a wider neck
24 than we had before with our Assembly visualization, and
25 so as I zoom in here, this moves out wider, including

1 more of Bakersfield. We still have Arvin and Lamont
2 together. This one does include all of Shafter while the
3 other one did not have Shafter from yesterday's.

4 And then moving up into Kings and Tulare, we have a
5 cut across Kings and Tulare, and we're not splitting any
6 cities here, but Lemoore and Hanford are above, they're
7 not in this one, and Tulare is above, also not in this
8 visualization.

9 MR. BECKER: So I'll just note, you'll see this
10 throughout as I'm beginning to look at these really for
11 the first time, the line drawers have done a remarkable
12 job of getting the deviations down either to zero or very
13 close to zero for these daft maps, which is a real
14 accomplishment, especially when you look at the cities
15 that they've been able to keep together and respecting
16 the criteria of four principles of political boundaries
17 and geography.

18 This district has a fifty-three -- this is an area
19 of Voting Rights Act concerns where we've seen consistent
20 racially polarized voting. This district has a 53.76
21 percent Latino CVAP. Likely, given the composition of
22 these districts of the testimony we've heard, that is
23 likely in a range that protects Latino voting interests
24 in this area.

25 MS. WILSON: Now, we will be moving North to

1 Fresno/Tulare visualization. This is on page 37, page
2 37, and as I just mentioned previously, Lemoore and
3 Hanford are kept together. Tulare, Lindsay, Tonyville,
4 Farmersville, Exeter, Visalia is kept whole in this
5 visualization, and then we have Woodlake, Lemon Cove, and
6 Lindcove and Ivanhoe all together on this visualization
7 as well, and then it reaches into Fresno, and here we
8 have Orange Cove, Reedley, Selma, Sanger, Del Ray,
9 Fowler, and then up into the City of Fresno. We'll move
10 this over.

11 We have Mayfair. Going to the top, it reaches
12 higher to keep those Hmong communities together, and it
13 does not include Sunnyside due to numbers and due to the
14 deviation numbers and bringing down Latino CVAP in this
15 area. So that is why in the Assembly visualization, I
16 tried to keep them together because in this one, I did
17 not have them together, them being Sunnyside and Sanger.

18 MR. BECKER: Almost identical comments the last
19 time. Very nice job of getting the deviation down very
20 close to zero. The traditional redistricting
21 considerations, like city boundaries, have been very well
22 respected here, and the Latino CVAP in this area is 52.95
23 percent, which given population concentrations, the
24 Voting Rights Act concerns is likely adequate to protect
25 Latino interests here.

1 Now, we will be moving to page 35, and we have this
2 Western part of Fresno County, so down to Coalinga. This
3 is similar to a visualization you saw yesterday in the
4 Assembly visualization, and here we keep the West of the
5 99 and West Park, some of southwest Fresno together, and
6 then I will zoom out so that you can see. We have
7 Madera, Madera Acres, unlike yesterday where these
8 smaller cities of Parksdale and Parkwood were included.
9 They were taken out of this visualization, but Chowchilla
10 and Fairmead are also a part of this as well.

11 And then moving up, we have the entire County of
12 Merced, and then we move into Stanislaus, into Ceres, and
13 into Modesto. We take some of Modesto and some of
14 Turlock, and then moving into Diablo Grande and
15 Patterson, and from last week's direction, it was to move
16 into Stanislaus before moving out West to San Benito and
17 so that is why there is this split here, but again,
18 there's -- that led to only one split of Stanislaus.

19 MR. BECKER: Identical comments on deviation, which
20 is -- we're talking about Stanis/Fresno, right? Kennedy,
21 we're talking about Stanis/Fresno?

22 MS. WILSON: Yes.

23 MR. BECKER: Yep. Deviation's very good respecting
24 ski boundaries, et cetera. It's done -- been done very
25 well given -- especially considering the deviation.

1 We're at the lower end of Latino CVAP in this area, which
2 is an area of Voting Rights Act concerns given racially
3 polarized voting in this area and concentrations of
4 Latino populations, but it's likely sufficient. I would
5 be -- this would be an area where you should probably be
6 very careful not to lower it additionally.

7 MS. WILSON: Now we'll be moving back South that
8 we're done with these VRA visualizations -- possible VRA
9 visualizations, and so we're going to be moving to page
10 36, and this is Fresno/Kern, and to see these better, now
11 I am going to, if that's okay with you, Chair, remove the
12 labels of the CVAP -- percent CVAP for Latino CVAP, black
13 CVAP --

14 CHAIR TURNER: That's fine. Thank you.

15 MS. WILSON: Okay. One moment, please, while I do
16 that.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Chair, could I have a
18 question while we're --

19 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Mr. Becker, in the
21 Fresno/Tulare, it's a negative 243 people. Is that
22 within -- could you tell us a little bit about -- it's a
23 Congressional district. Is that number too high?

24 MR. BECKER: So it's probably -- I'd probably advise
25 that it's -- it -- you should try to get that down on the

1 final maps. I think it's perfectly fine for draft maps
2 now because it's very close. Population doesn't have to
3 be exactly equal in Congressional maps because given the
4 difference in census block sizes, that's very, very
5 difficult to do. You can't set this -- split census
6 blocks.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Uh-huh.

8 MR. BECKER: But that's definitely at higher end of
9 concern. I'd probably, in the final maps, look to add a
10 little bit of population in there to get it closer to
11 zero.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

13 MS. WILSON: So now will be going to page 36 looking
14 at Fresno/Kern, and here we have the rest of Fresno --
15 I'm sorry, of Kern County, the rest of Bakersfield that
16 is not in the other visualization, Oildale, Rosedale kept
17 together, California City, Rosamond, Mojave, Tehachapi,
18 Lake Isabella, and Ridgecrest all kept within Kern
19 County, and then again what isn't in the other
20 visualization considerations, we have Three Rivers here
21 left out in Tulare, and then moving North into Fresno,
22 I'll zoom in closer, we have -- I was also told to
23 experiment with putting Old Fig Garden North, and so
24 that's why it's here with Clovis and northeast Fresno and
25 Sunnyside as well, and that is this visualization, here,

1 and we'll be moving onto page 33 next.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Kennedy? For this area, the Fig
3 Garden move into the North, I'm not certain the size. I
4 think that runs counter to most of the COI testimony that
5 we received.

6 MS. WILSON: I just last week was told to experiment
7 with it --

8 CHAIR TURNER: Experiment.

9 MS. WILSON: -- to moving it upwards and keeping
10 CVAP at an appropriate level and population. That is
11 what I just experimented with.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

13 MS. WILSON: We can always try moving it back, live
14 line drawing, and changing things that way as well just
15 based off of direction that I was given is why I tried
16 that.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. And I want to say, I'm real
18 clear that most all -- mostly of what you all are doing
19 is based on direction, so I understand that, and I
20 appreciate the flexibility. I'm just hearing and reading
21 Old Fig Garden wanted to be with the other parts of it,
22 and so we've got to do so something. So yes, I will want
23 us to live line draw, move that, and put it back where
24 the other cities were. Thank you.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I'm wondering,
2 Kennedy, if you with walk us through how this district
3 changed since last week. If I recall, and I don't have
4 it in front of me, the -- it used to go up into
5 additional Northern counties. Can you walk us through
6 the thought process and the experimentation that you used
7 to get here?

8 And in general, I would agree with you, Commissioner
9 Turner, about Old Fig Garden.

10 MS. WILSON: Just one moment while I get that
11 previous visualization. So I'm going to turn on those
12 districts from last week to show what it looked like
13 previously, and so this had up to Madera, and I was told
14 to make this district more compact, and if that meant
15 taking some of Fresno and moving it northward, that is
16 what I did because I was told it was too long, and so
17 moving Madera and this part up is a part of what that
18 change looks like, and then we can move into Fresno as
19 well.

20 And then I was -- the changes in Fresno also came
21 from this district not being at a high enough CVAP level,
22 and so I had to create another district that was now
23 within this -- it's in this -- let me turn the district
24 back on.

25 So getting rid of this one because it wasn't high

1 enough, I created another one that was here, and this
2 expands now, and this used to just include Fresno down
3 into Kings and Tulare, but instead we have one that's
4 just Fresno, not this Western part of Fresno, but here,
5 the central where the Selma, Sanger, Del Ray, Fowler,
6 those cities are together, and then here, I moved this
7 part of Merced into Stanislaus, which is why --
8 basically, the VRA consideration districts moved upwards
9 in visualizations.

10 So where we had before here in yellow -- I'll turn
11 those black lines off. Here in yellow, this was all of
12 this part of Fresno, Kings, Tulare, but to make this
13 higher up here, I had to push population up so that I
14 could grab from Stanislaus and create another district
15 here within Fresno in the central County of Fresno,
16 including these, Del Ray, Fowler, Selma cities.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. I see exactly what you
18 had to do. Thank you, thank you, thank you for that.
19 Now, let me ask, what else can we do to not move old Fig
20 Garden? Let's do that now.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And/or Sunnyside as well.

22 CHAIR TURNER: And -- yes.

23 MS. WILSON: We can take a look.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

25 MS. WILSON: Let me turn these old ones off, and I

1 will show you what bringing it in looks like. Give me
2 just one moment.

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: Excuse me, Chair Turner.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: So would you like to -- you would
6 just like to start make adjustments now, or do you want
7 Kennedy to first just do a whole overview. Just do --

8 CHAIR TURNER: No. Let's start now.

9 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. Cool. Thank you.

10 MS. WILSON: Again, I will bring up our pending
11 changes window. You can see the population of the areas
12 I choose in red and what the change in population of the
13 district will be, and then we have our ideal value, the
14 number of people that is deviation from that value, and
15 then the percent deviation, and then I have Latino CVAP
16 at the bottom so we can take a look at that as well, and
17 I will continue to read those off as we do that.

18 So I'll start by -- shall I start by moving just one
19 city, both cities, would you like --

20 CHAIR TURNER: Let's --

21 MS. WILSON: -- to see?

22 CHAIR TURNER: Let's start with moving both.

23 MS. WILSON: Okay.

24 MR. BECKER: Chair, may I make a suggestion as you
25 consider these?

1 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

2 MR. BECKER: So especially with near-zero deviations
3 here, what you'll want to go thinking about and when you
4 add populations or move populations from one district to
5 another, either doing a straight swap of population from
6 that district back or doing kind of a circular, maybe a
7 three-way swap between three districts, but have that in
8 the back of your mind as you're thinking about -- as
9 you're -- especially when you're thinking about adding
10 some population to a district because you're going to
11 have to subtract it.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Mr. Becker.

13 And while she's doing that, I'll announce for the
14 Commissioners, today our staff that will be supporting us
15 with community of interest testimony, visualization
16 testimony is going to be Ashleigh this morning. So as we
17 need Ashleigh, we can call on her as well.

18 Thank you, Ashleigh.

19 MR. BECKER: Just to note as this is going, that
20 Sunnyside area alone was 42,000 people. Just to keep
21 that in mind.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

23 MR. BECKER: That's -- so this is -- right now, this
24 is a net population increase in the Fresno/Tulare
25 district of 87,000.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

2 MR. BECKER: It will probably be shaved a little bit
3 down by cleaning up the edges, but it's probably about
4 when it's going to be, which would mean you need to have
5 some net population shifts in the other areas.

6 Oh, yeah. And the Fresno/Tulare CVAP went from --
7 can you pull that up right here -- went down a bit; is
8 that correct?

9 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

10 MR. BECKER: Here. I've got it up here. Yeah.
11 That took it down substantial from 53.82 to 51.3 percent.

12 CHAIR TURNER: And that's before we've added the
13 population back in, right?

14 MR. BECKER: Well, yeah, before you've subtracted
15 some additional population from Fresno/Tulare. You'd
16 need to subtract about 83 -- 86,000 now from that
17 district and put it in another. So instructions about
18 that, the easiest thing to do would be to take population
19 from Fresno/Tulare, and put it into Fresno/Kern, which
20 would be a straight swap of population.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It also looks like the Latino
22 CVAP went down.

23 MR. BECKER: Right. It might change as we move more
24 population.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. So you're showing -- oh,

1 there we go. And so down here, the Fresno/Tulare is
2 where we're wanting to remove? There's no Kern.

3 Commissioner Sinay.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm chitchatting on myself just
5 trying to figure it out. Sorry.

6 MR. BECKER: So Chair, I -- if there's -- the key
7 here at this point is to take some population out of
8 Fresno/Tulare and move it elsewhere. It could either be
9 moved directly into Fresno/Kern or could be moved into
10 Stanislaus -- Stanis/Fresno. That's a little bit tricky
11 because that's also a VRA -- of VRA concern.

12 CHAIR TURNER: The -- for the Kern -- for the
13 possibility of moving it into Kern, Kennedy, can you show
14 me what's in this current visualization that is part of
15 the Kern County?

16 MS. WILSON: So here in Kern County, we have -- I'll
17 continue to zoom in so you can see those cities. We
18 have -- on the West side, we have Rosedale, Oildale, a
19 part of Bakersfield that --

20 CHAIR TURNER: And can you --

21 MS. WILSON: It's --

22 CHAIR TURNER: When you get a moment, will you turn
23 on the Latino CVAP, please?

24 MS. WILSON: I will. So hill -- here we have
25 Oildale to Rosedale, some cities down here, Ford City,

1 Taft, Maricopa, then moving to the East a bit, we have
2 Bear Valley Springs, Stallion Springs to Tehachapi,
3 Mojave, Rosemond, Edwards Air Force Base up to California
4 City, and we also have Lake Isabella, Kernville,
5 Glenville, Onyx, Bodfish, these -- this area together
6 with Inyo, Kern, Ridgecrest, Ridgecrest Heights.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And Kim -- we have Kim.
8 I said Ashleigh, but -- oh, Commissioner Sadhwani.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh. Sorry. Can we look up
10 again at Visalia? We looked at is Visalia yesterday in
11 the Assembly maps. I need to see the full structure of
12 what we're working with here, but I'm wondering if --
13 hang on. It's still loading on my screen.

14 I'm wondering if cutting Visalia -- I believe it's
15 the Northern portions is where the Latino population is
16 located, and I'm wondering if cutting into Visalia might
17 help us balance the population. Some of these other
18 areas also in the Fresno -- is that already -- oh, yeah.
19 Fresno/Tulare, but coming up closer in towards Home
20 Garden as well potentially. Does that make sense, if we
21 were to pull up that border South of Visalia,
22 southeast -- West, sorry.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Southwest.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And cut into Visalia.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Can -- yeah. Oh, sorry. Kennedy,

1 can we see that, please?

2 MS. WILSON: Yes. So I will commit this, if this is
3 okay with you, to commit this change here adding Old Fig
4 Garden in.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Right. Since we can --

6 MS. WILSON: Okay.

7 CHAIR TURNER: -- we can reverse it if we need to.
8 We need to see what Visalia does. Thank you.

9 MS. WILSON: Okay. So I will do that first, and
10 then move to -- I mean, moving Visalia.

11 May I please have more instruction of where to
12 start? Maybe Wood Lake, Lemon Cove, Lindcove, or Exeter.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I was actually thinking
14 from -- coming from the South because isn't that -- or is
15 that the VRA district that's below it, King --

16 MS. WILSON: That is a VRA district that is below
17 it.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. Okay. So then that
19 might not work out so well --

20 CHAIR TURNER: Kennedy, that border --

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- with Lemon Cove.

22 CHAIR TURNER: -- right under Goshen to the North of
23 Goshen down there, can we stretch the North of Goshen
24 down there, can we stretch there? Is that what you're
25 saying, that's unavoidable?

1 MS. WILSON: That is another VR -- I was just saying
2 this is another VRA district, a separate one down below.

3 CHAIR TURNER: That we have not yet touched, right?

4 MS. WILSON: Yes. So --

5 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

6 MS. WILSON: -- the exchange, I would think would
7 come --

8 CHAIR TURNER: From this end?

9 MS. WILSON: -- from this --

10 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

11 MS. WILSON: -- Eastern border moving into the West.

12 CHAIR TURNER: In -- on the East side with
13 Tonyville, El Rancho, let's see if we can pull some
14 there. Those are probably small.

15 MR. BECKER: So Chair, the instruction was around
16 Tonyville, El Rancho; is that right?

17 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

18 MR. BECKER: So that is an area of significant
19 Latino concentrations. So we just want to highlight
20 that. It's -- that will further likely reduce the Latino
21 CVAP in that area.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you for that.

23 MR. BECKER: We're --

24 CHAIR TURNER: How about this --

25 MR. BECKER: Our suggestion is probably Lemon Cove,

1 Lindcove and going -- working inward from there and
2 seeing what the populations concentrations are.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Let's look at it. Now,
4 when you grabbed Woodlake earlier, that was too heavily
5 populated? What -- when you -- because you clicked on,
6 and then you reversed it. Was that to be --

7 MS. WILSON: That was -- I clicked here on
8 Farmersville.

9 CHAIR TURNER: No. I meant earlier when you first
10 started up at Woodlake up at the top. Had you select --

11 MS. WILSON: Oh.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

13 MS. WILSON: And that also has a high Latino CVAP
14 concentration, so.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Yep. Thank you.

16 MR. BECKER: Chair, while this is going on, may I
17 make a brief reminder?

18 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

19 MR. BECKER: So I just want to remind as we're -- as
20 you're trying to take in COI testimony in adapting these
21 districts, a reminder that Voting Rights Act concerns are
22 a higher criteria in communities of interest, and some of
23 these -- to the degree they weaken other districts that
24 would otherwise be in compliance with the VRA,
25 specifically with COIs, particularly in Congressional

1 districts where deviations have to be close to zero,
2 prioritizing these changes, it just -- that might be
3 helpful to think about.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

5 MS. WILSON: There's that.

6 CHAIR TURNER: To the extent that we can explore
7 equal population with VRA considerations with different
8 configurations that will also allow us to get down to
9 that level, I think would be the desire and in full
10 receipt if we don't want to reverse that priority. So
11 yeah. Gotcha. Let's see. Where are we now?

12 MR. BECKER: So this is a possibility. This adds
13 population into Visalia, splits Exeter, gets Latino CVAP
14 back up to 53.07 in Fresno/Tulare. Deviation now is just
15 a few hundred people. Yeah. It's -- there's several
16 city splits in here.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. And the city splits we're
18 looking at now, the new ones that were not there before
19 is?

20 MS. WILSON: Correct. There's the split in Visalia
21 and the split in Exeter.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So just -- so two additional
23 splits?

24 Commissioner Sadhwani.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I was just going to

1 say the split in Visalia doesn't worry me as much because
2 I know that we had had a lot of testimony from Three
3 Rivers wanting to be with Visalia, so I think that's a
4 reasonable compromise there.

5 I'd be curious to, you know, play around. If we're
6 talking about splitting Visalia, are there additional
7 census blocks that we could be picking up so that we
8 could swap them out for Exeter so we don't make that
9 split as well?

10 MR. BECKER: Working on that.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I believe we received
12 testimony that using Avenue 296 could be a potential
13 boundary.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa, they're still
15 working on that. Did you have a next comment, or you
16 want to comment here?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just going to comment
18 here. I was just wondering if, you know, some of that --
19 it looks like -- I don't know if there's any population
20 there just under Woodlake and if it makes sense to pick
21 up some around there to move away. I believe also I read
22 from COI testimony, I think Exeter and Tooleville are
23 somewhat connected, and I think Tooleville, I also read
24 was better with the Fresno/Tulare visualization or --
25 yeah, visualization.

1 CHAIR TURNER: We'll see what it looks like when
2 they finish with Commissioner Sadhwani's request.

3 MR. BECKER: Just working on completing this to get
4 close to equal population.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee.

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Just a quick comment on
7 Old Fig Garden. I'm fine with this change. I just
8 reviewed the COI testimony. I just wanted to acknowledge
9 that it is mixed, so I mean, it could go either way. I'm
10 fine with going this way, but I just wanted to
11 acknowledge that.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Yeah.

13 MR. BECKER: We're close. We're just evening out
14 population a little bit here. Okay. So where we are
15 right now is this -- there are only -- there are less
16 than negative 200 underpopulated, 200 people. So
17 deviation is very small. This is at 53.11 percent Latino
18 CVAP in Fresno/Tulare.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's slightly higher than
20 what the been drawn previously?

21 MR. BECKER: I think it's slightly lower. Was it
22 53.2? I'm --

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think it was 52.95.

24 MR. BECKER: What was it? Yeah. It's a little bit
25 higher. I'd probably have some additional advice to give

1 in closed session about this.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So for -- Kennedy, for this
3 change, if we accept this change, have we -- there was
4 one change that we accepted. Now, we've moved to a
5 different area. If we accept this one, do the two of
6 those change other surrounding CVAP that we need? So
7 that would be it for this area? Okay.

8 So Commissioner -- Commissioner Sinay?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. We've gotten also
10 testimony that was kind of coming out about, it's Three
11 Rivers Visalia, and Exeter, and so I'm not sure -- you
12 know, again, that's COI versus VRA. So I'm okay with
13 this.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh. Commissioner Sadhwani.
15 Thank you.

16 Kennedy, let's save this, and let's note that we'll
17 need to perhaps discuss this again based on Mr. Becker's
18 comment.

19 MS. WILSON: I just committed the change.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Please continue.

21 MS. WILSON: So now, I believe we were on -- going
22 to page 33. San -- let me move North. This computer is
23 moving -- so now we are moving to page 33, San Joaquin
24 South -- or yeah. San Joaquin/Stanslaus, and so here I
25 tried to minimize the splits of Stanislaus. It is now in

1 only two instead of three districts. Moving -- I know
2 moving Tracy and Mountain House to Stockton was the goal.
3 However, with how I had to cut into Stanislaus to remove
4 some of Modesto and Turlock, that caused effects and
5 trying not to move too high and keeping Lodi and Manteca
6 together as well from COI testimony I've heard -- we've
7 heard, you've heard and the farming towns in San Joaquin
8 are going down into Stanislaus as well.

9 So Tracy and Mountain House are a part of this
10 district and have been separated from Stockton here.
11 However, trying to incorporate things in all plans, if we
12 recall Assembly yesterday, they were kept together.

13 CHAIR TURNER: So this would be -- what -- do we
14 have -- San Joaquin County as a whole is about how many
15 people?

16 MS. WILSON: One moment. I will do it live so you
17 can see.

18 CHAIR TURNER: 777,000 people.

19 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Which is about -- and we know that at
21 this point, we'll need to split counties. I'm concerned
22 looking at the direction that we've given that's caused
23 Tracey and Manteca to be in with Stanislaus, which, for
24 me, is very bizarre, and I don't think a request of
25 anyone from a community. It's a result of what we've

1 done-so I get that, but I really would like to look at
2 how do we not put -- and even I would like to have it
3 reconfigured to where we are having Mountain House -- how
4 we're keeping San Joaquin whole and not bringing in
5 Stanislaus with San Joaquin at this point.

6 MS. WILSON: Is that something you're asking to live
7 line drawing?

8 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. I'm looking at it --

9 MS. WILSON: Okay.

10 CHAIR TURNER: -- before the ask to see how will I
11 have you do it.

12 MS. WILSON: Okay.

13 MR. BECKER: Kennedy and Chair, if I may, Kennedy,
14 if you -- one way to do this perhaps -- I mean, the
15 question becomes where you want Tracy and Manteca.

16 CHAIR TURNER: I want --

17 MR. BECKER: I mean, I think --

18 CHAIR TURNER: -- Tracy and Manteca in with
19 Stockton.

20 MR. BECKER: Okay. So straight -- a straight
21 population swap between those two districts?

22 MS. WILSON: There you go.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

24 MR. BECKER: Okay. Tracy. Draw a line straight
25 down here and have that go down.

1 MS. WILSON: Well, I think Tracy and Mountain
2 House here.

3 MR. BECKER: Oh, not Manteca?

4 MS. WILSON: No.

5 MR. BECKER: Okay.

6 MS. WILSON: Yeah. So I'm just going to grab those
7 two.

8 CHAIR TURNER: So as you're looking for direct swap
9 where you can -- Tracy, Mountain House, even Manteca for
10 sure -- or even Manteca, if needed, for straight swaps
11 into that area for that population total.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Chair, can I comment on
13 that?

14 CHAIR TURNER: Sorry. I was watching --

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: My fear is that they're
16 going to continue to dip into the Sacramento County for
17 that swap, and this is Congressional. I think Sacramento
18 County is split into four different districts right now.

19 MR. BECKER: I mean, so a couple of comments on
20 that. First of all, Commissioner Fernandez is exactly
21 right. It's likely to be the areas of Lodi, Woodbridge
22 are likely to be where you'd need to get to that swap.
23 I'd also just note though, there's almost no way not to
24 split Sacramento County multiple times in a Congressional
25 map. That's going to happen.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. I know that it's
2 going to be split, but I don't know if four times is
3 something that's appropriate for a county of -- I'll have
4 to look at the population real quick, 1.5 million
5 population.

6 MR. BECKER: So adding Tracy and Mountain House
7 is -- creates a deviation of 121,000 that would need to
8 be taken from South Sac/San Joaquin and placed back --
9 hold on. Do you have this right -- and placed back into
10 San Joaquin/Stanislaus.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Let's see what way we can do
12 it, and perhaps there's a way. Since we're looking at
13 the entire Congressional maps, Commissioner Fernandez,
14 for the first time, there may be a way that we can still
15 do this. So let's look.

16 So we have Tracy, Mountain house in, and so now we
17 need to find -- what was its number again? Because in --
18 before we make this change --

19 MR. BECKER: 121,000 roughly.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. 121,000.

21 MS. WILSON: Shall I commit this change?

22 CHAIR TURNER: One moment, please.

23 MS. WILSON: Okay.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fornaciari.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. One thing I'm

1 wondering, it gets a little bit more complex, and I can't
2 see what's going on based on the size of the maps, but EC
3 whatever it is, ECA wraps around to the North of
4 Sacramento, and so you know, conceivably, we can put
5 Stanislaus -- the part of Stanislaus County maybe into
6 ECA, and then, you know, move population from Sacramento
7 down, and that might keep San Joaquin more whole and
8 keep -- and then enable us to keep -- minimize the splits
9 in Sacramento, but that gets pretty complex. So it's
10 just a thought.

11 MR. BECKER: So just -- I don't know if this is an
12 instruction that you want to give. You're talking about
13 taking population from ECA into San Joaquin/Stanislaus?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I was thinking of putting
15 Stanislaus into ECA, and then taking it out maybe North
16 or around Sacramento, but that would cause us to change
17 population in four or five districts. So I mean, it's
18 just a thought. It's not an instruction. I'm just
19 throwing it out there to see what my colleagues think.

20 CHAIR TURNER: I'm sorry, Commissioner Fornaciari,
21 my battery says it's dying and it's plugged in, so I got
22 distracted.

23 Oh, that was on -- oh, okay. I'm trying to --
24 sorry. It was on the -- some other machine. I got
25 distracted. I'm like, oh, this is going to die, and I'm

1 going to miss what -- okay. Say it again. I'm sorry.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So my thought is if we
3 take Stanislaus and move it into ECA, we can take some of
4 the population, a little bit more Sacramento -- so this
5 is really helping, me pointing, a little bit North of
6 Sacramento out of ECA, but then we'd have to balance that
7 pop -- we have to walk that population down into San
8 Joaquin County. So I mean, it gets a little complicated,
9 right, because if you go further North, I mean, there's
10 population, you know, in El Dorado, Placer that, you
11 know, maybe we could pull in. We could pull Rancho
12 Murieta out.

13 MR. BECKER: So --

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I don't know. Maybe that
15 doesn't make sense.

16 MR. BECKER: May I make another suggestion, Chair?

17 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

18 MR. BECKER: To Commissioner Fernandez's point about
19 Sacramento County, I'm -- the easiest thing we could try
20 right now is to look at those communities in Lodi,
21 Woodbridge, Dogtown, et cetera. They're all South of the
22 Sacramento County line that does not implicate an
23 additional split in any way with regard to Sacramento. I
24 suggest we try that first because swapping those out of
25 San Joaquin/Stanislaus and into South Sac/San Joaquin,

1 it -- that's -- if -- there's a possibility that you
2 could do a straight swap here rather than change multiple
3 districts.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, and -- okay.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Part of Stanislaus?

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I thought that there
7 was some specific testimony about keeping Lodi separate
8 from somewhere, but I --

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think it's -- oh.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Maybe staff could look into
11 that.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Kim?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

14 MR. BECKER: We're awaiting on your direction.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners, so we're looking to
16 see if you have -- yeah. I don't -- that's okay. Hold
17 on.

18 Thank you, Kim. No, no. Stand down.

19 Can we see what that looks like? Yes, please. Oh,
20 is this it?

21 MS. WILSON: So commit the chair?

22 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

23 MS. WILSON: Or commit the chair -- commit the
24 change, Chair?

25 CHAIR TURNER: Commit this change for now, yes.

1 MS. WILSON: Okay.

2 CHAIR TURNER: And we'll know where to go back to.

3 MS. WILSON: So that puts this San -- South Sac/San
4 Joaquin to a positive fifteen and the San
5 Joaquin/Stanislaus to a negative sixteen.

6 MR. BECKER: Roughly 120,000 people.

7 CHAIR TURNER: And that was just in moving the
8 Mountain House/Tracy? Okay.

9 So from here -- Commissioner Andersen.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I'm just wondering
11 because I understand we're trying to go the -- a straight
12 swap. If you go straight West from Lodi, do you get any
13 people at all? Staying within the San Joaquin County.
14 Exactly. If you take that area, do you get any people?

15 MS. WILSON: Not very many.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's what I was afraid of.
17 Okay. Do -- oh, never mind. Yeah. Then you're --

18 MR. BECKER: Also, that's a contiguity problem,
19 Commissioner.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, no. It would wrap
21 around. So it would just wrap around. I'm just saying
22 continue out from all Lodi.

23 MR. BECKER: Oh, okay. So not all the way to the
24 border? Got it.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct. Well, no. To the

1 border of that. Oh, yeah. Oh, I'm sorry. I see what
2 you're saying.

3 Kennedy -- oh. Kennedy, can you check -- click on
4 Lodi.

5 MR. BECKER: That's roughly half the difference
6 that -- that's about 60,000 people. Actually, it's
7 the --

8 CHAIR TURNER: Let's look at -- and if we went --
9 take off Lodi for a second. If we go back to Manteca.
10 Wait a minute. Is that going the right way?

11 MS. WILSON: Do you want me to select Manteca?

12 CHAIR TURNER: Is that going the right way if we
13 select --

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Going the wrong way.

15 CHAIR TURNER: That's going the wrong way, right.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That's negative.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can I have a -- I need to
19 ask a process question. Are we making major changes?
20 Are we changing the direction that we started with
21 yesterday?

22 CHAIR TURNER: Yes. So when we started this
23 morning, I said we'll go through Congress, we're going --
24 and we're going to go back to the Assembly, and we're
25 going to complete the maps, yes.

1 Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez. I wasn't clear.
2 I'm sorry, but yes, we are going to do our changes so
3 that when we send in our draft, it's exactly what we want
4 it to be. So I'm looking at the map to see which
5 direction to go.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can I --

7 CHAIR TURNER: Will you?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can I --

9 CHAIR TURNER: Please.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I am going to propose some
11 changes. No. That's not going to work. Never mind.
12 It's going North, and I was trying to --

13 CHAIR TURNER: But stay here for what you have in
14 this area and see where are we able to move population
15 right here at the North part of this district. So we're
16 looking at Lodi, and I know -- I don't know the
17 Woodbridge, these areas. These are areas I think you've
18 spoken about before. What can we do up in this North
19 corner?

20 MR. BECKER: Would you like us to try to move into
21 Sacramento County and take Southern towns in there?

22 CHAIR TURNER: Let's commit -- let's select Lodi,
23 these areas that's still Stanislaus before we go into
24 Sacramento County and see how close we get here.

25 MR. BECKER: Yeah. There are -- those are already

1 in the district. We wouldn't --

2 CHAIR TURNER: They're already in?

3 MR. BECKER: -- select them out in an underpopulated
4 district.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. I'm going the wrong way.
6 Commissioner Sadhwani.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm -- is the goal here to
8 keep together Tracy/Manteca with Stockton? Is that what
9 we're --

10 CHAIR TURNER: The goal is to keep Tracy, Mountain
11 House, it would be preferable, Manteca, yes, with
12 Stockton, but for sure Mountain House, Tracy. That would
13 be the goal that I'm trying to go for, yes.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. I think that
15 that -- it -- I mean, as I'm looking at it, if we were to
16 do that, and I'm definitely open to that, but I do think
17 it would require a full re-architecture of this -- of
18 Sacramento, right, and potentially taking out Elk Grove,
19 Wilton, and rethinking what we're doing up in that
20 Northern parts of Sacramento.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Which I think we need to rethink
22 what's happening up in Sacramento.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. That's kind of
24 where --

25 CHAIR TURNER: Right. And --

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's going to be like major
2 architect changes because my initial thinking was I want
3 to try to obviously move up Elk Grove and some of those
4 El Dorado Hills, so I'm just wondering how amenable -- we
5 see the ECA. If we move some of those -- the San
6 Joaquin/Stan, some of those areas to ECA, move Manteca up
7 to the San -- SSAC, like Manteca and Ripon would go up
8 there to try to make a Congressional district that is
9 mainly like the Stockton/Manteca/Tracy area because --
10 and then if we move the rest from that San Joaquin/Stan,
11 if we move it over to ECA because there's some areas that
12 I would like to then --

13 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- push up, down, all
15 around. I don't know. From the --

16 CHAIR TURNER: I actually like --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- Sac --

18 CHAIR TURNER: I actually like that. Can you take
19 the lead and start?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. My brain's going to
21 hurt, but here we go.

22 CHAIR TURNER: No, it's not. No, it's not.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Come on.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Are we ready, Kennedy?

1 MS. WILSON: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So let's -- can we
3 for now -- hopefully Turner -- Commissioner Turner is
4 okay with this. Can we for now, like Elk Grove/Wilton
5 can we like put it in its own little -- I forget what you
6 called it yesterday, David.

7 MR. BECKER: Unassigned?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sure, that.

9 MR. BECKER: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So what I want to
11 try to do then is grab -- Commissioner Turner, are we
12 keeping Galt, Herald, and Clay with --

13 MR. BECKER: Hold on. Just before -- I'm sorry
14 Commissioner Fernandez. Before we move on, we're going
15 to take everything from Wilton and Elk Grove North in
16 this part of the district and unassign it? Just to be
17 clear.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I'm checking with --

19 MR. BECKER: Okay. So let's do that.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- Commissioner Turner.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, yes.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Is that good? Okay. So
23 let's try to Tetris this today.

24 MR. BECKER: Hold on one second while we finish that
25 up before the next instruction.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chair, I just had a
3 question. Are we still on track for the November 10th
4 date, or are we looking to just get this as good as we
5 can and submit the maps later?

6 CHAIR TURNER: We are on track for the November 10th
7 date, and we will be spending lots of time until we
8 finish Congressional today, until whenever we finish it
9 today. So I hope the Commissioners follow me. We're
10 going to finish Congressional at whatever hour, whatever
11 time today.

12 MR. BECKER: Chair, clarification on the instruction
13 real quick.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

15 MR. BECKER: We're going to take this whole area,
16 which is North of the Sacramento line, and just unassign
17 it for now, if that's okay. There will be -- we -- we'll
18 know what the -- what's the population in that area?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: A couple hundred thousand.

20 MR. BECKER: Do we have a guess?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I just said 200,000, but
22 I'm just guessing.

23 MR. BECKER: We'll see. If you get it on the nose,
24 you get a special treat.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I get to sit here

1 longer. No. It's more than -- it's going to be like
2 250-ish.

3 MR. BECKER: 353.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: 350-ish.

5 MR. BECKER: 353 in that area.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I forgot about the --

7 MR. BECKER: And we are -- that is just under half
8 of a entire Congressional district.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Keep going.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: All right. I'm going to
12 keep going.

13 MR. BECKER: We're unassigning that, correct?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Can we move down,
15 please, Kennedy?

16 MR. BECKER: Hold on.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And David and everyone
18 else.

19 MR. BECKER: You did? Good. Okay. Yeah. We're
20 ready.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Can we move down,
22 and let's bring Manteca into -- oh, wait. I believe, and
23 please Chair Turner, this is a co -- and if we can move
24 Manteca into the SSAC. Is that -- am I moving in the
25 right direction, Chair?

1 MR. BECKER: Lathrop? Lathrop as well and what
2 about, is it [Rie-paun] or [Re-paun]?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: [Rip-aun].

4 CHAIR TURNER: [Rip-aun].

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Ripon, yeah. Let's move
6 those two. Are you with me, Chair?

7 CHAIR TURNER: I -- you're including those in San
8 Joaquin?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, I'm with you.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

12 MR. BECKER: Yes. All of that, straight down,
13 straight down.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm reading your mind right
15 now. That's kind of scary.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Yes. Ripon's at the county line.

17 Commissioner Andersen, I see your hand. Are we good
18 to just hold for a minute while they do this?

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, yes. I'm --

20 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- going -- sort of thinking
22 of the next step.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. I figured that's what you were
24 doing.

25 MR. BECKER: Just a moment while we clean this up

1 down here. And just to clarify, we're going to keep this
2 entirely above the county line?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

5 MR. BECKER: For now, correct? Thanks.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Are you splitting Salida?

7 MR. BECKER: No. We're cleaning that up right now.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

9 MR. BECKER: That's just that -- just give us a
10 moment. Give us a moment. This is a particular tricky
11 one to navigate on the map.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't know if that's
13 going to be enough.

14 MR. BECKER: We want to clean up everything above
15 the county line.

16 MS. MAC DONALD: Just to remind you, if I may, this
17 sometimes takes a minute because we're computing 530,000
18 census blocks. So we're just trying to troubleshoot and
19 see if there's a quicker way to do it.

20 MR. BECKER: Oh, one more. Okay. Where we are
21 right now is taking in this entire area with Manteca,
22 Lathrop, Ripon, along with Tracy.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

24 MR. BECKER: We have the South Sac/San Joaquin
25 district now overpopulated by about 140,000 people.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Wait. Wait a second. That
3 didn't change the other one. Oh, wait. Where are we?

4 MR. BECKER: Yeah. And San -- so San
5 Joaquin/Stanislaus, that is a little further
6 underpopulated at 140,000.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

8 MR. BECKER: It was about 120,000 before, I think.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

10 MR. BECKER: And now South Sac/San Joaquin is at
11 overpopulated 140,000 people.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So Chair Turner.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Are two -- let's see. What
15 is --

16 MR. BECKER: Oh, I'm sorry. You're right. Yeah.
17 Sorry. Thanks. Yeah. I had that wrong. They're both
18 underpopulated slightly. That's my -- I was looking --

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. They should --

20 MR. BECKER: -- at the wrong number. Thanks.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Hope -- they should be
22 good. So right next to there is Contra Costa. Can we
23 pull in like some of those communities right there, like
24 Bethel -- because I'm going to request changes to that
25 one. Like Bethel Island, Oakley, Knightsen, Brentwood.

1 CHAIR TURNER: We did.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

3 CHAIR TURNER: So what -- let's do it bits at a --
4 what -- which of those are most heavily populated of
5 Bethel Island?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: You're going to have
7 Antioch and Brentwood, I believe are the more populous
8 areas. Let me make sure.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Is it -- sorry to -- is it
10 possible to respect county boundaries? No? Sorry.

11 CHAIR TURNER: So San --

12 MR. BECKER: Right.

13 CHAIR TURNER: -- Joaquin, the South Sac/San
14 Joaquin, the way it's currently labeled right now is
15 split in two if we accept this change? Okay. If we end
16 that South Sac/San Joaquin County, is under still by --

17 MS. WILSON: With the accepted change, it's under --
18 it's at a negative 92,000, and the deviator goes from
19 negative thirty to negative twelve.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. And Lodi, you said earlier was
21 sixty, sixty-some-thousand?

22 MS. WILSON: It was about -- a little over
23 sixty-six.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner, what if we grab Lodi
25 for now.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Uh-huh.

2 CHAIR TURNER: And I think some of the -- if we go
3 straight up that -- to the county line for Woodbridge and
4 whatever the other --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Dogtown and Lockeford?.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. Those were like almost no
7 population, but say if we go straight up for the from
8 when the line currently is up to the county line, let's
9 grab that.

10 MS. WILSON: So would you like me to commit this --

11 CHAIR TURNER: This --

12 MS. WILSON: -- Lathrop?

13 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, please.

14 MS. WILSON: Okay.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Andersen.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I see -- okay. We're
17 trying to grab all this central area, but what's
18 happening to Modesto? I mean, where can Modesto, which
19 is a total Central Valley city, I mean, you're thinking
20 about putting that with the gold country? I mean, they
21 have --

22 CHAIR TURNER: Not --

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- nothing in --

24 CHAIR TURNER: Not -- Modesto?

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Because if you're

1 cutting out all of San -- the San Joaq/Stan.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Well, so right now, we -- Modesto is
3 part of Stanislaus County.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

5 CHAIR TURNER: And right now, we're working with San
6 Joaquin County --

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

8 CHAIR TURNER: -- going up to the San Joaquin County
9 line.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct, but you're taking
11 that out of --

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: My proposal is going to be
13 to put into the ECA.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. And that's what I'm
15 saying. I mean, Modesto has -- you know, they're -- the
16 one thing that they've all pretty much said in terms of
17 they have the economic differences, there's -- it's
18 literally like, you know, you know, rock and paper. It
19 isn't the same. Where Modesto with, you know, all the
20 areas here, Lodi, Lockeford, Dogtown, they actually are
21 agricultural, you know --

22 CHAIR TURNER: Modesto, I beg to differ, is not
23 total agricultural. Modesto?

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. It's a city.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So -- but it's -- now we're
2 essentially isolating it, but said, oh, let's put it up
3 with the mountainous, who -- recreational, you know,
4 their -- what their economy has, it's nothing at all
5 alike.

6 CHAIR TURNER: So we'll take a look at it.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And the other thing I
8 want -- I do want to say, I appreciate all this, but we
9 have like 5,000 people that need to come down from the
10 North in two or three areas. So by shifting things, we
11 need to kind of consider more architecturally. I --

12 CHAIR TURNER: What --

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- like the idea of going
14 East -- West, quite frankly into the Brentwood --

15 CHAIR TURNER: We'll take a look at it. Let's see
16 what we have here.

17 MS. WILSON: So adding Lodi, Lockeford, Dogtown, I
18 went to the county line. I went straight East to the
19 county line and grabbed this portion of Dogtown, Lodi,
20 Woodbridge, Lockeford. That puts you at a negative 0.53
21 deviation, which is a deviation of negative 4,600 people.
22 I mean, 4,062 people.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Grab Linden.

24 MR. BECKER: Getting there. We're now down to
25 1,389.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Is there anything from
2 there to the open space? Is that zero? What's Peters?
3 If we grab Peters. I think that's probably small too.

4 MR. BECKER: Okay. Keep counting that.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And Farmington.

6 MR. BECKER: A little bit over. That's over now.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: (Indiscernible).

8 MR. BECKER: We're cleaning this up just a little
9 bit. Just a moment. We're still cleaning this up just a
10 little bit to try to get close to zero. Without Peters
11 in it, we're down to 201 slight overpopulation. So we're
12 very close, probably can clean up some of those small
13 areas to the right of it.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So before we go up to the
15 North, did -- are we okay on the San Joaquin/Stan? What
16 did we do there?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That's one's the one
18 that's -- we took population from, so that's going to be
19 heavily under, and that was what I was discussing, moving
20 that towards the --

21 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- other district.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Go on.

24 MR. BECKER: What you're looking at now, the South
25 Sac/San Joaquin district is this -- with this additional

1 area is down to a deviation of twenty-four people.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Let's lock that and keep
3 moving.

4 MR. BECKER: The San Joaquin/Stanislaus district is
5 now about half underpopulated, and there's probably only
6 one direction for it to go, which is to the East.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. That was going to
8 be my recommendation, and then we would pull -- then we
9 would build the Elk Grove area and maybe push the
10 Sacramento kind of up and to the East.

11 MR. BECKER: So if may, what I'd suggest right now
12 is you have a large unaffiliated area in the --

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

14 MR. BECKER: -- South of Sacramento area. I'd
15 suggest looking at this like building blocks and first
16 addressing the San Joaquin/Stanislaus district and
17 getting that up, and then rotating around until you can
18 get to the point where you can capture the unaffiliated
19 population. If you work at this --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. So --

21 MR. BECKER: -- from multiple directions, you
22 will -- you might end up with multiple places of
23 underpopulation or overpopulation.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. So my -- my
25 recommendation was going to be to put all of that San

1 Joaquin into the ECA, and then you have that -- I don't
2 know how it's going to collapse, which one's going to
3 be -- take over the name of the visualization, ECA or San
4 Joaquin, and then move the ECA, some of the boundaries up
5 North so it's not encompassing all of those counties up
6 North.

7 MR. BECKER: Got it. Working on that.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Does that make sense?

9 MR. BECKER: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TURNER: While he's working on that,
12 Commissioner Sadhwani.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I just wanted to note we've
14 actually received quite a bit of public comment about
15 keeping Ripon with Modesto. So I just wanted to offer
16 possibly we remove Ripon from that Sac/San Joaquin and
17 instead move northward into Galt and other areas.

18 MR. BECKER: We should probably make a call on that
19 before we --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Hold on.

21 MR. BECKER: -- move it.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Don't do that yet
23 then. Hold on. Can you click on Ripon to see how
24 much -- or what the population is, please, Kennedy? How
25 much, sixteen? And can Peters -- is Peters in there

1 right now, in Farmington?

2 MR. BECKER: It is not.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can we click on that? What
4 did you say that Ripon was, 16,000? Yeah. That's a
5 little bit higher than --

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: Peters is 600.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So if we -- how
8 about if we keep moving down like to Valley Home,
9 Escalon.

10 MR. BECKER: Okay. So --

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, if we --

12 MR. BECKER: -- just to be clear on the in --

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- go to Galt, then again,
14 we're splitting Sacramento County into four, yeah. I
15 mean, if you wanted, you could take Galt, but Galt's too
16 big, I believe, right? Galt is 25,000.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: For what it's worth, we had
18 testimony suggesting that Ripon and Escalon have planned
19 growth percentages and are linked together. So if they
20 stayed together potentially.

21 MR. BECKER: Is it instruction to include Ripon in
22 the San Joaquin/Stanslaus district?

23 CHAIR TURNER: Yes. We're coming up on a break in
24 four minutes, four minutes.

25 MR. BECKER: Okay. That is 16,500 people roughly.

1 If you want, we'll lock that in, and then try to shift
2 population around the Peters/Farmington moving South. Is
3 that the instruction?

4 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, please.

5 MR. BECKER: So we're about 10,350 short. We could
6 drop this down. If we want to keep Escalon and Ripon
7 together, we could drop this down into Knights Ferry,
8 East Oakdale, and Oakdale.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We could, but I -- that's
10 going to take you over, I believe. Oakdale's pretty big.

11 MR. BECKER: It likely will.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Oakdale's 23,000.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And how big's Escalon?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: 7,000.

15 MR. BECKER: Is the instruction to try to keep
16 Escalon and Ripon together?

17 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, please.

18 MR. BECKER: Try to take everything around Escalon
19 and Ripon.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: At this point, it's going
21 to be difficult because Oakdale, East Oakdale, and
22 Knights Ferry, that's a community of interest, and
23 then -- yeah.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fernandez, say again for
25 what we're --

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I -- oh, because I don't
2 think we would want to split up Oakdale, East Oakdale,
3 and Knights Ferry.

4 MR. BECKER: We're going to go down as close as we
5 can to them keeping Escalon --

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

7 MR. BECKER: -- Ripon and Oakdale, East Oakdale,
8 Orange Blossom, and Knights Ferry in the Southern --
9 together in the Southern district. We'll see where that
10 gets us.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: As I'm looking, there's some
12 conflicting testimony about Escalon. So I think if it
13 helps the population deviations, that could make sense to
14 include it.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I thinking the same
16 thing too because they kind -- yeah.

17 MR. BECKER: I just want to make sure. We're
18 getting conflicting instructions right now. We got a
19 specific instruction about Ripon and Escalon, and now
20 we're getting a different instruction. So if you will --

21 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. So the current --

22 MR. BECKER: -- concur and --

23 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Thank you for that.
24 Thank you. So the current -- what we're trying to do is
25 follow exactly what you're -- where you're taking us to

1 see how close we're going to get, and we're noticing that
2 we're still 6,000 apart, and so the relief that we're
3 getting through conflicting COI testimony is that we do
4 want to try and grab Escalon if will help us get where we
5 need to. So let's see if that does.

6 MS. MAC DONALD: That will take us a little over, I
7 think. Oops.

8 MR. BECKER: So that gets us a little over, so we'd
9 probably have to take a little bit of population out on
10 the -- I would probably suggest on the Eastern part of
11 the --

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, if you could do that.

13 MR. BECKER: East of that.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

15 MR. BECKER: That's close. We're at 504
16 overpopulated, and we can probably clean up that up even
17 a little more. Keep Valley Home in there. All right.
18 Where we got to with this is we're at -- we're at a
19 deviation of about 600 people. We can probably further
20 clean that up.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So let's do this. Thank you.
22 If you'd continue to further clean it up. We do need to
23 go to break though, and so we are at 12:32. We'll be
24 back at 12:50, please. 12:50.

25 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 12:32 p.m.

1 until 12:50 p.m.)

2 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you and welcome back. We were
3 right in the area of trying to close in on this area of
4 Farmington, and let's see.

5 What did we do with our numbers, Kennedy?

6 MS. WILSON: We are at a negative zero deviation
7 because we have a deviation of negative twenty-seven
8 people.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Woo hoo. Looks good.

10 MS. WILSON: Shall I --

11 CHAIR TURNER: Let's close it.

12 MS. WILSON: Okay.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Let's lock it.

14 And continue to lead us, Commissioner Fornaciari.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: How about Fernandez?

16 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, I'm sorry. As I look at you and
17 smile. Come on, Commissioner. Commissioner Fernandez.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So my next
19 recommendation was to move that San Joaquin area into the
20 ECA. Yeah. The one that's in red, yeah.

21 MS. WILSON: One moment. I forgot to grab the Ripon
22 and Escalon, so let me grab or Rip -- Ripon. We just
23 did. So now we have ECA at deviation 53.78 percent, and
24 the deviation is 408,736 people.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Can you go up,

1 Kennedy, please?

2 MR. BECKER: Chair, I'd just point out, this is
3 actually a place where there is an easy path.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right, I know.

5 MR. BECKER: Which is the unaffiliated area, which
6 about equals that same deviation.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right, but -- I know. Have
8 I ever taken you on a easy path, David? Okay. So can
9 you zoom in on that area, that Sacramento -- what do you
10 call it, unassigned area? So okay. This is -- how about
11 if I tell you kind of where I want to go with this. That
12 might be easier. And I would like to push -- instead
13 of -- I know the easy path is just to move the unassigned
14 area into the ECA, but what I would actually prefer to do
15 somehow is to keep the Sacramento County area, you know,
16 maybe just three splits instead of four splits.

17 So I'm trying to think out loud how I would want to
18 do it. And then when we get to the Northern area, like,
19 the plaster, then that would go into the ECA.

20 Does that make sense, Mr. Becker?

21 MR. BECKER: I'm not sure. So I just want to point
22 out one of the splits of Sacramento County is actually a
23 relatively minor split that includes Rancho Murieta right
24 now.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

1 MR. BECKER: I mean, if the goal here ultimately is
2 to reduce the split of Sacramento County to three rather
3 than four, you could include that in one of the -- you
4 know, probably with the unaffiliated area which is going
5 to become a new district at some point, and add in some
6 portion of ECA, perhaps --

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can you go up to the PLACER
8 real quick --

9 MS. WILSON: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- Kennedy, please? I want
11 to see which cities are in that one.

12 MS. WILSON: And if I can make a suggestion.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

14 MS. WILSON: I think an easier way to work would be
15 to overpopulate a district and then disperse from there
16 instead of having so it's set here.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Correct me if I'm wrong,
18 Kennedy, but I believe you tried to keep the city of
19 Sacramento. Like, those city limits, I think you did a
20 good job of -- whoops. I got my virus thing coming up --
21 of trying to keep that whole, or did I miss that?

22 MS. WILSON: Yes, I did. And the entire city of
23 Sacramento is whole.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. I hear you guys.
25 It's just that if we -- if we move Elk Grove to ECA, El

1 Grove, Vineyard, Florin, Lemon Hill, they're all
2 connected with -- communities of interest with Green
3 Haven, with Oak Park, with the LGBT community. I was
4 trying to somehow get that closer to Sacramento at least
5 they're together. I'm thinking. I'm thinking right now.
6 Sorry. And I know that's the easiest is just to kind of
7 put them in that ECA.

8 Oh, can you go -- I'm sorry. Can you go back up
9 again? I forgot to see what cities were up there.

10 MS. WILSON: Yes. And another thing about
11 overpopulating this district, it's probably going to --
12 honestly, it's going to lead to splits and probably
13 cities up here, but --

14 MR. BECKER: And actually an even easier thing if
15 you're not thrilled with overpopulation is you can just
16 add that unaffiliated into the ECA district right now
17 which would create equal population --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

19 MR. BECKER: -- that you could then continue to
20 move. Are you trying to get --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: All right.

22 MR. BECKER: -- rid of an (indiscernible,
23 simultaneous speech) area? Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Let's do that for now. Oh,
25 well, we -- hold on. Hold on. I'm just -- I'm really --

1 actually, what I would prefer to do -- sorry. I would
2 prefer to move -- continue to move, like, from Galt --
3 da, da, da, da -- move up North until we get to the right
4 size. You're absolutely right, though. We're going to
5 cut -- we're going to cut cities.

6 MS. WILSON: So just following your direction,
7 this -- the unassigned area in Sacramento, just move it
8 up to this North district, and then overpopulate that,
9 and then disperse it as we keep moving North.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

11 MS. WILSON: Okay. So --

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Oh, yeah. So if we
13 can -- kind of, like, the Rosemont area right there,
14 like, maybe can I see what that -- if we drew the line
15 there what that would -- how close we would be?

16 MS. WILSON: Yes. One moment.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

18 MS. WILSON: And if I'm transferring this
19 population --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

21 MS. WILSON: -- can I -- just for moving it, do I
22 move it into this -- can I just move it North into
23 Placer-Sac?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, no. Actually, I want
25 Rosemont in that with the Vineyard and I want Lemon

1 Hill --

2 MS. WILSON: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

4 MS. WILSON: Where I cut the line --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, yes. Yes. Yes.

6 MS. WILSON: -- and then I -- just 'cause it has

7 to -- the rest of the population has to just move

8 somewhere. So --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

10 MS. WILSON: -- can I --

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I'm sorry.

12 MS. WILSON: -- continue to move it in --

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Okay. Thank you so

14 much. I caught up to you now. Okay, there you are.

15 What's next to rose -- Rosemont? It's Cordova and

16 what's the other two?

17 MS. WILSON: Rosemont, Mather, and La Riviera.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Mather. That's what it is.

19 Okay. Yes. Okay.

20 MS. WILSON: So cut the line underneath Rosemont?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I wanted to keep

22 Rosemont --

23 MS. WILSON: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- because that's a

25 community of interest with --

1 MS. WILSON: And so in taking that in, do I go
2 across --

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Let's just try to
4 go --

5 MS. WILSON: -- cutting Rancho Cordova?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Not -- not Rancho Cordova.
7 Let's keep Rancho Cordova whole. If we can somehow from
8 Rosemont to the redline, kind of Rancho Murietta.

9 MS. WILSON: Okay. I will try that.

10 CHAIR TURNER: While she's trying that, Commissioner
11 Sadhwani.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Can -- I wonder,
13 Commissioner Fernandez, can you -- can you remind me
14 where are we going with this? What is the --

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So what I'm --

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: What is the goal here? And
17 I mean in terms of communities of interest testimony,
18 certainly there's been testimony also about keeping West
19 Sac connected to these areas. So I think it just would
20 be helpful to get a better sense of what's the vision
21 here that you're trying to achieve.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. So the vision is
23 I'm actually maybe bringing West Sac into this vision
24 right now. So I'm -- because then I've got to work on a
25 different -- and so the vision is to bring those

1 communities that are Northern more in with the ECA,
2 because that will be overpopulated soon.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: The -- sorry?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Like, up top, like,
5 whatever is up there, Rocklin and Auburn, I believe, up
6 there.

7 MS. WILSON: West Placer.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: West Placer. Right. So as
9 we move further North --

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So the ones she's populating
11 now, you're moving --

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Hold on.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- them up into Sacramento,
14 and then you're going to --

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So where am I at with that
16 one?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's what we're asking.

18 MS. WILSON: So here, there's a split. I can clean
19 it up. It has a little bit of Mather and a little bit of
20 La Riviera --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

22 MS. WILSON: -- but this would have Sacramento at a
23 negative thirty-seven deviation. So this still needs
24 people.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Which one does? The bottom

1 one?

2 MS. WILSON: The -- yes. Sorry. Negative thirty-
3 seven percent, negative 284,000 people. So --

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

5 MS. WILSON: -- this needs more --

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

7 MS. WILSON: -- population.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can you bring in West
9 Sacramento, please?

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: What about Rancho Murieta
11 out there?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I was thinking of
13 that one too.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I guess my question was is
15 this because of the population deviations that occurred
16 from the other changes or is it --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- is there some larger
19 goal?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: There's population
21 deviations, and plus the larger goal was to not split up
22 Sacramento County in four different districts similar to
23 what we did with San Joaquin, not split it up. Yeah.

24 MR. BECKER: So I'll just point out really quickly
25 just because I'm trying to help guide you down a path

1 here a little bit. There was -- there -- there was an
2 easy -- there is an easy way to reduce the splits in
3 Sacramento County. There is a small population around
4 Rancho Murieta that is the fourth split. That's it --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

6 MR. BECKER: -- Sacramento County.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

8 MR. BECKER: The other -- again, there is a -- there
9 is an easy way to fix this that does that that way. So
10 the splits, if there's some other reason to do it, that's
11 absolutely valid. The splits, though, can be removed.
12 One split can be removed fairly simply.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right, but that would re --
14 that would then put the Elk Grove, Florin, Lemon Hill
15 communities that are literally connected to the
16 Sacramento area in with the ECA, right?

17 MR. BECKER: That's one way to do it, or the -- a
18 reminder that they were -- they -- I believe they were in
19 there together when we started. So again, try to
20 remember where we started and where --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: They were with San --

22 MR. BECKER: -- we are now, and are we --

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: They were with San Joaquin.

24 Those areas were with San Joaquin, right, Chair?

25 The Elk Grove area was with San Joaquin areas.

1 Okay. So what is that --

2 CHAIR TURNER: Sorry. One moment.

3 MR. BECKER: So just to confirm, your goal is to
4 respond to consistent COI testimony that Elk Grove needs
5 to remain with Sacramento?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, Elk Grove, Vineyard,
7 Florin, and Lemon Hill, and the Green Haven area. And
8 then also some of the COI was to also include West
9 Sacramento with that.

10 MS. WILSON: So to include West Sacramento in, I
11 would have to commit this change of moving these North
12 before I can bring West Sacramento into this -- into
13 this. You can't change by -- so I'm taking out and
14 bringing in, and I have to do one at a time.

15 So the first change I would have to commit would be
16 taking out the North part. So taking out Northern
17 Sacramento, leaving Rosemont. I can add Mather in as
18 well, but I would take this out and just move it North so
19 that this is left so the bottom -- sorry. This is the
20 bottom part is left, and --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And what's --

22 MS. WILSON: -- then I can add in West Sac
23 afterwards.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And what is that --

25 Okay. Go ahead.

1 CHAIR TURNER: What -- but right before you do --
2 okay. Hold, 'cause that's probably where we -- what
3 we'll do. We want to see what that looks like. Let me
4 just touch bases with Commissioner Toledo.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm just a little bit unclear
6 about the vision here. Maybe if we just got a little bit
7 of clarity of specifically what the districts would look
8 like that you're trying to create or what you'd like it
9 to look like. That might help us just --

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- all be on the same page,
12 'cause --

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. So --

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- I kind of understand, but
15 I'm not a hundred percent sure.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And I apologize
17 because I thought we were just going to do this overview,
18 so I wasn't prepared for the specific. So I'm trying to
19 keep the communities of Sacramento as close as possible
20 together. And also potentially -- and I'm also thinking
21 ahead with the Yolo, Solano. So that's -- I'm moving
22 back and forth with the West Sac in order -- 'cause I
23 think there's a quick fix for that by moving West
24 Sacramento into Sacramento. There's a quick fix to fix
25 that piece of it.

1 And then what I'm -- what eventually would -- as we
2 go North, then that overpopulation would then go into the
3 ECA, and that should balance out the ECA district.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So ultimately, what would your
5 Sacramento look like?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It depend --

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: The district that we're
8 working on right now, what would it look like?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. So Sacramento would
10 probably be comprised of three districts. And hopefully,
11 most of them that are the urban areas, as opposed to the
12 mountain areas, would be in similar district, instead of
13 right now, there's combinations of cities with
14 mountainous areas.

15 MR. BECKER: So one thing just to note,
16 Commissioners, Sacramento is by far and away the largest
17 population center East of the Bay Area and North of
18 Fresno all the way through California. There is no way
19 probably to draw districts given the rural underpopulated
20 areas to the North and East of Sacramento that don't have
21 to pull into that area because that is just where the
22 population is. If you move it -- if you start moving
23 Sacramento westward where population already is starting
24 to be -- get more and more concentrated towards the
25 coast, you're creating -- you -- you could potentially

1 create a real problem on the underpopulated areas of the
2 Eastern and Northern portions of California. And that
3 will change a lot of architecture, just to try to give
4 you a big vision about where this could be headed because
5 the deviations need to be so tight in a Congressional
6 map.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Can I do a follow up?

8 CHAIR TURNER: Follow up?

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: David, do you have any
10 suggestions on how we can actualize Commissioner
11 Fernandez's vision?

12 MR. BECKER: I'm not quite sure. I mean, if it --
13 I -- you know, this started -- I don't know -- seems like
14 a while ago. This started with Tracy.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

16 MR. BECKER: I want to remind everyone of that.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

18 MR. BECKER: This all started with Tracy. And I
19 don't have the COI testimony about what -- where Tracy
20 was supposed to -- you know, Tracy would put with
21 Modesto. I don't know if there was COI testimony that
22 also suggested Tracy might be better with the 580
23 corridor of Dublin and Livermore or elsewhere. That
24 might've been a possibility at the start with moving
25 Tracy with Modesto. We can do that and stop with

1 relatively minor changes and fix the split of Sacramento
2 County down to three by focusing on the --

3 I'm sorry. Can you go up again -- the Rancho
4 Murieta area.

5 Yeah, the Rancho Murieta area. If we start trying
6 to move Sacramento further -- these districts further
7 West, we run into the problems I just suggested, which --
8 and West Sacramento is a po -- is a decently populated
9 area. That's going to start changing architecture
10 everywhere pretty much from Sacramento North all the way
11 down to Eastern portion, probably down into Inyo.

12 CHAIR TURNER: I'm looking around for Commissioners.
13 I want to try it. I don't want to go back. I want to
14 see what it looks like and play it all the way out.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you for that.

16 MS. WILSON: So taking --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And -- yeah. And I do -- I
18 do know what the easy fix is, but it's not -- that's not
19 the fix. And you know, at the end of the day, if we're
20 supposed to try to have maps that we're going to feel
21 comfortable or pretty comfortable with, having Elk Grove,
22 Florin, Lemon Hill in with the mountain areas, there's no
23 commonality whatsoever. Okay.

24 CHAIR TURNER: I'm listening, Kennedy.

25 MS. WILSON: I was just going to tell you without

1 adding West Sacramento in to this, the Elk Grove,
2 Southern Sacramento, it would be this change here alone
3 makes Sacramento a negative twelve percent deviation, and
4 then makes Placer a positive fifty-nine percent
5 deviation, but this here would be a negative twelve as it
6 stands without bringing in West Sacramento. I haven't
7 done that yet.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Congressional is -- so
10 negative twelve percent is about --

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Wait. Kennedy, just --

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- 76,000.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Kennedy, just a quick
14 clarification. Is that -- the numbers you just said, is
15 that including the Rancho Cordova and essentially the --
16 that North area into the Sacramento?

17 MS. WILSON: No. Rancho Cordova, Mather, La Riviera
18 would be going North. So only Rosemont is included in
19 this bottom.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. So the numbers
21 you're --

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- you're showing right here
24 is just not the area in red.

25 MS. WILSON: No. The area -- no. I'm -- the area

1 in red would be going North and that would be --

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: In the Placer-Sac?

3 MS. WILSON: -- joining Placer-Sac. So what's left
4 in Sacramento would be this negative twelve percent,
5 which is a deviation of --

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Ninety-three.

7 MS. WILSON: -- negative ninety -- oh.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Got it. Thank you very
9 much.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Can you then bring
11 in Rancho Murieta and --

12 MS. WILSON: First to do that, I would have to
13 commit this change going North.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commit this one please.

15 MS. WILSON: Okay. So now the change has been made,
16 and you can see it on the deviation label --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

18 MS. WILSON: -- negative 12.26 deviation percent and
19 then a positive 59.67 percent here.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Bring in Rancho
21 Murieta, please, to that.

22 MS. WILSON: Bringing Rancho Murieta brings the
23 percent deviation up to a negative 11.48.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. And if you bring
25 West Sacramento in.

1 MS. WILSON: Bringing in West Sacramento brings the
2 deviation to a negative 4.37. I can try La Riviera as
3 well.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

5 MS. WILSON: And now it brings it to a negative 2.88
6 percent.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That area between Rancho
8 Murieta and Folsom, is there anything there?

9 MS. WILSON: I can certainly select those blocks.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Whoops.

11 MS. WILSON: There --

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

13 MS. WILSON: -- were not very many.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Nothing. How about Mather?
15 No, that's nothing either. Rancho is going to take me
16 too over -- Rancho Cordova, how big -- how big is that
17 one? That's too big. That's 76,000.

18 MS. WILSON: We could continue moving the line
19 North.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Towards Natomas?

21 MS. WILSON: Yes. And I'm going to -- there's a
22 part of Folsom that is in here. So I'm going to take
23 that out.

24 (Pause)

25 CHAIR TURNER: Kennedy, you are doing a phenomenal

1 job by the way. Thank you.

2 MS. WILSON: Sorry. Just trying to get that --

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: There you go. It's down to
4 twenty-nine.

5 MS. WILSON: There we go.

6 CHAIR TURNER: No, you're doing a great job.

7 MS. WILSON: I'm just going to click this one 'cause
8 it makes it -- there we go.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Oh. What
10 happened? Okay. Tada.

11 MS. WILSON: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: She's a perfectionist.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. (Indiscernible).

14 MS. WILSON: There you go.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, I took it over.

16 MS. WILSON: Is that okay or did I (audio
17 interference)?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. That's good.

19 CHAIR TURNER: All right.

20 MS. WILSON: (Indiscernible, simultaneous speech)
21 this change.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, my gosh.

23 MS. WILSON: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Can we see the full
25 change --

1 MS. WILSON: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- first?

3 MS. WILSON: Sorry. So in this change, we have West
4 Sacramento added in, a line of the city of Sacramento, La
5 Riviera, Mather, and this unincorporated area plus Rancho
6 Murieta going down South to -- with Elk Grove, Lemon
7 Hill, Parkway, Florin, Vineyard, Rosemont, and Green
8 Haven pocket area.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm good with that.
10 And then whatever the Placer-Sac, the extra 59.67, we'll
11 move North and put that into the ECA to populate --

12 CHAIR TURNER: But before we go, Commissioners, are
13 we good? Can we lock this part?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Can I make a comment?

15 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm good to move forward
17 because I think we need some forward momentum here, but I
18 just want to note for the future the Arden-Arcade and
19 Carmichael neighborhoods have large Afghan and Syrian
20 refugee communities that we're cutting off from the rest
21 of Sacramento, but I think this is a piece that we could
22 continue to look at in the future. Thank you.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

24 Commissioner Ahmad.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And just -- I believe the

1 Arden-Arcade and Carmichael, you're absolutely right,
2 Commissioner Sadhwani.

3 Correct me if I'm wrong, Kennedy. It's not part of
4 the Sacramento city area, right?

5 MS. WILSON: There's city -- there's census
6 designated places --

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right, they're
8 designated --

9 MS. WILSON: -- in the --

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- places.

11 MS. WILSON: -- county.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. They're within the
13 county. So the same county not within the city limits if
14 that makes sense. We have -- Sacramento has a lot of
15 undesignated areas.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Ahmad.

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I just
18 wanted to clarify the areas that are highlighted in red
19 are now moving down to Sacramento, correct? Okay.
20 Correct.

21 CHAIR TURNER: That's right.

22 Okay. So we're going to lock it, please.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then if we just go
24 North and like, Sheridan, Lincoln, Rocklin.
25 Unfortunately, I didn't want to put them in with the ECA,

1 but I think they have to go in there. Right. Oh, okay.

2 MR. BECKER: I'll just note, Commissioners, this
3 is -- we've got two districts that comprise the
4 population of three currently. So there's another
5 district that needs to be created somewhere out of ECA
6 and Placer-Sac separated out from them. Ideally -- well,
7 again, the easy way would be to take of one and half of
8 another.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Do we have a name for that
10 one? Which one did we lose?

11 MS. WILSON: So the unassigned area was originally
12 with another district. So --

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

14 MS. WILSON: -- taking it out, separated it from its
15 district, and when we added it back in and moved it
16 North, it merged into that and added -- because it was
17 unassigned, it wasn't in the -- it was additionally -- it
18 was there originally, but then we unassigned it and put
19 it back in.

20 MR. BECKER: I believe it was the San Joaquin-
21 Stanislaus district that has now disappeared --
22 visualization rather.

23 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

25 CHAIR TURNER: That's right. Yeah, okay.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So then we -- that -- so
2 you're correct. The ECA one and the Placer, that will
3 encompass one. Let's -- let's keep Nevada County and
4 Placer County. Can we keep those together because Placer
5 is going to dip into the Rocklin, right? It'll dip into
6 Rocklin and Roseville.

7 MR. BECKER: Wait. Are you asking for everything
8 North of Placer --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, you know what? Hold
10 on.

11 MR. BECKER: -- North Placer County and North in ECA
12 to be attached, or what are you --

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I think we're going
14 to have to do that.

15 MR. BECKER: Okay. So that would be the makings of
16 a new district that might merge with part of pla --
17 what's Placer-Sac right now, correct?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Placer-Sac is over. So
19 there's a -- you just said that there's a whole new
20 district we'd have to create.

21 MR. BECKER: There are two districts that currently
22 contain the population of three districts. You have
23 to -- the easy way to fix that is to take half the
24 population out of ECA and half the population out of
25 Placer-Sac and combine them into a new district.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: As we're thinking about how to
4 do that, I just want to remind us that we've received
5 strong public testimony over and over: Placer, El
6 Dorado, Nevada, Folsom, and Roseville want to stay
7 together. And we've gotten it over and over again, so --

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. But in order to do
9 that, it would have to be another re-doing -- I'd like to
10 get closer, not go that far right now because that's
11 going to take some --

12 MR. BECKER: Can I make a suggestion at how to
13 maybe approach this?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sure.

15 MR. BECKER: There's less flexibility on the ECA
16 district right now, so that's a good place to start. I
17 would start working North down --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

19 MR. BECKER: -- and adding that population into --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

21 MR. BECKER: -- Placer-Sac to start getting ECA
22 close to zero deviation.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

24 MR. BECKER: Does that make sense to everybody?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. That's what I was

1 going to recommend, was going North, so --

2 MR. BECKER: So start from the very top.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani? Oh, you
4 lowered your hand. Are you good with that? That's
5 what -- okay. Perfect.

6 Yes, please. Let's move in that direction.

7 MR. BECKER: This is going to take a while just
8 because it's a lot of census block in each of these
9 counties.

10 (Pause)

11 MR. BECKER: Okay. So we've got ECA down to
12 overpopulated by 12.84 percent. We're going to move down
13 to El Dorado County and see what happens when we take
14 that in.

15 (Pause)

16 MR. BECKER: So -- so El Dorado County is where
17 we're going to have to start --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

19 MR. BECKER: -- it's splitting, so we'll -- what I'd
20 probably suggest is moving from --

21 Commissioners, would -- do you prefer to keep the
22 Lake Tahoe area together?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

24 MR. BECKER: Okay. Given that, why don't we look at
25 the -- maybe we'll suggest looking at the Western portion

1 of El Dorado County on --

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

3 MR. BECKER: So we are overpopulated in East by
4 97,000.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

6 MR. BECKER: So we need to -- we're going to look at
7 that Western portion of El Dorado County, I think, and
8 try to place it into East -- into Placer-Sac. Is that
9 right?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But you'd have to take that
11 other part of Tahoe out, then? Right. The Kings Beach
12 and --

13 MR. BECKER: (Audio interference). What we probably
14 suggest here is looking at the Southern part -- Southern
15 and Western parts of El Dorado County and attaching it
16 EC --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

18 MR. BECKER: -- ECA.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

20 MR. BECKER: Does that make sense?

21 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy?

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

23 If I could suggest that we refer to the County Board
24 of Supervisor's districts in El Dorado County for some
25 guidance. (Audio interference) --

1 MR. MANOFF: Yeah. There's something going on with
2 that mic. We're going to take a look at it.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy, did they hear
4 you ultimately? Oh, okay.

5 Did you all hear Commissioner Kennedy? No? No.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: If we could look at the El
7 Dorado County Board of Supervisor's Districts as one
8 element of guidance on where to divide the county.

9 Thanks.

10 MR. BECKER: Did you want us to try to call up that
11 layer, Commissioner Kennedy, or did you have specific
12 guidance on that?

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, I mean, I've pulled it
14 up on my computer. The problem is that District 4
15 extends across most of the Northern part of the county,
16 almost all the way to Lake Tahoe. But Districts 1, 2, 3,
17 and half of 4 might be a good place to try to divide it.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Kennedy, is there any way
19 to see how big that Tahoe area is because that might be
20 the easier fix instead of splitting up the cities, but
21 I'm not sure.

22 MR. BECKER: Yeah. She can't do that while she's
23 doing this other part of the map, so if anyone else has
24 some other guidance on that.

25 (Pause)

1 MR. BECKER: We're talking about keeping Tahoe
2 together, so we'd go all the way up to --

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

4 MR. BECKER: We're going to try to look at that
5 while Kennedy is still working on this.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

7 (Pause)

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: May I just be reminded, what
9 was the goal here? I know we're trying to balance
10 population. We're trying to do what -- create --

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We're trying to create --

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- a more rural district
13 connecting to that Northern part of Sacramento? Where
14 are we headed here?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right now, we're just
16 trying to balance out the two districts.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: But by creating a third
18 where, exactly?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: The third is the red right
21 now.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So that's going to be a new
23 district?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, it's not a --

25 MR. BECKER: There are two districts, the ECA and

1 Placer-Sac that are both overpopulated by 50 percent --

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right. So this --

3 MR. BECKER: -- meaning that there's going to have
4 to be population taken from each of those to create a
5 third district. We're starting with trying to get the
6 ECA, which is the district along the Eastern boarder of
7 California down to, I believe, Inyo, if I have that
8 right --

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

10 MR. BECKER: -- down to equal population. That will
11 create a Placer-Sac district that goes from Arden-Arcade
12 northeast all the way up to the Cal -- pretty much the
13 California Northern -- northeast corner (indiscernible).

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And so that was --

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Parts of an urban area --

16 MR. BECKER: And that would be divided into two
17 districts somehow. How you decide.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Toledo?

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: This morning, we started off
21 with the VRA areas, which made sense, and I think that's
22 what we did yesterday. And we're kind of moving into
23 other parts of the state where they're not really VRA
24 areas. Although they're important, and we need to get
25 the architecture correct, and we may want to prioritize

1 the VRA because that's going to have impact on all of
2 this and may cause us to come back again and redo some of
3 this work.

4 So I'm just wondering, maybe we get this to a point
5 where we're okay with it, and then we, in terms of
6 priority, just prioritize the VRA districts moving
7 forward. Get those correct so that we can work on the
8 areas surrounding them, or as close as we possibly can.
9 Just a suggestion.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. We don't have VRA districts in
11 this area though, right? I mean, they'll go around --

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: We have some in the central
13 coast; if I remember correctly. And then Southern
14 California and Los Angeles.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But none in the North?

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: But none in the North.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: None from Sacramento
18 North --

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: But certainly, the South is
20 going to impact the North because of the population, and
21 so we may want to solidify those because otherwise we may
22 have -- well, we may end up having to make structural
23 changes at the end to the Northern regions anyway and
24 come back to this. And especially around the Fresno and
25 Sacramento area where there's so much population. So

1 this is the area where we may end up having to redo
2 again.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And I appreciate hearing
4 that. We've started each time with the VRA districts,
5 and we also haven't gotten very far. And so I do know
6 that that is going to drive our ultimate decision, but I
7 do want to complete this area that we're in, lock it in,
8 and then we can do exactly that. I'm --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Are you just cleaning that
10 up Kennedy? Yeah.

11 MR. BECKER: I'll just also let -- I've let Anthony
12 know there's no -- I'm here until 6 p.m. today, and then
13 I'm catching a flight, so I will be unavailable at that
14 point, which might be relevant to the VRA consideration.

15 Just to let you know what's happening here, given
16 the suggestion about looking at Lake Tahoe, we have added
17 Lake Tahoe in its entirety, both the Placer and El Dorado
18 County portions, into ECA, and we're looking to equalize
19 population there.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Jane, your hand's up?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. I -- yeah. I also
22 think, once we kind of get ECA down, you know, about
23 zero, we sort of pause and go do VRA down South.

24 CHAIR TURNER: We've heard that. We're not going to
25 repeat today. We are going to do that. We are going to

1 move into VRA. We're going to finish this process, and
2 then we will go through the VRA areas while we have Mr.
3 Becker, and then we'll utilize his support system for
4 other VRA attorneys after that.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. And the reason I'm
6 saying that is because I also have a lot of architectural
7 changes I would like to make on the -- essentially from
8 the East Bay through the --

9 CHAIR TURNER: Absolutely.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- you know, that
11 (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) area. That sort of
12 stuff. But I'm not going to mention anything like that
13 until we do the VRA down South, is my plan. Thank you.

14 CHAIR TURNER: You're welcome. Thank you.

15 (Pause)

16 MR. BECKER: So we're not quite getting it all the
17 way down to zero. We're down below half a percent. I
18 don't know if at some point you guys want to take -- zoom
19 out on the architecture and take a look at it and see if
20 you want to keep this so that we can move on because we
21 still have to resolve the -- it's Placer-Sac and
22 unaffiliated area together as a -- as a set of two
23 districts.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy, you don't have
25 a mic currently. And you'd have to have one for this

1 portion.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'm just --

3 CHAIR TURNER: There we go.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- asking if the mappers have
5 a Board of Supervisors district up or need them?

6 MR. BECKER: So I -- can you -- I don't know the
7 answer to that, and I'll find out as soon as the line
8 drawers are done conferring.

9 But more importantly, we probably could spend a lot
10 of time trying to get this down to zero, and we still
11 have a lot of work to do to divide up the remaining area
12 into two Congressional districts. I might suggest we
13 decide that this is the architecture we're going to hold
14 for now and then move on, rather than get into that level
15 of granularity.

16 CHAIR TURNER: So Commissioner Kennedy, what I'm
17 hearing is, they'll pull that information and utilize it
18 to balance out those districts, and then we will be able
19 to move.

20 I'm good for that. Let's lock that in and move.

21 MS. WILSON: Shall I commit this change, Chair?

22 CHAIR TURNER: Commit the change. Yes, please.

23 MS. WILSON: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Chair?

25 CHAIR TURNER: Ahmad? I'm sorry.

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Oh, I just wanted to ask if you
2 all could scoochie the map a little lower so we can see
3 the top?

4 MS. WILSON: Yes. And sorry. I'm committing the
5 change, and so it's loading.

6 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Oh. Oh. You can't -- oh,
7 okay. Got it. Whenever you get a chance. No worries.

8 (Pause)

9 CHAIR TURNER: So -- and I want to say to all of the
10 Commissioners, we -- we are in live line drawing now.
11 This is going to take some time. The buckets didn't
12 work. The other ways that we've attempted this was not
13 getting us where need to, so this is going to take time.
14 We are going to work through it, and we'll get through as
15 much as we can with Mr. Becker here. If not, we will
16 work with Sal (ph.). We'll work with some of his other
17 team to get through what we need to.

18 We spent a substantial amount of time in other areas
19 last night, all of which was good, and hopefully, have
20 driven us to kind of come to some -- brought some things
21 to the top of our mind that needs to happen.

22 So at this point, this just is what it's going to
23 take to go through. We'll go one way, and when we get
24 there, if we need to go back and go a different way,
25 we'll go back and go a different way. But when we

1 finish, we will have at least explored all of our
2 opportunities to say we've checked this from North to
3 South, South to North, Bay to San Diego, and this is what
4 we want to present, keeping in consideration all of the
5 legal requirements, all of our criteria we have to
6 follow, and in the order we need to follow it.

7 So let's move to the next area -- to the next --
8 Kennedy, you have -- what's next? Is that you still?

9 MR. BECKER: We -- we still have to divide up this
10 Placer-Sac area into two districts.

11 CHAIR TURNER: All right. Was that where we were
12 just splitting?

13 MS. WILSON: No -- we were equalizing the Eastern
14 California one, but we still had two that were over
15 fifty, so that created a hundred above --

16 MR. BECKER: We went from two districts containing
17 the population of three to one district containing the
18 population of two, meaning it needs to be split. So
19 we're making progress.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Woohoo.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm no -- sorry. I don't
22 have my hand raised.

23 CHAIR TURNER: No hands are raised.

24 Commissioner Sadhwani?

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. At this stage,

1 can we just finish this. We've got the Northern part of
2 Sacramento, which is fifty percent over it looks like.
3 Can we just get this done?

4 CHAIR TURNER: Looks like, yes.
5 Commissioner Andersen?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I would say, no,
7 because this -- to fix this is going to ripple over and
8 affect North coast -- you know, the North coast and on
9 down into the -- you know, the Yolo Lake, that entire
10 area. So -- and I --

11 CHAIR TURNER: Are there are VRA areas in Yolo and
12 nor -- okay. So --

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No, there are not.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So let's fix this. If that's
15 not VRA, let's do this. And again, we may come back, but
16 let's see how far we can get with this.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So we're going all the way
18 then down to Yolo and --

19 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

21 MR. BECKER: All you would need to do to fix this
22 right now is to take the population that's currently in
23 the area that's designated as Placer-Sac and divide it in
24 two. That's all you need to do right now.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

1 MS. WILSON: So right now, this district contains
2 the entire counties of Plumas, Yuba, Sierra, Placer,
3 Nevada. And then we just made a split in El Dorado
4 taking out the Tahoe area, Grizzly Flats, Placerville,
5 Diamond Springs. And then we have moving into
6 Sacramento, we have Folsom, Rancho Cordova, Arden-Arcade,
7 Carmichael, Northern Sacramento, the Natomas area, Citrus
8 Heights, Orangevale.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Where's our split, Commissioner
10 Fernandez?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: There was a split before,
12 but my recommendation is just to go from the Sacramento
13 area up North. So from Rancho Cordova all the way up to
14 Lincoln, include Cameron Park. Let's see what that looks
15 like.

16 MR. BECKER: Why don't we start, if we may, let's
17 just take it up to the county line and see where we are
18 and then continue moving it up from there after we see
19 where we are at the Sacramento County line. May I
20 suggest that?

21 CHAIR TURNER: Is that in alignment, Commissioner
22 Fernandez, with what you need?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. It's the same
24 concept but going the other way. That's fine.

25 CHAIR TURNER: All right. Mr. Becker, let's do it,

1 please, sir.

2 MR. BECKER: The population concentrations are down
3 in the area. There's no -- there's really no other way
4 to start drawing this map. That's going to be where the
5 population concentrations are.

6 (Pause)

7 MS. WILSON: So with all of the rest of Sacramento
8 County, Rancho Cordova, Arden-Arcade North, we have a
9 deviation of 14.85 percent.

10 MR. BECKER: Which means that the Placer-Sac
11 district, which is the Northern part that goes all the
12 way up into the nor -- that actually needs to come down
13 into Sacramento County and grab some more population.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Can we move Folsom
15 out, please?

16 MR. BECKER: Getting there. This -- this whole area
17 was a little overpopulated, so we're not going to get it
18 down to zero. There's no way to do that if we're just
19 splitting it into to two.

20 We're getting pretty close to -- both of these are
21 overpopulated by 3.46 percent and 4.98 percent. so if
22 this is a place that you wanted to put a placeholder, you
23 could stop here, or you could try to get one closer to
24 zero and one that's overpopulated. Those are two ways to
25 go.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can we see what Elverta and
2 Antelope look like?

3 MS. WILSON: To remove them?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And put them in the
5 Placer-Sac, please.

6 MR. BECKER: Now, the Sacramento districts a little
7 bit underpopulated after the Antelope removal.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I would suggest
9 we just -- let's see. Just keep the Elverta and Antelope
10 in, and we can -- that can be a stopping point.

11 MS. WILSON: Did you just want to take Antelope out?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: What's the -- what's the
13 little part next to Folsom before Citrus Heights? Okay.

14 MR. BECKER: That gets the new district pretty close
15 to 0.29 percent, deviation about 2,100 people. This
16 might be a good place to put a bookmark --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I would agree.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Nice.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, both for your
20 help on this.

21 MR. BECKER: What do you want to call it? Sacra --
22 Sac -- North Sac -- this will be called North Sac. That
23 was a great suggestion.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Very good, Commissioner Yee.

25 And yes, please commit that change.

1 (Pause)

2 MS. WILSON: The change has been committed. North
3 Sac's deviations are .29, and now Placer-Sac, which
4 includes Folsom, Orangevale, El Dorado Hills, Cameron
5 Park, Roseville, this -- the rest of Placer, excluding
6 the Tahoe area, Nevada, Yuba, Sierra, and Plumas. Is at
7 the -- positive 8.33 deviation.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners, any thoughts here?
9 Commissioner Andersen?

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: You could remove Yuba County
11 from Placer-Sac, put it in Nor Cal.

12 MS. WILSON: So that would put Placer-Sac at a
13 negative 2.46 deviation and bumps up Nor California to an
14 11.47 deviation.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Oh my. Commi -- we saying, no. No.
16 No. Commissioner --

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It's a little too much.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. Commissioner --

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could you do Plumas instead?
20 Plumas and --

21 MS. WILSON: And then that, taking Plumas instead
22 puts Placer-Sac at a 5.72 deviations, and Nor California
23 at 3.29 percent.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: You could do most of Yuba,
25 like the Southern portion of Yuba County and leave the

1 rest in.

2 MS. WILSON: I'm sorry. May you please repeat that?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Leave Plumas back and then
4 take the Southern portion of Yuba County, which is
5 directly adjacent to Sutter, you know, essentially trying
6 to grab not quite as many people.

7 CHAIR TURNER: And while you're trying for the
8 visualization, let's see Commissioner Fernandez and then
9 Yee.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was kind of hoping we
11 would move to the VRA districts and come back to this
12 because this is going to have an effect on --

13 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- the rest of the North,
15 so -- and because Mr. Becker's only here till 5 or 6, I
16 would kind of suggest to go to VRA districts.

17 And I made a note of the district that we need to
18 come back to, so that's just my recommendation.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I completely agree with
20 that. I would rather just pause here. And the knowing
21 that this area is a lot of reconstruction, but it's not
22 VRA district. So while Mr. Becker is here, I would
23 appreciate it if we went down South.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee?

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: I agree. But also thinking this

1 is going need to move population South and not North and
2 West because there's nowhere to go when you go North and
3 West.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay --

5 CHAIR TURNER: I'm hearing a lot of agreements, yes,
6 nods that we're going to move. Okay. So we'll move to
7 the South. Is that what we're saying? Okay. So let's
8 start in San Diego.

9 MS. WILSON: Would you like me tell you what that
10 change does, or just exit it?

11 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. Sounds like we're going to
12 just --

13 MS. WILSON: Okay.

14 CHAIR TURNER: -- well, you did the work, so tell us
15 please, yes.

16 MS. WILSON: Well, I didn't do too many blocks, but
17 just taking out that Southern part puts Placer-Sac at a
18 negative 1 deviation and then Northern California at
19 10.02 percent.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. So could you adjust
21 it so Placer-Sac, then, is at the right number and then
22 stop there.

23 MS. WILSON: So commit this change?

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, it's a little too
25 much, correct?

1 CHAIR TURNER: No, we said we were going to go back,
2 right, Commissioner Andersen?

3 MS. WILSON: Oh --

4 CHAIR TURNER: Let's -- can we --

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: All right. Just -- okay.
6 Just --

7 CHAIR TURNER: -- no --

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- but, like, I'm like
9 saying do it so it's within one percent. So they --

10 CHAIR TURNER: You all are waffling. You said we're
11 going to VRA.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The other one's at 10.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. And then we'll
15 move -- work on that one later.

16 CHAIR TURNER: So Kennedy, let's go to San Diego,
17 please.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can I just make a quick
19 comment (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

20 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, please. Yes, Commissioner
21 Fernandez.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm just responding to
23 Commissioner Yee.

24 The extra percentage, it's -- we'll get to it
25 because we took out West Sac. So that's your extra --

1 where it'll even out. So that's why I'm saying there's
2 going to be, like, all these changes, and let's just do
3 that later.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you for coming down to
7 San Diego, and --

8 CHAIR TURNER: Before you start --

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

10 CHAIR TURNER: -- let's let out mappers get ready
11 though.

12 (Pause)

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: While we're waiting for the
14 line drawers, again, I want to thank San Diegans for
15 sending us in their communities of interests and their
16 public testimony that we've been waiting for that, and
17 it's been really helpful.

18 With that, there are, you know, some clusters that
19 can help us construct San Diego in a much more community
20 friendly way. I was going to say, user friendly, but
21 that's not the right word. So I would like, when the
22 times ready -- when we're ready to start with the left
23 hand corner and then move North East.

24 MS. TRATT: Commissioners, I'm just adding the CVAP
25 to the labels. Just give me one moment.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. No. No hurry.

2 MR. BECKER: So may I suggest, consistent with the
3 Chair's direction, that we start with SECA first? That's
4 the VRA area.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The end is --

7 CHAIR TURNER: And it's -- yeah. That's in the San
8 Diego area, that SEC.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. Thank you.

10 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So the first visualization we'll
11 take a look at, you can find on page 56. And that's the
12 SECA district visualization, which is quite similar to
13 some of the other districts and the other plan types that
14 we've looked at. Currently has a deviation of negative
15 .78 percent and a Latino CVAP of 56.83 percent.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I do realize that this is
17 similar to what we've seen before, but because we -- we
18 said we would work on architecture later, we didn't
19 change anything.

20 What this is not working for San Diegans, and the
21 main rea -- I mean, I want to start us again by making
22 sure that we create a VRA district that's working for
23 Imperial County and Riverside, as well as working for San
24 Diego.

25 And I don't know if we can put -- I know that we've

1 been told we can't create two, but MALDEF has, and I
2 think there are ways to do it.

3 I don't believe that right now splitting up the
4 South Bay is a good place to start. I would like to --
5 if we could build the VRA district with first starting
6 with the South Bay being solid and then moving -- you
7 know, looking at it from there, is what I -- I would like
8 to recommend.

9 Should I give the communities of South Bay, now that
10 we have all of them?

11 MS. TRATT: So Commissioner Sinay --

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

13 MS. TRATT: -- would you like to start by making
14 changes to SESDLC then, as these are the, kind of, South
15 Bay cities that you were talking about?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, let's -- yeah. So let's
17 start -- let's start with the very corner of Imperial
18 Beach. If we can move Imperial Beach in.

19 MS. TRATT: Into SC -- into this district, correct?
20 Or into SEC?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. SEC -- whichever --
22 let's use Chula Vista as an anchor for right now and
23 bring everything in Chula Vista. And then you guys can
24 tell me if we need to go the -- or does it make sense to
25 move Chula Vista the other way.

1 MS. TRATT: Well, I guess I would ask if -- is the
2 overall goal to move the border to the San Diego County
3 line like it was in the Assembly districts, or is that
4 not the end goal because I think that's a really large
5 change that might --

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

7 MS. TRATT: -- make more sense to start with, rather
8 than some of the South Bay cities.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. So this -- this district
10 going straight up the way it is right now isn't -- is
11 part of what's not working. I mean, if we were going to
12 go to Imperial -- if we were going to go all the way to
13 the border, it would be a more vertical line -- a more
14 horizontal line versus a vertical line, and so --

15 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay, while you're
16 thinking about it, Commissioner Toledo, are you adding
17 into this?

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. Just a quick question.
19 In terms of the goal, the goal as I hear it is to
20 create -- is it an -- and I'm asking a question to
21 Commissioner Sinay. Is it to create two VRA
22 Congressional districts, one for San Diego and one for
23 the Imperial --

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If we can. If not, San Diego
25 County could have a minority majority district. But what

1 I'm trying to -- right now, San Diego, none of the
2 communities of interests are put together.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So --

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So there's a lot of breaking up
5 and building back up.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm just curious if counsel
7 has any advice for us in this regard, with regard to the
8 VRA district?

9 MR. BECKER: One second. I'm just reviewing some of
10 the data.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And what -- I'm using community
12 of interest broadly. It's just the geographic -- just
13 like -- we just worked on -- in Sacramento. The
14 geographic pairings are not making sense for the way the
15 community works, lives, and plays together.

16 MR. BECKER: So we -- and the -- where we have seen
17 voting rights act concerns in Congressional maps, and in
18 other maps, is consistent with what we said with the
19 other maps. There is the portion of South San Diego,
20 which is Chula Vista, San Ysidro.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

22 MR. BECKER: As well as, probably because of how the
23 other lines were drawn, Western -- I'm sorry -- Eastern
24 San Diego County, which is largely under populating with
25 part of the previous Congressional district. Imperial

1 County is consistently and area VRA concern.
2 Riverside -- Eastern Riverside, we are seeing more
3 significant crossover from white communities. Whereas,
4 Western Riverside County has consistently shown racially
5 polarized voting consistent with VRA concerns. I'll
6 leave it at that for now.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I still would like to say
8 that if we need to create a VRA district, that's San
9 Diego to Imperial County, I would like to explore keeping
10 South Bay together and then going in that direction. But
11 starting with South Bay -- you know, just South Bay being
12 kept together,

13 CHAIR TURNER: So what the line drawers will need is
14 just direction. So tell them anchor point, or tell them
15 exactly where you're starting --

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right. So --

17 CHAIR TURNER: -- and what do we want to see.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I'm going to give the big
19 picture, and then you all can tell me where to start. So
20 the South Bay, just to be clear, is Barrio Logan, Sherman
21 Heights, Bonita, Logan Heights, National City, Chula
22 Vista, Imperial Beach, San Ysidro, Otay Mesa, Shelltown,
23 Stockton, and Southcrest. So the main anchor would be,
24 all of Natural City together with Chula Vista.

25 MS. TRATT: So might I suggest that the majority of

1 those areas are already kept intact, including the
2 historic Barrios of the City of San Diego within this
3 SESDLC. So I would probably suggest starting by moving
4 Chula Vista, San Ysidro, and Imperial Beach into this
5 visualization --

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Perfect.

7 MS. TRATT: -- as the majority of those areas are
8 already there; if that works.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Perfect. Yes.

10 MS. TRATT: Okay. I'll do that now.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And just a question of
12 clarification to my colleagues, not to the line drawers,
13 would you all be okay -- would you indulge me in just
14 making some big moves and then working along to get the
15 numbers back down to zero, or do you want to keep trying
16 to get it to zero each time?

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I -- you know, I -- given that
18 Mr. Becker is on here until 6 and this is communitive --
19 and I share your concern Commissioner Sinay, but this
20 isn't a VRA area or -- this is more community of interest
21 than is VRA. As my understanding that it's what I hear,
22 and potentially focusing on the VRAs first and then
23 coming back to this when -- I mean, I just want to make
24 sure we have VRA counsel here for --

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, this -- yes, this is

1 VR -- I mean, this is VRA. Right now, it is a VRA with
2 Imperial and Riverside. We're looking to see if we can
3 still have -- without messing it up.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Mr. Becker?

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Mr. Becker?

6 MR. BECKER: So this particular, the costal
7 district, is not a VRA area. I just want to be clear.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, but that one is --

9 MR. BECKER: The area as a concentration emanate
10 from a hub that's really at the South-Eastern corner of
11 California with Imperial County, which is clearly a VRA
12 area under every analysis.

13 What I'd -- and there's obviously no flexibility to
14 move beyond the California border there, so what I'd
15 suggest is starting there and moving northwest out from
16 there in whatever directions you want to, but that is a
17 natural place to start because you -- you could find
18 yourself boxed into a corner without anywhere to go in
19 Imperial County if you start elsewhere.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. I hear that, but my
21 thought still is if we could keep all South Bay together,
22 then go over to Imperial County, and if we need to chip
23 away into South Bay for population then we do.

24 MR. BECKER: I mean, the commission gets to direct
25 this. I'll just remind everyone that the voting right

1 act compliance is the second criteria above any criteria
2 for or any other community of interest.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

4 MR. BECKER: If there is a -- if you do that and
5 find that you've vi -- there's a possibility that a
6 district would be problematic with VRA concerns, it's
7 probably better to start with the voting rights act
8 districts. But I will take -- we will take whatever
9 direction you suggest.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right. Well, then if
11 the --

12 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay, while your --

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just going to ask her to
14 tell us the numbers right now.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Ahmad?

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair.

17 I think given that this is a VRA area, it makes
18 sense to start at the corner and puny joke, we don't want
19 to box ourselves into a literal corner, which is the
20 border, right, to the South and to the East, so I think
21 it would make most sense if we started from that corner,
22 work our way out from that corner, and then chip into,
23 like you said, Commissioner Sinay, into the South Bay as
24 we need for that VRA district first. That's just my
25 recommendation.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: My -- so here's where I'm stuck
2 right now with what you all -- I get what you all are
3 saying, but if we don't pull this out -- pull these
4 pieces out, how are we going to know where we need to go
5 on the southeast corner. So my thought is --

6 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Can you say that again in a
7 different way?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If we take Chula Vista and
9 Imperial Beach and we add it to the other area, we know
10 where we are negative in population. So then we can go
11 to the southeast corner and build the VRA from there
12 going up into Imperial and what needs to be done. But if
13 we continue from -- if we just go to the southeast
14 corner, then I'm not sure what we're going to do.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Makes sense.

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I'll sit back. I don't
17 understand --

18 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think on this
20 piece, you know, following advice of counsel would be
21 helpful.

22 I think -- we actually explored this area yesterday
23 to some extent in Assembly. I understand. We didn't
24 actually take on San Diego because at that point we had a
25 different process, and we have it in our bucket list, but

1 we looked at the VRA district, which was a similar
2 architecture.

3 And I think the underlying rationale in making the
4 change yesterday was separating San Diego County from
5 Imperial County and parts of Riverside potentially. And
6 I think if we use a similar rationale there, it's going to
7 open up San Diego for us to come back to maybe slightly
8 later in the day, but I think starting in that corner
9 where we know that we have those obligations --

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- can help up create some
12 space to have this conversation, Commissioner Sinay.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay?

14 Mr. Becker, let me -- I want to ask Commissioner Yee
15 to restate what I think is trying to be attempted and so
16 that we can all have -- gain understanding and see if it
17 helps us be on the same page.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. Check me, Commissioner
19 Sinay. I think you're saying, you know, this uniting of
20 South Bay is very high priority for you, so if we commit
21 to these two changes right now of Chula Vista and
22 Imperial Beach, then we can start from the southeast
23 corner and work back over. It's not your intention to
24 work over the whole San Diego area right now beyond these
25 two districts -- these two changes; is that correct?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, and no. I think, if we
2 start with what Commissioner Sadhwani is saying. If we
3 want to use that same logic that we used yesterday and
4 then come back to San Diego -- because San Diego, I mean
5 there's a lot of pieces that are -- that need to be
6 redone. I mean, right now you've got -- if you look at
7 this district, you've got the whole, you know -- just
8 the -- this big swath of San Diego that's going all the
9 way from the coast, even though it doesn't take Imperial
10 Beach, people see it as going all the way to the coast,
11 all the way up to the far northeast corner. And those
12 are completely different -- all of this is -- so if we
13 say -- okay. Let's not -- let's go to the San Diego
14 boarder, southeast stopping at the San Diego border and
15 moving up. I'm okay with that. I just -- just like we
16 worked out on Sacramento today, I do want to come back to
17 San Diego because, I'll be honest guys, I'm the first one
18 to get the hate mail, and it's going to keep coming, but
19 they're right. This is not done correctly. And so I'd
20 like to get it done right.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani. Do
22 you want to proceed with your attempt?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, Commissioner Sadhwani, I
24 think, had a thought.

25 CHAIR TURNER: I mean, Commissioner Sinay --

1 Commissioner Sadhwani.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You can let go of this one. I
3 guess we'll come back to this later. Thank you.

4 I'm going move with the -- I'm going to move with
5 the team. I'm not going to stay hard on the -- you know,
6 I'm not going dig my heels in and just say we got to get
7 San Diego done. We're here to work as a team, so yes,
8 let's go back over to the southeast corner of the VRA
9 area and try not to cross the San Diego border and really
10 get the Imperial, Riverside piece --

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- because they -- I mean, all
13 of them had said they don't want to be with San Diego.
14 That is a community of interest, so -- I mean, the input
15 we've gotten.

16 So Commissioner Sadhwani, did you have a
17 recommendation on this area right now?

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, I was planning to put it
19 in a bucket list because I thought that was the process
20 we were using today, but we can certainly explore it.

21 CHAIR TURNER: No buckets today. We're going to --

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: We can certainly explore if
23 that's what we're doing.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think similar to how we

1 did in the Assembly yesterday, stopping at the Imperial
2 County line, moving up through Coachella is at least a
3 starting point for us to consider.

4 Certainly, we've received various testimony from
5 this region. One way of potentially doing that is
6 reaching up including all of the Salton Sea, of course,
7 up through Desert Hot Springs, and including San Jacinto
8 and East Hemet. I believe we've received a lot of
9 testimony from those areas about wanting to stay
10 together.

11 I apologize. I didn't come with a plan not knowing
12 what the process was.

13 MR. BECKER: I -- can I make -- so if I'm
14 understanding correctly. I'm just trying to get clear
15 instructions for the line drawers. We will remove the
16 San Diego County portion of this district just as a
17 starting point.

18 CHAIR TURNER: That's right.

19 MR. BECKER: And then we will start moving northwest
20 up into Riverside County to capture population centers
21 that will lead us to equal population there.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, please.

23 MR. BECKER: Do you want us to go all the way, based
24 on your instructions just recently, Commissioner
25 Sadhwani, do you want us to go all the way to Hemet and

1 San Jacinto, or do you want us to focus on the kind of
2 Palm Springs corridor there?

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: The Palm Spring corridor
4 first.

5 MR. BECKER: Okay.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Toledo?

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think my point was made.
8 I'll withdraw.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay?

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Is it possible to put the
11 Latino CVAP layer on for the area we're looking at for
12 VRA?

13 MS. TRATT: Yes. One moment.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

15 And I wanted to ask. Commissioner Kennedy, at one
16 point, either -- one of your bucket list items was to get
17 Coachella Valley all together, I believe. I thought I
18 heard you say that yesterday, so I just want to check in
19 with you.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: VRA is priority, but, you
21 know, to the extent possible, the Coachella Valley, or
22 the bulk of the Coachella Valley would like to be
23 together. I've recognized previously that once you get
24 down to Indio and particularly Coachella in Thermal,
25 you're shifting quite significantly from the tourist-

1 based economy into the agricultural-based economy. And
2 that's been the rationale for splitting at that point.

3 So I don't have a problem necessarily splitting the
4 far Eastern portion of the valley to go with the Salton
5 Sea, Imperial County, and whatever else. It's when we
6 start splitting Midvalley, or when we start using the ten
7 as a dividing line because the ten in and of itself isn't
8 any sort of natural dividing line near your -- you're
9 dividing the workforce from the places of work, to some
10 extent, if you're using the ten as a dividing line. It's
11 not a fundamental shift in the base of the economy like
12 it is when you get down to Indio and particularly
13 Coachella and Thermal. Hope that helps. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just to clarify, are we
15 including all of that, then, here? Commissioner Kennedy?

16 MR. BECKER: We're just exploring right now for
17 population purposes.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. No. No. No. This
19 is a question for Commissioner Kennedy in terms of the
20 community of interest.

21 MR. BECKER: Oh, sorry.

22 (Counsel confer)

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Chair, if I may respond to
24 Commissioner Sadhwani.

25 (Counsel confer)

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. Again, Indio in
2 this -- in what their looking at right now, Indio could
3 conceivably go either way because it is tightly linked to
4 Coachella and Thermal and the areas to the southeast.
5 But once you get West of that, things tend to be very
6 tightly grouped and looking inward and not out beyond the
7 Eastern part of the valley.

8 CHAIR TURNER: And just a note to the Commissioners,
9 we are coming up on a break in a bit.

10 (Pause)

11 CHAIR TURNER: In two minutes.

12 (Pause)

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Could -- could we look in --
14 rather than Anza and Sage and those areas, instead into
15 San Jacinto?

16 MR. BECKER: We're trying to build out from where we
17 are because we're still under populated, so we're just
18 going keep going and that's where we're trying to head to
19 and see if we get overpopulated by there.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. Thank you.

21 (Pause)

22 MR. BECKER: So Commissioner Sadhwani, that has
23 dropped the CVAP down to under forty-five percent. We're
24 going to see if we can get equal population where CVAP
25 reflects the VRA concerns a little better there.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And while we'll do that,
2 we do need to stop for required break time. It's 2:20.
3 We will back at 3:00.

4 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:20 p.m.
5 until 3:10 p.m.)

6 MS. TRATT: -- to let you know, we have some areas
7 here, as well as this area up here, this kind of
8 peninsula that stretches up to capture Needles, and we
9 will not be able to remove those until we accept these
10 changes. But just to let you know that we're aware of
11 those and likely will be removing those at your
12 direction.

13 But right now, it stretches to grab all of Banning,
14 all the way wraps around to San Jacinto and Hemet, and
15 then captures farther up to that Desert Hot Sprung and
16 the rest of the Coachella Valley but excludes Palm
17 Springs.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Hold please.
19 Commissioner Kennedy?

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

21 I just wanted to check and see the status of the
22 Morongo reservation. It looks likes it could split.
23 Thank you.

24 MS. TRATT: One moment. Let me turn on the layer
25 for the Indian Reservations. So it appears that

1 potentially a small portion might be split, but this is
2 actually inside the city limits of Cathedral City, so we
3 have to --

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sorry. That's the Agua
5 Caliente.

6 MS. TRATT: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: The Morongo were there by
8 Cabazon and Banning, and Beaumont. So if you can move --
9 yeah.

10 MS. TRATT: Yeah. It's kept whole, Commissioner.
11 Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. It's whole. Thank
13 you.

14 MS. TRATT: Oh, there might be one more block, but
15 we'll grab that. One second. All right, now it's whole.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners, checking around. Are
17 we good for locking? Okay.

18 MS. TRATT: All right. I'm going to commit this
19 change. One moment.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Sorry,
22 but -- so we are cutting -- we are dividing the Agua
23 Caliente Reservation. That's the problem when we come
24 down with that bid in Cathedral City and some into Rancho
25 Mirage.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Is there -- is there -- the grab. Is
2 there a way to encompass more of it to be together? To
3 include?

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I mean, if we were also
5 dividing the City of Palm Springs in this; if we have to,
6 we have to. But I think we need to continue to look at
7 this and see if we can resolve it.

8 MR. BECKER: Would you like us to try to exclude
9 Palm Springs in its entirety from this visualization
10 and --

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I --

12 MR. BECKER: -- see what it looks like?

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. There's not that much
14 population up in that part of the City. Cathedral City
15 is a different matter.

16 MR. BECKER: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Cathedral City, most of it is
18 fairly dense.

19 MR. BECKER: So -- so we are going to --

20 MS. TRATT: Is that the same tribe, though that --
21 tribal lands from Palm Springs to Cathedral City?

22 MR. BECKER: So given the direction, we're going to
23 try to keep Palm Springs complete within the district --
24 visualizations currently MORCOA. You know, we want to --
25 we want to keep it out of SECA.

1 MS. TRATT: Shall I go ahead and commit this change?

2 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy, is this more
3 what we're needing?

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: That's in the right
5 direction, yes. Thank you.

6 MS. TRATT: Yeah, it looks like it removes about 836
7 people.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, please commit the change.

9 MS. TRATT: All right. So now, Palm Spring is
10 excluded in its entirety.

11 CHAIR TURNER: So from here, we were going to move
12 to the next VRA districts?

13 MR. BECKER: No, first we need to clean up those
14 areas that were noncontiguous? Yeah. So we need to
15 clean up areas that were noncontiguous. But wait, no, go
16 down first. Do -- do that. No, no, no -- do that first,
17 'cause that's definitely -- that one has to be removed.
18 That we need instruction for.

19 MS. TRATT: Wait.

20 MR. BECKER: And then for direction, we have a
21 portion of the SECA district. It's underpopulated right
22 now, but here's a portion that goes up into San
23 Bernardino County. Do the Commissioners want to keep
24 that in there for purposes of this visualization, or do
25 they want to be taken out because there's only Riverside

1 and San -- or Imperial, rather.

2 CHAIR TURNER: I'm watching for hands. One moment,
3 please. It looks like we don't have a preference. Let's
4 see.

5 MR. BECKER: We're going to zoom out to show it.

6 MS. TRATT: So the area that we're talking about is
7 this area that stretches up North to wrap around Needles
8 and gives that rural buffer that we were instructed a
9 couple weeks ago, or last week, pardon -- feel like a
10 couple week, to just protect the population that might be
11 in the unincorporated areas and then stretches down
12 around to Big River.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners, any thoughts here?
14 Any -- I don't have any.

15 MS. TRATT: Chair, if I may, I would just point out
16 that we're currently underpopulated for SECA by 2.31
17 percent. And there was -- we had also -- there's
18 potentially the idea of adding Beaumont as well. If you
19 wanted to play around with that. Or see what it would
20 look like.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Before we do, Commissioner
22 Toledo and then Commissioner Andersen.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, I -- where are we with
24 the -- with the Hispanic CVAP?

25 MS. TRATT: With -- pardon. Say that on more time.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Where are with the Hispanic
2 CVAP.

3 MR. BECKER: 51.9 percent currently.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: 51.9 percent. And if we take
5 out this section of -- the section that we were trying
6 to -- with Big River, would it make a difference in that?
7 It -- it's such a small population, I don't think it
8 would, but --

9 MR. BECKER: Yeah. We're to do that right now and
10 show you what the change would look like.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

12 (Pause)

13 MR. BECKER: That increases Hispanic CVAP to 52.32
14 percent. The deviation also gets a little larger from
15 the idea. It's about 24,540 people more than it needs.

16 MS. TRATT: Wait -- less. Negative 3.2 --

17 MR. BECKER: It needs more. It's -- it's
18 underpopulated.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Andersen.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I just want to raise
21 the reason why we have this in and it may -- it still is
22 a VRA district, is -- this is the Colorado River Basin.
23 And that with the Salt and Sea are two clearly
24 Congressional level environmental issues. And that's why
25 we kind of put that all together. If we take this out,

1 then we have to make sure, you know, sure that it's part
2 of the Colorado River Basin. But I just want us to
3 remember that was why we created this area. That was one
4 of the big portions of -- 'cause we were putting the
5 Native Americans, Colorado River Basin, Salton Sea, all
6 of which were sort of more Congressional issues. That's
7 why we kind of started this way.

8 So I just want to realize -- I want the Commission
9 to realize that we are now dividing that up for, you
10 know, whose -- whose voice in this district will be the
11 loudest and get the Congressional ear.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay?
13 Commissioner Toledo?

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I was just wondering --
15 and I understand that -- Commissioner Andersen at this
16 point. I think if we can just get to -- closer to the
17 zero in deviation. So if you can add of, I believe it
18 was Beaumont that we were looking at or a community near
19 there that'll get us closer to zero so that we can look
20 at other communities, 'cause it's -- at this points, it
21 sounds -- and maybe I'm wrong, but it sounds like we're
22 comfortable with where we're going with this for now, for
23 draft map purposes. And we just want to get closer to
24 zero deviation so that we can move on to another portion
25 of the map. And that's a question.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Sivan, will you add on Beaumont,
2 please?

3 MS. TRATT: Okay. So should I commit this change?
4 Or should I 'x' out of it?

5 MR. BECKER: About the San Bernardino portion is
6 what we're talking about right now.

7 MS. TRATT: Yes. Sorry, the red portion,
8 highlighted. 'Cause I can't --

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: You can always take it back --
10 or you can always undo it, right?

11 MS. TRATT: Yeah, of course.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. So -- so do it and
13 then -- if we --

14 MS. TRATT: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- we can repopulate it back.

16 MR. BECKER: We're committing and then we're looking
17 at adding some additional population.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Than you, Chair.

20 We've just split the Colorado River Indian Tribe
21 there at Big River.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Was that what (audio interference)?

23 MS. TRATT: So I added the entire City of Beaumont
24 and it looks like that overpopulated the district by 3.77
25 percent. So if it's okay, I will start removing census

1 tracks to --

2 CHAIR TURNER: If you go back and the area that
3 Commissioner Kennedy just called to attention that said
4 that we split the River Tribe. Can you put them back in.

5 MS. TRATT: The City of Palm Springs?

6 CHAIR TURNER: No. What was -- no.

7 MS. TRATT: Oh.

8 MR. BECKER: To be clear, re-add that section of San
9 Bernardino County that was previously in this district --

10 CHAIR TURNER: Yes. Thank you.

11 MR. BECKER: Is that what you're saying?

12 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

13 MR. BECKER: Thank you. And do you want us to look
14 back into the Beaumont area?

15 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

16 MR. BECKER: Do you -- why don't we -- shall we
17 start with the whole city and then remove some population
18 from there or elsewhere?

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, we're going to be way
20 over -- it's be over --

21 MR. BECKER: Do the whole city.

22 CHAIR TURNER: While we're doing that, Commissioner
23 Sadhwani.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm just wondering that if
25 anyone knows Beaumont or if we can put the heat map on

1 it. Looks like there's a Northern portion and a clear
2 Southern portion. Curious if it would make sense to make
3 that split somewhere right in the middle?

4 MR. BECKER: What I'm -- what I'm hearing is why
5 don't we start adding half of Beaumont that's the
6 Northern half into that district and see what that does.

7 MS. TRATT: Thank you. Yes

8 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Vazquez, while he's
9 doing that.

10 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I was just going to
11 respond to Commissioner Sadhwani. I would say that,
12 yeah, we can try it, although I might look more to
13 potentially Cherry Valley. They're adjoining cities, but
14 they're pretty different. It -- Beaumont, to me seems
15 less readily split.

16 MR. BECKER: Okay. We're still completing that --
17 the initial instruction, which was to add the Northern
18 portion of Beaumont, where it is currently, is we are
19 overpopulated by only 895 people. And the Latino CVAP
20 and southeast -- SECA is 51.82 percent

21 CHAIR TURNER: I'm wanting -- thank you. One
22 moment, please. Commissioner Vazquez, is your thought to
23 consider adding Cherry Valley instead of Beaumont or a
24 smaller portion of Beaumont with Cherry Valley? Can you
25 please, I guess clarify what your thought process was

1 here.

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I mean, if we're -- if
3 we're looking at -- I guess it's hard for me to think
4 about -- these are all fairly smallish cities. But also,
5 if we add Cherry Valley, then our Hispanic CVAP in SECA
6 goes -- will probably go down quite a bit. So can I see
7 that heat map again, actually, the Latino CVAP?

8 Yeah, I mean, I guess for purposes of a
9 Congressional district, it maybe makes sense to get as
10 much of Beaumont as possible. But, unfortunately,
11 wherever we cut it, in my opinion, is going to feel a
12 little arbitrary for population. So we can keep going
13 down this road, 'cause I don't know that I have a better
14 recommendation.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Kennedy.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just to highlight that Cherry
17 Valley is approximately 6,000 people and Beaumont is
18 approximately 54,000, so the order of magnitude of
19 difference.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Mr. Becker.

21 MR. BECKER: And Commissioners, I'll just stress
22 really quickly again, these are Congressional districts,
23 they are going to be lines that, I don't like to use the
24 term arbitrary, but are needed to be drawn due to
25 population balance. That's going to happen in literally

1 every single one of the fifty-two districts.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So Sivan, can you get us close
3 here?

4 MS. TRATT: Zoom in or get you closer in population?

5 CHAIR TURNER: Closer in population, please.

6 (Pause)

7 CHAIR TURNER: And Sivan, what about grabbing more
8 from the Southern end?

9 MR. BECKER: We're trying to lose some population, I
10 think --

11 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

12 MR. BECKER: You're talk -- remove some.

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Chair, if I could add. Yes,
14 that makes sense. I would try to avoid -- if we're going
15 to do this, I would try to avoid crossing the freeway.
16 The freeways tend to be community -- pretty clear
17 community boundaries, so limiting the cross, I would say.

18 MR. BECKER: This is a .07 percent overpopulation,
19 533. This is a pretty good place, perhaps to stop for
20 now with recognition that there'll need to be some
21 further balance for equal population.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Toledo.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. I just wanted, for
24 transparency sake, could I -- we did receive -- we're
25 looking at COIs, we did receive testimony from the

1 African-American community that they had wanted or had
2 requested that we keep Beaumont, Banning, Desert Hot
3 Springs, and Palm Springs together. We -- we did not --
4 this map doesn't achieve that. And I'm not sure if
5 there's any way to do that. But at this point we did --
6 are splitting Banning and Beaumont, the Palm Springs
7 area. So it -- I just wanted to make sure that we're all
8 aware of that. It's difficult to make these, I mean, we
9 have some difficult decisions to make. And these are the
10 draft maps so it -- and it is a VRA district. I just
11 wanted to be transparent in -- in that.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Can we lock it here and
13 come back, Mr. -- I mean Sivan?

14 MS. TRATT: Yup. So the change is made. And I'm
15 just going to take the heat map off and zoom out so you
16 guys and get a better look. So we now exclude all of
17 East San Diego County, wrap around here, and then we
18 catch the peninsula that goes out to capture Needles.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Commission Sadhwani.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm just trying to see the
21 map. It's -- do we have the entirety of Hemet in here?

22 MR. BECKER: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And the entirety of San
24 Jacinto?

25 MR. BECKER: Yes. I want to just note MORCOA is now

1 a noncontiguous -- has two separate noncontiguous area,
2 both of which are underpopulated. And below it SMESCPOW,
3 what is that San Marcos, Escondido, Poway, maybe? That
4 is severely -- that is overpopulated. This is going to
5 create a lot of ripples around, through San Bernardino,
6 Riverside, down possibly even into Orange, down into San
7 Diego County.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Sadhwani.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I mean, basically what we're
10 saying is the map is currently a hot mess; is that
11 correct? Yeah. All right. So given that, you know,
12 just lifting the piece Commissioner Toledo just mentioned
13 is it -- where are the parts that noncontiguous? I'm
14 sorry. Can you point those out to me?

15 MS. TRATT: So let me just turn on the -- so will
16 select all of the MORCOA layer. So you can it includes
17 this section here, which is noncontiguous. And that was
18 because we did the hook.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm wondering if we --

21 MR. BECKER: Hold on -- can I'm sorry to
22 interrupt --

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, go ahead.

24 MR. BECKER: -- an I make. So it does -- it's not
25 necessarily the case that those have to be linked up.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Correct.

2 MR. BECKER: I could be that you got a very
3 overpopulated district in SMESCPOW, you could perhaps
4 create a district there, add in some of the population of
5 MORCOA is -- see if that gets you to around where two
6 districts should be. And then try to do as minimal
7 changes as possible to work around SECA to get up to the
8 other part of more -- MORCOA.

9 But -- so you don't -- but -- but just because
10 they're noncontiguous, that was just part of a
11 visualization, they don't have to be linked up.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

13 MR. BECKER: What might be the place to start here,
14 and I don't know if others agree with me, I might start
15 down South and the Poway, overpopulated district.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

17 MR. BECKER: So -- so what we might want to do to
18 start -- this is a good suggestion from Jaime, is add the
19 Southern portion, noncontiguous portion of MORCOA to the
20 Poway district, which will make it much more
21 overpopulated, but it gives you a place to start
22 splitting that up. Would you like us to do that?

23 CHAIR TURNER: Let me take a couple of hands and
24 see, 'cause I would say yes, but Commissioner Kennedy and
25 then Commissioner Sinay.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I would
2 say no. I don't see any good reason to have Palm Springs
3 in a -- in a district including parts of San Diego
4 County -- I don't know, I think we've gone in the wrong
5 direction with this, but --

6 MR. BECKER: So I'm not suggesting that's where it
7 would end up. It's just to assign population somewhere
8 to start the process of dividing it up. We'd -- the
9 population in -- I mean, depending upon how you want to
10 do it, there -- you've got a -- you've got an
11 overpopulated area in Eastern San Diego County. You've
12 got a smaller populated area -- that's probably not a ton
13 of population there, because the MORCOA district is
14 underpopulated by sixty percent, so we're talking about a
15 little bit of population in that area. It just give us a
16 starting point from which to start drawing district. It
17 may or may not end up that Palm Springs is in a district
18 with part of San Diego County or not. That's really up
19 to you.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. I understood that.
21 Commissioner Kennedy.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I don't see it ending well,
23 but I'm willing to see --

24 CHAIR TURNER: Can we play? Can we -- let's just
25 play. Let's just carry it on. Commissioner Sinay.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I'm willing to play, but I
2 just I want to --

3 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Andersen -- is your mic
4 on? No -- oh, okay. I just hear you loud.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I want -- I wanted to
6 doublecheck. We -- there isn't a reason -- is there --
7 what's the main reason we don't want to include Palm
8 Springs in the SECA? Is has a lot of population, but it
9 doesn't have a good Latino CVAP? Because that's one a --

10 MR. BECKER: It will lower the Latino CVAP.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. I just wanted to confirm
12 that. So Commissioner Sadhwani just said that there are
13 alternatives. So why don't you raise your hand then, and
14 why don't you tell us what the alternatives are?

15 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I would be curious
17 of those two, just adding it, just for the sake of, you
18 know the what if's, right now. Because I think that's
19 where we are. Also, I just want to just state, moving
20 some into Poway and maybe doing some reshuffling may also
21 help us honor some of the COI inputs that we've been
22 receiving. And that we have talked about trying to keep
23 the Coastal district. And I think this might give us
24 some of that play to create that additional district that
25 maybe needed to honor that request, because I do agree,

1 you know, the coastal and the inland cities don't share a
2 lot. And I know we're trying to avoid it -- there may be
3 some that are unavoidable, but as much as possible, since
4 we're reconstructing, you know, let's try to honor that
5 as well, too.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So for you, Commissioner
7 Akutagawa, Commissioner Sadhwani, Commissioner Sinay, if
8 you have direction on how to move there so that we can
9 explore, that would be great.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So if we added there, just like
11 you said, to give us -- give us more, more space in the
12 playground. So go -- go ahead and make that change. I'm
13 very nervous.

14 MS. TRATT: Okay. So just to confirm the change
15 that we're making is adding this noncontiguous piece of
16 the MORCOA district to this SMESPOW, correct?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

18 MS. TRATT: Okay. We'll start with that. Oh,
19 sorry, Jaime has a suggestion.

20 MS. CLARK: So I guess the purpose of adding that
21 Southern noncontiguous area of the MORCOA is just make it
22 so there's one piece of MORCOA to not accidentally leave
23 behind any population bubbles that will need to be
24 reconciled later. I think -- and we can pause and do a
25 contiguity check to make sure that in these big changes

1 we just made, there's also not any little pockets from
2 SECA or anything like that.

3 We could also add that Southern noncontiguous area
4 in MORCOA somewhere to the West of that. Of course, none
5 of these changes are final or going to -- or going to
6 mean that that's even where these areas would end up in
7 your draft because you have such big deviation
8 discrepancies right now that need to be dealt with.

9 So if there's a lot of discomfort with adding it to
10 the Eastern San Diego piece, we can definitely add that
11 to a district to the West. It just means there's going
12 to be multiple districts with significant deviation
13 issues that will need to be addressed as opposed to
14 addressing it one at a time. That's kind of the
15 difference.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner
17 Sinay.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I can it in either one. So
19 let's -- let's put it to the West right now -- the
20 southwest Riverside district.

21 MS. TRATT: All right. I will make that change.
22 One moment.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Do You feel better about
24 that -- go ahead.

25 MS. CLARK: I was just also just kind of mentioning

1 and looking at the map, where it is right now. And the
2 way it's configured, there's going to be kind of a narrow
3 area through which you can move population. And
4 considering some of the other constraints that you have
5 in some of these surrounding districts. So also just
6 kind of flagging that as Commissioners are thinking about
7 how they would like -- how you would like these districts
8 to be configured overall.

9 THE COURT REPORTER: This is the court reporter,
10 who -- who was talking just then? I couldn't quite see
11 through the masks.

12 MS. CLARK: I -- Apologize, this is Jaime.

13 THE COURT REPORTER: That's what I thought. Thank
14 you.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay, do you want
16 Commissioner Toledo to weigh in or are you waiting or
17 what are you doing?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So did you want -- so I guess
19 need direction from you chair, if -- shall we leave it
20 here, go to the other VRAs, and then come back to deal
21 with this? Or how to -- because, you know, David's
22 leaving in a couple of hours and so I want to make sure.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. So Mr. Becker, will we have
24 access to your team when we leave?

25 MR. BECKER: Yeah. The Strumwasser team I think is

1 still going to be on call for whatever you need. I
2 haven't talked to them specifically. But I know Anthony
3 has reached out.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you. Or do you want to
5 do it? I want to go Commissioner Toledo.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: When we started this journey
7 an hour ago, well, before lunch, our goal was, if I
8 understood it correctly, was to potentially have create a
9 VRA district in San Diego, if I remember correctly.
10 And -- and to do that by linking the Imperial Valley with
11 the Coachella Valley. And I think -- and so I guess my
12 question to counsel and to the line drawers are -- is,
13 how do we affection -- do you have suggestions on how we
14 can achieve that? Because that's ultimately the goal
15 that we had in mind. So if you have some recommendations
16 on how to do that, that ultimately is, I think, the end
17 goal. If I'm understanding correctly, Commissioner,
18 Sinay?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Either VRA or Minority
20 Majority. I know that's (audio interference).

21 MR. BECKER: I'll remind everyone, where VRA
22 concerns are required, we should try to draw districts.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

24 MR. BECKER: Where they're not required, then race
25 shouldn't predominate. So what I would suggest is

1 starting from the Southern border. Trying to get a
2 district drawn, that is at equal population, and see
3 what -- and see what that looks like. So from SMESCPOW,
4 that district now, starting from the Southern border,
5 going up northward and seeing what that district looks
6 like when we get close to equal population. Because it's
7 right now about two-thirds overpopulated.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY So I hear what you're saying.
9 The problem is that part of that is -- is East County and
10 it's -- can -- and so we can't start from the West
11 corner? Southwest corner?

12 MS. CLARK: If you start at the West corner, then
13 you potentially would make a bubble in population
14 somewhere and a way you could look at it is if you start
15 pulling population out of this very overpopulated East
16 County district, you could start pulling population from
17 the very southwest area of that.

18 MS. CLARK: Okay.

19 MR. BECKER: So the population concentrations, the
20 VRA areas that are of consideration in this are in the
21 southwestern portion of this -- of this district area
22 around where Chula Vista is.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right, right. Okay. So the
24 idea -- so if we were -- so can we start, like, where
25 we -- where we started off an hour ago, like someone

1 said. Can we, you know, put National City and Chula
2 Vista together with Imperial Beach.

3 MS. TRATT: But Commissioner Sinay, we still have to
4 decide where this bubble will go --

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

6 MS. TRATT: -- should I go ahead and commit this
7 change before we move on?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, I thought -- I'm sorry, I
9 thought we had committed that.

10 MS. TRATT: Okay. I'll go ahead and commit that
11 right now. And then I'll scroll back down to the South
12 Bay area.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right. My apologies.

14 MS. TRATT: No. It's all good.

15 Okay. So going back to the SESDELC, adding Chula
16 Vista, San Ysidro, and Imperial Beach, correct? Is that
17 the changes, you'd like me to make?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right. Because it already has
19 Barrio and Bonita.

20 MS. TRATT: Yes, correct.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. And San Ysidro is
22 already in there, too.

23 MS. TRATT: San Ysidro is not.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. So that includes San
25 Ysidro as well?

1 MS. TRATT: Yes. Yes, I will. Yes, I'll add San
2 Ysidro as well. I've lost a page.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And that's being pulled out of
4 the CPOW, right?

5 (Pause)

6 CHAIR TURNER: When you get a chance, can you
7 populate the box so we can see the changes.

8 (Pause)

9 MS. TRATT: All right. So those changes should be
10 reflected up here. It looks like that changed the --
11 let's see. So the Latino CVAP of SCSDELDC is now 40.14.
12 And it's at a very high deviation. So next, after we
13 commit these changes, we should look at moving some
14 population out.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. Yes.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners, while Commissioner
17 Sinay is working on this population shift, are there
18 other Commissioners that have a thought about where you
19 want to -- Commissioner Sinay, you have map. You have
20 something kind of you're working on?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, I wanted --

22 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Go ahead.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. Each of these that are
24 overpopulated. It's kind of shifting from left to right,
25 type thing So did -- you need to wait -- you want me to

1 say commit? Commit -- sorry.

2 MS. TRATT: Okay. I'm going to go ahead and commit
3 this.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Make it so -- make it
5 work.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. And then, we've -- so
7 what I'd like to do is -- is just move -- I know we're
8 over. So if we can take out the Normal Heights,
9 Hillcrest, Mission Hills, South Park, that LGBTQ COI, the
10 one that I gave the directions to for Assembly, I
11 think -- was that this week or was that last week --
12 okay. Thank you, Andrew.

13 MS. TRATT: Okay. So you want me to remove those
14 neighborhoods and add them into SD COAST?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That's what I was thinking.

16 MS. TRATT: Okay. I would just remind you that we
17 don't have a neighborhoods --

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That Coast is going to high --

19 MS. TRATT: -- layer that we can select from. So
20 I'll have to go by blocks.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

22 MS. TRATT: Okay. So just to let you know. I'm
23 going to go do that now.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Now, the Coast is even higher,
25 right? No -- okay, I'm looking at the wrong one.

1 MS. TRATT: So Commissioner, Sinay, I'm going to
2 need to rely on you to tell me where I should be removing
3 population --

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I know, it's, like --

5 MS. TRATT: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- I was, like, where did put
7 that sticky. I haven't lost -- I have sticky's
8 everywhere is my problem. So if you can go in even
9 further. So it -- it starts at the 594.

10 MS. TRATT: Okay. So this is where the SD Coast
11 district comes in. So any changes I would need to make
12 branching from where this green highlighted district is.
13 If that makes sense.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I don't -- oh, is that line
15 green? Is that what you're saying?

16 MS. TRATT: yes. So the -- the -- district
17 highlighted in green --

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I got it.

19 MS. TRATT: -- this is the one that we're moving the
20 population into. So it'll need to be connected to this
21 area. If that makes sense.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. So can you -- is that
23 the -- I just can't tell what that is right down --
24 sorry. Can we zoom in a little?

25 MS. TRATT: Hold on one moment. I'm going to try to

1 put a -- a different base map on. One second. See if
2 this helps.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Ah, much better. Okay. So --
4 Golden Hills in there already. Okay. Can you go up a
5 little bit. So yeah, follow -- so where you -- goes 5,
6 follow the 94. Can you keep going up a little. Sorry,
7 up the 805, 94, 805, to Adams. I might be on the wrong
8 place. Hold on. Yeah, yeah. No, I'm in the fine -- go
9 up the 805 to Adams Boulevard, which way above City
10 Heights, so up a little bit further. So it's actually
11 just moving that -- I see, okay.

12 So you would take that triangle right there. Wait,
13 but that's part of City Heights. Hold on.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay, this is a
15 starting point to grab a large area.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. Well, what I -- okay,
17 can we zoom out. I think what I'd rather do -- I know --
18 I hear what you're -- what we need to do, but can we look
19 at the Poway one first, 'cause that one was
20 overpopulated, right? Wait, we need to get this part
21 done.

22 No -- I know it sounds funny, but -- okay. So here
23 stop -- so we have Normal Heights, University Heights --
24 if you can do Kensington and Talmage, add those two.

25 MS. TRATT: Okay. I'm going to start selecting

1 blocks in this area.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, exactly.

3 MS. TRATT: One moment.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

5 MS. TRATT: Sorry, just took me a second to see
6 where they were.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm sorry, what?

8 MS. TRATT: All right. So the SD Coast is now at a
9 negative 1.48 deviation. And we've reduced the SESDELIC to
10 52.28.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right. Can we go back to
12 the -- to where we were -- oh, sorry. You need to know
13 if to keep that. Yes, so if --

14 MS. TRATT: I was just filling in the rest of the
15 neighborhood once again.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. If we can add that to
17 the Coast.

18 MS. TRATT: All right committing that change now.
19 Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And then -- and then there was
21 down -- by going back down --

22 MS. TRATT: So this is the change that we just made.
23 Right here.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right. Imperial Beach, okay.
25 All right. So I'm -- so now we need to get -- take from

1 Poway, right? I mean, Poway -- where's Poway -- okay.
2 It's at twelve percent. No I was looking at the --
3 sorry. Is that Poway?

4 MS. TRATT: Oh, the Poway district. Yeah, the
5 deviation is at 12.64 percent.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. But your highest one
7 right now is SESDELC?

8 MS. TRATT: Correct. Yes, we're still 52.18 percent
9 overpopulated.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right. Can you go down a
11 little. I may get it above -- okay. So on here -- this
12 is where you would go City Heights, where City Heights
13 wanted to go -- can I add some support right now?
14 Because I'm feeling --

15 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. Let's -- okay. I was going to
16 say, we'll phone a friend.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, no. I want to phone a
18 friend, 'cause I know what I want to do, but I'm trying
19 to figure out exactly what I need to do right now. So if
20 you guys can --

21 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. You can pull out a
23 little bit. I think this is a process question. I just
24 want to make sure that we're -- where we're headed here.
25 It seems like what we need to do is cut out half of

1 the -- now Chula Vista base district and probably, I'm
2 guessing, pair that with the Poway. Is that what you're
3 trying to achieve? Or putting it East?

4 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So she said no. So -- so --
5 Commissioner Sinay, then just state for us again, we know
6 that you're trying to select certain ones. What are you
7 trying to accomplish overall so that we can help with
8 what your current vision is, so that we can ask to see
9 that in --

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I guess what I need -- I
11 need help on right now is thinking through -- can we have
12 that Chula Vista district that we're looking at along
13 with the City Heights to El Cajon district. And it seems
14 like we have too -- it's too much right now, right? It's
15 way over -- I'm, like, trying to figure out where the
16 population is.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: If I may --

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, please.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It almost seems like we
20 would have two district.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That's what I was hoping to go
22 in that direction

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm wondering if we could
24 start with Chula Vista, you said National City, up into
25 San Diego, maybe let's start by including La Presa, and

1 cutting out Spring Valley, La Mesa, Rancho San Diego, and
2 all of that corner --

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And San -- well, see --

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- population wise

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, it would go -- it would
6 go -- you'd would start there and then add City

7 Heights --

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- whereabouts?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- Southeast San Diego --

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Show me where on the map

11 City Heights is I just --

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, you would have to zoom --

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- I was actually just there
14 the other day, but I don't know.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- we have to zoom it in.

16 MR. BECKER: May I think -- I think you guys might
17 be trying to guess at things that we can actually show
18 you

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Exactly.

20 MR. BECKER: So we can only North from this border.

21 So let's go North from the border and see what the
22 population shows. So I'd suggest right now -- can you
23 zoom out, please.

24 MS. TRATT: City Heights right here.

25 MR. BECKER: Zoom out, please. We are going to

1 include, San Diego on the northwestern portion of that
2 district along with everything South of that. And
3 everything East of San Diego is going to be excluded and
4 placed into the Poway district. For now, we're going to
5 see where that gets us population wise.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

7 MR. BECKER: And then you can change it.

8 CHAIR TURNER: While she's doing that, is 5 the
9 border now? Anybody know where 5 is on this current map?
10 Is it -- is it the border or in the middle? On the left,
11 okay.

12 MR. BECKER: We will want out further population
13 from that South San Diego district. It is still
14 overpopulated by 128,000. So why don't we select that
15 portion of San Diego and see what it does to it and add
16 to that. And -- and then we'll see where we are
17 population wise.

18 MS. TRATT: When you're saying that portion of San
19 Diego, that's the City Heights portion we were talking
20 about?

21 MR. BECKER: All of the blue shaded area within this
22 district?

23 MS. TRATT: Okay.

24 MR. BECKER: All of it for now.

25 MS. TRATT: Sounds good.

1 MR. BECKER: We'll see.

2 Oh, taking out the top half of that area gets us to
3 a little bit underpopulated, so we'll stop working it up.
4 And just to show you what that looks like if we populate
5 it fully. Is that all right with everyone.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I would add -- yeah. Do you
7 want to know -- well, before La Presa?

8 MR. BECKER: Okay. We're now at .21 percent
9 overpopulation, very close to good, perfect deviation.
10 So now we can trade populations in and out depending upon
11 what you want.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Are you able to put on the highway
13 map -- the freeway? Can I see where 5, 8, 163, 53 --

14 MS. TRATT: Okay.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. I'm trying to follow LGBTQ
16 COI.

17 MS. TRATT: They're on the left-hand -- from where
18 this is right now, they're kind of --

19 CHAIR TURNER: 5, 15, 163, 8 --

20 MS. TRATT: But you don't want it -- 163 splits the
21 LGBTQ COI in between. So it's from the 5 to the 94 to
22 the 805 up to Adams to Fair -- Adams to Fairmont to the
23 8.

24 MR. BECKER: So it's -- just to be -- that's in a
25 different district than we're looking at right now,

1 correct?

2 MS. TRATT: It's part of it.

3 MR. BECKER: Well, that's in the SD COAST district,
4 and we're looking at the SE --

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. We put -- we kind of
6 moved them to the Coast district. Thank you. Yes, you
7 are right.

8 So what I would do is add City Heights to what you
9 have in red so it's at --

10 MS. TRATT: So that would be -- that would remove
11 City Heights. So that would put us back in a negative
12 deviation. Just to confirm --

13 MR. BECKER: (Indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

14 MS. TRATT: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I guess what I'm looking at is
16 that whole red thing to be a separate district. Am I
17 looking at that right?

18 CHAIR TURNER: No?

19 MR. BECKER: That's not going to be close to
20 population. They'll be something that move out from
21 there that can be closer.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Rancho San Diego can come out.

23 MS. TRATT: It is -- so Rancho San Diego is
24 currently part -- this is everything we're removing in
25 red.

1 MR. BECKER: Just to be clear. We're drawing the
2 South Sand Diego district that includes Chula Vista right
3 now.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, okay.

5 CHAIR TURNER: So what direction --

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So add La Presa in with Chula
7 Vista -- La Presa, sorry.

8 MS. TRATT: So by adding that, you mean, subtract --
9 everything that we're adding now is subtracting from this
10 district. And we're already underpopulated.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So -- so do we need to put more
12 into the red or more into the Chula Vista?

13 MR. BECKER: We're drawing the Chula Vista, so we
14 need to put more population into the Chula Vista, correct
15 Jaime?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. So can we go and we add
17 Otay Mesa down below?

18 MS. TRATT: Okay. So right everything that's
19 highlighted in red --

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

21 MS. TRATT: -- is being removed from the Chula Vista
22 district and moved into the district with Alpine and
23 Santee and everything sort of in the East County. So
24 right now we're just sort of narrowing down how much
25 population is in the Chula Vista base district. The

1 highlighted area, if all of that was moved into this East
2 San Diego County district, then the percent deviation of
3 the Chula Vista base district would be negative 8.48
4 percent deviation. So the area that's highlighted in red
5 should be smaller right now to be able to kind of meet
6 the percent deviation and total population requirements
7 for a Congressional district.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fornaciari.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So Commissioner Sinay, do
10 you want La Presa to stay with Chula Vista? Is that what
11 you're saying?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So un-red La Presa.
14 Or unselect I guess would be the -- okay so we still need
15 30K more people. Do you want City Heights to stay with
16 Chula Vista? Is that what you were wanting?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: City Heights has asked to be
18 with Spring Valley, La Mesa, El Cajon, and --

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So you want them to
20 go?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- southeast San Diego.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So what about Lemon Grove?
23 Do you want Lemon Grove to stay with --

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No. Lemon Grove would also go
25 with -- with them. So I was wondering if we could add

1 down below.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: But we've already added
3 that.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No. To the East, down below.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh, oh.

6 MR. BECKER: If you just give us where, specifically
7 we'll add that.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Otay Mesa. Can we add Otay
9 Mesa.

10 MR. BECKER: Where is that? It's not showing up on
11 the map.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Huh.

13 MS. TRATT: It's possible it's not a census-
14 designated place, in which case -- once again, let me see
15 if shows up on Google maps. So that would be -- all of
16 this right here?

17 MR. BECKER: Otay Ranch.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. I said Otay.

19 MS. TRATT: Okay. I would just like to put -- I
20 can't -- what we're doing again is we're adding to the
21 Poway district. So I can't add this to the SESDEL
22 visualization until we commit all of the changes that
23 we've made above.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Above -- okay. Sounds good.

25 MR. BECKER: But to be clear. Mesa Otay (sic) is

1 currently in this district.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right, right. Okay. So let's
3 go back above, sorry. And you want me -- so what I would
4 recommend is, because where this is get -- here the
5 thought is -- you've got it.

6 Okay. So if we keep all this, it's too much. And
7 if --

8 MR. BECKER: No, no, no. So the South -- the South
9 San Diego district right now is at only negative 1,575
10 people. The -- with the areas that have been excluded in
11 red.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right. I was thinking that if
13 we --

14 MR. BECKER: So that is a place that is close and we
15 could stop and probably find additional population later.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Yes. Let's stop there,
17 then. I was getting --

18 MS. TRATT: Okay. Thank you. I'm going to commit
19 these changes.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sounds Great. Sorry.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

22 Commissioner Toledo.

23 Commissioner Akutagawa.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just going to -- I
25 was just going to ask if we could see the CVAP for it

1 after they make -- accept all the changes?

2 MR. BECKER: It's there. It's 50.62 percent, Latino
3 CVAP.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Is that the -- is that a
5 VRA district?

6 MR. BECKER: No. That is a VRA area and we should
7 probably discuss the specifics of that district if this
8 is where you want to go in closed session.

9 CHAIR TURNER: This'll be the second one, I think,
10 area, uh-hum.

11 MS. TRATT: Okay. Yeah. Should I move onto the
12 next VRA consideration area?

13 CHAIR TURNER: Please, yes.

14 MS. TRATT: Okay. Okay. So the next VRA
15 consideration area that Mr. Becker might want to comment
16 on is PCO -- or sorry, POMONTFON, which is on page 86.
17 The next one is RC -- oh, I'm sorry. I'm looking at the
18 wrong part of my notes. That's why the name doesn't
19 match up.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And what was the page --
21 you said --

22 MS. TRATT: Sorry. I gave you the wrong --

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

24 MS. TRATT: -- page number.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

1 MS. TRATT: So that was my bad.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No 86.

3 MS. TRATT: Yeah, sorry. The page number for
4 POMONTFON is 57 -- 57. Thank you. Sorry about that.
5 Yes. And then, the next one is RIASB on page 58. That
6 is the one I'm outlining with my hand right here. Do you
7 have any comments of --

8 MR. BECKER: Yeah. So in -- there's two districts
9 that we just discussed. They're both slightly
10 underpopulated. They'll need to be some additional
11 percentages. Obviously, the one that's at 51.59, we're
12 going to want to be careful as we look at that whether or
13 not that satisfies VRA considerations.

14 I think it's highly likely that it does given the
15 makeup of the district.

16 MS. TRATT: All right. Continuing on, the final one
17 is RIVMORPER, which is on page 59.

18 MR. BECKER: Very similar to the last one, slightly
19 underpopulated. 51.1 percent Latino for CVAP, we'll want
20 to keep a close eye on that. I think that it's also
21 likely that this satisfies VRA concerns given the makeup
22 of the district.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. I was just going ask
25 if you could walk us through these districts in light of

1 the other changes that had been made in Riverside. So we
2 can have a sense of what we have to make up for --

3 MS. TRATT: Yes. Absolutely.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- to some extent.

5 MS. TRATT: Just let me just zoom out to give you a
6 more macro view.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Is that for the previous one as well
8 as this one? All right. So walk us through the both of
9 them.

10 MS. TRATT: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: There's all that extra
12 population hanging out there, so I'm just trying to
13 figure out can we have a plan for it?

14 MR. BECKER: So you've still got significant
15 overpopulated areas the POWAI district, in Eastern San
16 Diego County, and in the southwest Riverside area now.
17 And you've got a -- not nearly as concerning, but still
18 significant underpopulation now in the BEAVICAL district.

19 And then, huge negative deviation in the MOROCCOA
20 district next to it. So this is the ripple effect we
21 were talking about. Now, population needs to shift from
22 the South up to the North from San Diego through Orange
23 and Riverside into San Bernardino. And just, you know,
24 noting that there are VRA districts throughout here which
25 causes a big problem with all of this in terms of how --

1 you know, where your flexibility is to move population.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So as we go through it, if you
3 can help us point out points of flexibility that you see.

4 Commissioner Sadhwani.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think that was kind
6 of my point, Chair. It was just as you mentioned, right?
7 Like, I'm wondering if there is a path forward and I
8 would ask for the mapper's assistance in helping find
9 this path in which we don't have to touch a lot of those
10 other VRA districts today. When I had reviewed them
11 before this meeting, I thought they were generally
12 looking pretty good.

13 And can we figure out how -- like, what are our
14 options for taking care of all of the -- the population
15 deviations in that Poway area. That might suggest some
16 changes to the district we just created there, that SECA
17 one. And then, the San Bernardino, I mean, right above
18 San Bernardino is Inyo. And as we talked about earlier
19 today, I think it was Commissioner Yee, had mentioned.
20 There is nowhere for that population to go but South. So
21 I'm wondering if that might be some of our connective
22 tissue from our conversation this morning.

23 I just said a whole lot. So I think it's going to
24 take us a while to work through all of those components.
25 But I would really want to lean on the expertise of our

1 line drawers to help us find a path forward.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Jaime.

3 MS. CLARK: Sure. Thank you so much for that
4 question. So just sort of looking at this region
5 overall, all of the changes that have been made have been
6 contained within this Southern California region. And I
7 think they can stay that way. Looking at the map, it
8 isn't going to cause a whole redraw of the entire state,
9 fortunately.

10 So from here, if we're looking at this Poway, kind
11 of district, it would be moving population North into the
12 already overpopulated, of course, southwest Riverside
13 visualization. And then, moving population from there
14 because there is some districts right now with more
15 constraints on them than the other consideration areas
16 that may not want to, you know, mess around with too
17 much.

18 So moving it through this kind of channel up into
19 the BEAVICAL and then balancing that over to the MORCOA
20 visualization. So basically, it's just moving population
21 North and East.

22 MR. BECKER: So if I may, that's exactly right. And
23 if I were to make a suggestion, I would say start with
24 the Poway district. Get that from the Southern border up
25 to population. Transfer the excess population to the

1 SWRIV district. Then, get that district to equal
2 population by removing Northern area and placing it in
3 the BEAVICAL district.

4 And then, when the BEAVICAL district is
5 overpopulated, move the excess populations in the Eastern
6 part of that district to MORCOA.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Jaime?

8 MS. CLARK: Yes, absolutely. Completely agree. And
9 a suggestion could be that Sivan could sort of perform
10 those changes for you and narrate along the way just to
11 get everything balanced pretty close. Then we can pause
12 and then make smaller adjustments based on those sort of
13 big changes that just need to happen for a total
14 population standpoint.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Come on Sivan, yes.

16 MS. TRATT: All right. So this is the real moment
17 of truth where I prove my worth, so get ready everyone
18 watching at home. Absolutely. All right. So starting
19 with Jaime's suggestion to move population up into
20 southwest Riverside. I'm going start by selecting some
21 population. One minute.

22 MR. BECKER: We're still here, Pete.

23 CHAIR TURNER: We all went home.

24 MS. TRATT: Yes. Yes, we're still here. We're
25 here.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, he lost it. I guess he can't
2 hear us.

3 THE COURT REPORTER: Can you hear me now? Very
4 good.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners Akutagawa and Sinay,
6 your hands were up. Can we let Sivan do her -- no?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: (Indiscernible).

8 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa, go
9 ahead while she's working on it.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So I'm asking about the --
11 some of the inland cities that are combined with coastal
12 San Diego. And I -- and I've seen quite a bit of input.
13 It's increased but I think there is -- I do agree. I
14 think there is a big difference between the coast cities
15 and the inland cities. And given that we're making
16 changes to the Eastern inland portions of San Diego and
17 Riverside and San Bernardino, I'd like to -- okay, thank
18 you. I see that she's doing some of those changes.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Could you also look at
21 removing Fall Brook, too?

22 MR. BECKER: That's in a different district. I'd
23 suggest we focus just on these districts right now and
24 then, focus on the tweaks around the edges after we've
25 completed the population equalization.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Definitely add all of Santee.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Chair, what time's next
3 break?

4 CHAIR TURNER: I can't remember.

5 MR. MANOFF: Chair, your next break is scheduled for
6 4:40, please.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

8 MR. BECKER: Almost finished here. Just a moment.

9 (Pause)

10 MR. BECKER: Okay. We're about ready to show this
11 to you. Okay. Yeah, great. Zoom out. All right. So
12 now the Southern half of San Diego County is in the Poway
13 district which is -- which unusually does not include
14 Poway. Can you check that little portion East of Poway
15 there? One second. Okay. Yeah, it's contiguous.
16 That's -- all right.

17 So the Poway district that was named Poway doesn't
18 have Poway in it anymore. It's only under populated by
19 826, which is .11 percent. It is -- what is that? Can
20 you scroll down a little bit? Yeah, just all there, I
21 just want to see.

22 Yeah. Okay. So this is -- this is a solidly
23 populated district in a non-VRA area. What was the
24 Riverside district that we're adding this to becomes
25 overpopulated. It's about double the size, roughly, when

1 we're -- is that right? Yeah. Roughly double the size
2 once we're done. But that's actually not bad place to
3 be. Because that means, there's potentially two
4 districts there. Okay. Yeah.

5 MS. TRATT: Okay. So I'm going to go ahead and
6 commit this change to continue moving population upward
7 now that this visualization is balanced.

8 MR. BECKER: Now, can you -- can you draw a line at
9 the (audio interference)?

10 What I suggest is we're going to -- we're going to
11 draw a line and create a new district at the county line
12 just to see what the difference in population. I suspect
13 the San Diego portion of this is almost certainly not
14 enough to be a Congressional district, but it'll at least
15 tell us how far we have to go. Is that okay with
16 everyone?

17 CHAIR TURNER: Yes. Thank you.

18 MR. BECKER: So that's 500,000. And so we're under-
19 populated there. What we might want to do is take the
20 rest of that Riverside district, move it North into
21 BEAVICAL for now. Even though there's a narrow little
22 neck there. Is that all right? Yeah, that's -- we're
23 going to assign that, if that's okay, to BEAVICAL
24 temporarily.

25 CHAIR TURNER: And so we'll --

1 MR. BECKER: And then, start --

2 CHAIR TURNER: -- see where we're going. Yes.

3 MR. BECKER: -- and then start take -- no, no, no,

4 no. Take the -- assign the Northern part to be --

5 MS. TRATT: To move here -- okay.

6 MR. BECKER: Yeah, to BEAVICAL.

7 MS. TRATT: Okay.

8 MR. BECKER: And make that southwest Riverside
9 district entirely within San Diego, at least temporarily.
10 It'll go into southwest Riverside. Does that make sense
11 to everybody so far, how we're moving this mark? Okay.
12 It's -- if you want us to do something else, just let us
13 know.

14 Assigning this to BEAVICAL right now. Again, this
15 is all just temporarily as we're just trying to keep
16 track of populations. No, no, no, no. Now, we -- now
17 we've got to populate --

18 MS. TRATT: Oh.

19 MR. BECKER: -- the stubby RIV.

20 MS. TRATT: So it's moving almost a million people.
21 So just give us a moment while the software does its
22 thing. Perfect.

23 So now, that population is moved into the Victor
24 Valley visualization and we now have this population to
25 deal with.

1 MR. BECKER: So we need to add several hundred
2 thousand into the SWRIV from Riverside County if we do
3 that. And the question becomes from where. And I would
4 suggest that there's either kind of the Eastern portion
5 that goes towards Palm Desert or the Western portion that
6 goes up from Temecula, Murrieta, Wildomar.

7 CHAIR TURNER: The West -- I think the Western
8 portion, okay.

9 MR. BECKER: The Western portion will create --
10 remember this population is going up into BEAVICAL, which
11 is doubly populated so it might be okay. But there's
12 that -- you know, we might -- yeah. Yeah, okay. We'll
13 take direction. What were you suggesting? The Western
14 portion?

15 CHAIR TURNER: I was.

16 MR. BECKER: Okay. So where is the -- what -- what
17 heading is that -- that's going to -- that portion is
18 going to South is it? No, get that block to the West.
19 The -- yeah.

20 MS. TRATT: This one?

21 MR. BECKER: Yeah. This isn't right. Yeah, I would
22 take out Wildomar.

23 MS. TRATT: Okay. Start up at the split in the --

24 MR. BECKER: Take out -- I'd take out Wildomar and
25 go to the East of Temecula. Thank you.

1 (Pause)

2 CHAIR TURNER: We'll have a break in five minutes.

3 MR. BECKER: Okay. Commissioners, where we are now
4 is that the SWRIV district with this red area -- can you
5 zoom out, please? And zoom back in, but don't let it go
6 outside the border. Yeah. This area in red now added to
7 the SWRIV district is at negative 1,330 people. So it's
8 close in there.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

10 MR. BECKER: Well, wait for direction. You want us
11 to commit this?

12 CHAIR TURNER: I do want you to commit that.

13 MR. BECKER: Okay.

14 MS. TRATT: Committed.

15 MR. BECKER: Well, what I'd -- so now, what I'd
16 suggest, BEAVICAL is almost exactly twice as big as it
17 needs to be. So I would start from the South. No, I'd
18 start from the South. And go up through that neck near
19 San Jacinto and see how -- maybe draw a line around San
20 Jacinto and see -- or maybe at the county line. Maybe we
21 draw a line at the county line and see where that gets
22 us? What do you think?

23 CHAIR TURNER: Are you looking at trying to do a
24 split?

25 MR. BECKER: We are trying to split BEAVICAL into

1 two districts --

2 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

3 MR. BECKER: -- right now.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Yes. Let's see.

5 MS. TRATT: Okay.

6 MR. BECKER: So about right -- the county line right
7 about Calimesa.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I know you have a
10 nice deviation there, but I would like to see Fallbrook
11 moved out of the current district. That's what I was
12 trying to say.

13 MR. BECKER: Okay. Can I -- can I suggest, we're
14 just going to -- so Fallbrook is in the SOCNSD district
15 is not a district that we're touching yet. But I -- I
16 think we can come back to that. I just want to stay on
17 getting equal population through this area. But I am
18 happy to take direction from the Commission, however you
19 want it.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa, with
21 Fallbrook being in the SOC -- South Oceanside, or
22 whatever this is, with it being in this district, are you
23 suggesting that it's moved into the district we're
24 working on?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Because the COI

1 testimony that I've been reading and I've been reading a
2 lot of it, is suggesting that it should be moved in with
3 Rainbow, and Paula, and Temecula.

4 MR. BECKER: So we're not on that district right
5 now, but --

6 CHAIR TURNER: So what -- so Mr. Becker, question
7 then for you. So for the South Oceanside, I'm going to
8 call it, that includes Fallbrook right now, we don't
9 know -- do you know how many people are in Fallbrook,
10 Commissioner Akutagawa?

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Right now, we don't have
12 that. We don't need to go there now, I'm just trying to
13 get ready to ask you a question. If we continue on, is
14 the thought process by us moving it later in there, we'll
15 still be able to kind of balance out these areas we're
16 working on?

17 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

18 MR. BECKER: Is that to us?

19 CHAIR TURNER: Yes. Yes, because -- because I think
20 the concern Commissioner Akutagawa has is that, yes,
21 we're in other areas now, but Fallbrook will cause again
22 a shift. But in Fallbrook is how many people?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just looked it up on
24 Google, 31,701.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So it's a small enough number.

1 So we will be able to balance it again if we move
2 Fallbrook when we get to South Oceanside is what I'm
3 hoping. Okay.

4 MR. BECKER: Continue.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So we don't -- we don't have
6 to go there now. But I hear the concern in all of the
7 testimony that we've had. We don't want to lose it, and
8 we're just naming it. And Savin, you're doing a great
9 job evening it out, moving us along. We just wanted to
10 flag for you that we will want to move Fallbrook into
11 this area. Okay, you see me? Thank you.

12 And with that, we do need to go to break at this
13 time. A required break. We'll take our break and at the
14 same time, we will go into closed session for pending
15 litigation.

16 We will be back no later than 5:30. At 5:30, we
17 will go to public comment. Thank you.

18 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:28 p.m.
19 until 5:32 p.m.)

20 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you so much. And thank you, we
21 are returning now from our closed session. We were in
22 closed session under pending litigation and there were no
23 action taken -- no actions taken.

24 At this time, we are still in the middle of our
25 Congressional maps; however, we are going to open our

1 lines for public comment. I know many of you have been
2 waiting to comment so we're going to hear from you at
3 this time. And lines will remain open until 6:00. So at
4 this time --

5 MR. MANOFF: I'm here to help you with that, sure.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you so much.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to maximize
8 transparency and public participation in our process, the
9 Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To
10 call in, dial the telephone number provided on the live
11 stream feed. It is 877-853-5247.

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13 on the live stream feed. It is 875-2728-4951 for this
14 meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply
15 press pound.

16 Once you've dialed in, you'll be placed in a queue.
17 To indicate that you wish to comment, please press star
18 nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator.

19 When it's your turn to speak, you'll hear a message
20 that says, the host would like you to talk, press star
21 six to speak.

22 If you'd like to give your name, please state and
23 spell your name it for the record. You are not required
24 to provide your name to give public comment.

25 Please make sure to mute your computer or live

1 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during
2 your call.

3 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when
4 it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down
5 the live stream volume. We will be enforcing a time
6 limit of two minutes with a warning at thirty seconds and
7 fifteen seconds remaining.

8 And that'll sound something like this, I will just
9 say thirty seconds and fifteen seconds.

10 All right. Let's go to our queue. First up, we'll
11 have caller 7330. And after that will be caller 8158.

12 Just a moment. Okay. All right. Again, up first
13 will be caller 7330. And after that will be caller 8158.

14 Caller 7330, if you could follow the prompts.

15 Thank you so much. The floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you. And good
17 evening. My name is Scott (ph.) and I'm calling in from
18 Long Beach, the city of my birth and the aquatic capital
19 of America. I want to share my appreciation for
20 Commissioners Kennedy, Sadhwani, Toledo, Turner, and Yee
21 for your comments last week about bringing more of Long
22 Beach into a single Congressional district.

23 Like all major cities, Long Beach is constantly
24 striving to maintain a unified cohesive community and
25 would like to stay as united as possible in the maps

1 you're developing. I also really liked hearing
2 directions to staff to extend the Congressional district
3 for my city down the Orange County coast connecting
4 cities like Seal Beach and even Huntington Beach. That
5 makes a lot of sense since the 405 is a major artery
6 connecting our three cities.

7 I believe you're getting close to adopting draft
8 maps and I believe the Assembly map that was released
9 this week looks great. Listening to your meetings, it's
10 clear that you all have a really difficult job. And I
11 appreciate your taking the time to listen to our public
12 comments.

13 In closing, I want to emphasize the importance of
14 Long Beach being as unified as possible in any plan
15 developed. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

17 Up next we've got caller 8158. And after that will
18 be caller 1457.

19 Caller 8158, please follow the prompts to unmute by
20 pressing star six.

21 The floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm part of the Latin
23 community in the San Fernando Valley. I work in the
24 valley and I sold property in Santa Clarita. These two
25 areas are completely different and combining them will be

1 doing a disservice to each community, especially San
2 Fernando Valley.

3 The needs of the Latin community and -- is not --
4 and families in the San Fernando Valley should not be
5 combined with areas that would result in unintended
6 consequences. And the needs of the community would be
7 ignored. Schools, businesses, housing, et cetera are
8 important and many people in the Valley already feel
9 unrepresented.

10 Combing San Fernando Valley with Santa Clarita
11 ignores the needs of the Latin community. And I hope
12 that you guys will consider how much of the Valley you go
13 into. So the Latin community is not ignored in the San
14 Fernando Valley. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

16 Up next we have caller 1457. And after that will be
17 caller 9964.

18 Caller 1457, please follow the prompts.

19 The floor is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. As
21 someone who has lived in Santa Monica for many years, I'm
22 concerned that Santa Monica has now been connected to the
23 San Fernando Valley in a Congressional district.

24 Santa Monica is a place -- as a major West-side Los
25 Angeles place and it belongs with places such like Venice

1 Beach, and Marina Del Ray, and the other beach cities
2 down the coast. You have a district, actually, named
3 Shoreline. Santa Monica is the shore.

4 Santa Monica is not like the hot and wind
5 working-class neighborhoods like of the West valley.
6 Santa Monica is far South of the valley border of
7 Mulholland Drive.

8 Santa Monicans want a representative focused on
9 coastal protection. The valley has concerns about
10 drought and fire. Santa Monicans surf. Valley residents
11 shop.

12 Santa Monicans don't travel to the valley. It's
13 nearly impossible to. The 405 Freeway is a parking lot
14 most of the day. There's a logical district for Santa
15 Monica, with the adjacent Venice Beach. Wherever Malibu
16 ends up, it's a small town of about 10,000 people and it
17 shouldn't draw Santa Monica into a mostly valley seat.

18 Santa Monica's more than 90,000 residents deserve a
19 coast-focused representative. Thank you very much.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next we've
21 got caller 9964. And after that will be caller 8293.

22 Caller 9964, please follow the prompts. Caller
23 9964, please press star six to unmute.

24 The floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello. My name is

1 Jayden (ph.). I live in Winnetka, a community in the San
2 Fernando Valley. I generally have been happy about the
3 maps in Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley.
4 However, I feel strongly that you are not giving San
5 Fernando Valley Latinos a chance -- a fair chance to
6 elect candidates of our choice.

7 In the latest set of maps, you showed a Latino
8 voting rights district called EASTSSV on page 78 of the
9 November 7th visualization. Yet, I do not see an second
10 Latino voting rights district.

11 There are enough Latinos in the San Fernando Valley
12 not only for -- to justify the creation of a second
13 Latino voting rights district, but I think you have the
14 moral and legal duty to do so. I know you have a tough
15 task trying to create districts that represent the
16 diversity of our state.

17 Please do not shortchange the Valley Latino
18 communities. Please take the time to create a second
19 Latino Voting Right Act Assembly seat in the San Fernando
20 Valley. Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next we've
22 got caller 8293. And after that will be caller 7733.

23 Caller 8293, if you'll please follow the prompts.

24 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: (Audio interference) -

25 -

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

2 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. Hello, my name
3 is Nicole (ph.). I am a resident of Santa Clarita and I
4 wanted to first express my gratitude and respect for
5 those of you putting in the hard work. I've had an
6 opportunity to listen to all that you're saying. And
7 it's quite impressive.

8 Now, going forward, I will say that I respectfully
9 disagree with the previous caller about the San Fernando
10 Valley and the Santa Clarita. Santa Clarita must and
11 should be included with North San Fernando Valley. We
12 have a lot of people who travers both cities -- both
13 parts of the cities and it's very important that our
14 economic interests align to include the High Desert.

15 In addition, we should not be combined with Simi
16 Valley. Simi Valley is geographically not part of our
17 region. More importantly, they're not even in the same
18 county. Our interests -- our economic, commercial
19 interests align with North San Fernando Valley.

20 I think that Latino representation would not be lost
21 as we too have Latino representation here. So please
22 consider that keeping North LA -- San Fernando Valley,
23 the High Desert and Santa Clarita together. Thank you so
24 much.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

1 Up next we've got caller 7733. And after that will
2 be caller 0073.

3 Caller 7733, please follow the prompts to unmute.

4 The floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. Good
6 evening. Thank you for taking another time to hear my
7 comments. I know it's been a super long day. I've been
8 listening in since 11 a.m.

9 I am a resident of Simi Valley. And I'm calling
10 about the Congressional District 25 and Assembly District
11 38. And I fully support removing Simi Valley from the
12 current districts and I agree with the previous caller.

13 I did review the proposed visualization maps that
14 was posted as of November 7th, yesterday. And was very
15 glad to see Simi Valley included with the district that
16 consistent -- major -- mostly of Ventura County. This
17 map seems fair, equitable, and makes practical sense.

18 Simi Valley has very little in common with Santa
19 Clarita and certainly not anything on common with
20 Palmdale and Lancaster. And it's an actual community of
21 interest with Moorpark, Thousand Oaks and the rest of the
22 Conejo Valley.

23 It does not have any shared resources with Santa
24 Clarita and it's physically separated from the Santa
25 Clarita with the mountains in between. So the proposed

1 visualization map of November 7th keeps the community of
2 interest together in Ventura County. And keeps the
3 community of interest of the Antelope Valley and Santa
4 Clarita Valleys together.

5 And it should really -- also I noticed that the
6 revised map actually keep the Congressional districts at
7 about 6 --760,000 population each, which also makes
8 sense. Simi Valley tends to be ignored by our
9 representatives --

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- because they're really
12 focused in LA County and we are not part of LA County, as
13 anybody in Simi Valley will tell you.

14 So please, please keep the proposed maps which show
15 that Simi Valley is included with the Ventura County and
16 I really thank you for your time. And I thank you for
17 putting Simi Valley where it belongs in Ventura County.
18 And I hope that you're meeting doesn't go too much
19 longer. Thank you so much for hearing me out.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

21 Up next we've got caller 0073. And after that will
22 be caller 5847.

23 Caller 0073, please follow the prompts.

24 The floor is yours.

25 MR. AI: Thank you Commissioners. My name is Mike



1 Ai, and I'm calling on behalf of Equality California
2 about Assembly visualization in three key areas. In LA
3 the November Assembly visualization inexplicitly divides
4 the LGBTQ+ community centered in Hollywood, West
5 Hollywood, between three visualizations, ADWESTSIDE,
6 GLENLA, and EDNTEN, as was noted by Commissioner Sadhwani
7 yesterday.

8 Notably the district divides Hollywood from West
9 Hollywood and connects Hollywood to Glendale, then links
10 West Hollywood to Santa Monica. Despite COI testimony
11 that would disempower the people of Hollywood and West
12 Hollywood. There could be a devastating blow to LA
13 LGBTQ+ community. Their opp -- and their opportunity to
14 elect candidates of choice is particularly unfortunate
15 because the October 27th and November 2nd visualization
16 both have the community unite in a single Hollywood
17 visualization.

18 We urge the Commission to keep Hollywood and West
19 Hollywood together and unite the heart of LA's LGBTQ+
20 community.

21 In San Diego, respectfully, we were frustrated to
22 see that despite robust discussion and directly to the
23 line drawers, the LGBTQ+ community center in Balboa Park
24 and Hillcrest is still divided between visualization SDC,
25 SDCY, and SDSDC as Commissioner Sinay noted yesterday.

1 We urge the Commission to unite the communities of
2 Balboa Park, Mission Hills, Bankers Hill, Hillcrest,
3 University Heights, North Park, South Park, Normal
4 Heights and downtown San Diego.

5 As you did yesterday --

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

7 MR. AI: -- at the Congressional. Finally, we urge
8 the Commission to revisit changes made yesterday that
9 divide the Coachella Valley LGBTQ community in two
10 Assembly visualizations. And we thank Commissioner
11 Kennedy for flagging that problem last night. Please
12 unite us in one district.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

14 MR. AI: Thank you very much for your time.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

16 Up next we've got caller 5847. And after that will
17 be caller 3704.

18 Caller 5847, please follow the prompts to unmute.

19 The floor is yours.

20 MS. CHUNG JOE: Thank you. Good after -- good
21 evening. My name is Connie Chung Joe. And I am the CEO
22 of Asian Americans Advancing Justice Los Angeles.

23 We are the nation's largest legal and civil rights
24 organization for the Asian Pacific Islander community
25 serving more than 15,000 individuals and organizations

1 every year, many who belong to San Diego Valley.

2 I'm calling to say that the West San Gabriel Valley
3 must be kept whole at Senate and Congressional levels.
4 Monterey Park, Alhambra, and Rosemead should not be
5 separated from the West of San Diego -- rest of West San
6 Diego Valley like South Pasadena, San Marino, and Temple
7 City.

8 I personally have been a resident of South Pasadena
9 for seven years, and we share many ties with our
10 neighboring cities. For example, my daughter's
11 basketball team with the Y has teammates who came from
12 South Pas, San Marino, Alhambra, and Arcadia. During the
13 pandemic, our swim team could no longer practice out at
14 South Pasadena High School, so our entire swim team moved
15 to practice out of Garfield Park in Alhambra.

16 We spend our weekends shopping at Target and Costco
17 in Alhambra and our local H-Mart in Arcadia. Our
18 communities in West San Diego Valley are closely
19 affiliated with each other and need to be kept together
20 as one community of interest. We have heard similar
21 testimony from other residents of West San Diego Valley
22 who want to be kept whole and have repeated expressed
23 that they do not share similarities with the gateway
24 cities and are distinct from East San Gabriel Valley.

25 Most importantly, the API community in West San

1 Diego Valley has been one district for decades and that
2 has afforded us political power and representation.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

4 MS. CHUNG JOE: Splitting West San Diego Valley up
5 now would dilute that and be a huge step backwards for
6 our community and particularly now during this period of
7 anti-Asian that has emerged during this pandemic. Having
8 an elected official represent us and be accountable to us
9 at Congressional, State, and local levels is critical.
10 Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

12 Up next we've got caller 3704. And after that will
13 be caller 8499.

14 Caller 3704, please follow the prompts.

15 The floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.

17 Thank you so much for your time and for all your hard
18 work today. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to
19 speak. I live in Simi Valley and I wish for our
20 community to be shared with Santa Clarita in the next
21 legislative district.

22 We both harbor working-class citizens and retirees
23 who wish to remain in our suburban communities away from
24 large metropolitan areas like Los Angeles. It's very
25 important that our representative and legislators don't

1 lump us in with the needs of the people in the San
2 Fernando Valley.

3 They should be their own district since they live in
4 the actual City of Los Angeles and have their own
5 respective needs and services. If you can please keep
6 Simi Valley with Santa Clarita, we would really greatly
7 appreciate it. Thank you so much again for all your hard
8 work and for taking the time to hear me out. I sincerely
9 appreciate it. Have a nice evening.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

11 Up next we've got caller 8499. And after that will
12 be caller 5363.

13 Caller 8499, please follow the prompts. That's
14 caller with the -- the floor is yours.

15 Caller 8499, can you hear me?

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me now?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I can hear you now. Go
18 ahead.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm disappointed to
20 see that in the current visualization, the Fresno/Kern
21 district has gained even more Fresno. The Commission has
22 mentioned and acted on testimony from so many other
23 communities yet continues to not even acknowledge the
24 concerns people like me have.

25 Fresno and Kern need to separate. Their interests

1 are too different from each other to have equitable
2 representation. Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

4 And up next we've got caller 5363. And after that
5 will be caller 2668.

6 Caller 5363, please follow the prompts.

7 The floor is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can -- can you hear
9 me?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can hear you. Go
11 ahead.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello? Oh. Hello. I'm kind
13 of with the -- well, I'm not with the last caller, but
14 same topic. Today, the Commission considered public
15 testimony from multiple communities of interest around
16 the state. But then not even mention the public comment
17 or testimony that has come in from Bakersville where I'm
18 from.

19 Initially, while discussing the Kern/Fresno
20 district, the Commission considered and acted on
21 testimony from Old Fig Garden, but not from ours. We're
22 trying to have our voice heard and the Commission refuses
23 to even consider our concerns. In fact, the visual --
24 the visualizations presented today linked more Fresno to
25 Kern than in the visualizations we were objecting to.

1 Kern County is a unique county with interests that
2 simply cannot be linked to the Fresno County. Also they
3 are really far apart. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

5 Up next will be -- up next will be caller 2668. And
6 after that will be caller 0778.

7 Caller 2668, if you could please follow the prompts
8 to unmute.

9 The floor is yours.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm disappointed to
11 see that in the current visualization the Fresno/Kern
12 district has gained even more Fresno. The Commission has
13 mentioned and acted on testimony from so many other
14 communities yet continues to even acknowledge -- or not
15 even acknowledge the concerns that people like me have.

16 The Central Valley is more diverse than just Fresno
17 and Sacramento. Fresno and Kern need to be separate.
18 Their interests are too different from each other to have
19 equitable representation. Thank you so much.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 Up next will be caller 0778. And after that will be
22 caller 7664.

23 Caller 0778, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

24 MS. YANG: Good evening Commissioners Ahmad,
25 Akutagawa, Andersen, Fernandez, Fornaciari, Kennedy, Le

1 Mons, Sadhwani, Sinay, Toledo, Turner, Vazquez, and Yee.

2 My apologies if I mispronounced any of your names
3 and thank you for taking the time to hear me speak today.

4 My name is Helen Yang (ph.), and I come with a very
5 simple message. In the past year, we witnessed an
6 alarming rise in Asian hate crimes. One Asian report
7 reported rise in Asian hate crimes but up to 1,200
8 percent. I've been a personal witness to some of these
9 attacks to Asian Americans in my community.

10 So on several occasions, I've sat asked myself what
11 the root of the problem is. The sad reality is that
12 Asian Americans in the United States are sometimes
13 voiceless, disenfranchised, and unrepresented. There are
14 fifteen Asian American representatives in the House
15 making up approximately three percent of Congress, even
16 though our population in the U.S. is double that.

17 I'd specifically like to call your attention to page
18 50 of the latest Congressional district visualization. I
19 currently live in Hacienda Heights, but grew up attending
20 schools in the Montebello area. So I have experienced
21 both the communities of Hacienda Heights, Rowland
22 Heights, Walnut, and Diamond Bar. And the very distinct
23 Gateway Cities of Montebello, Pico Rivera, Norwalk, and
24 Whittier.

25 They are different in demographics, businesses,

1 language access, restaurants, and communities. They are
2 separated by the largest landfill and cemetery in our
3 country, which has resulted in two very distinct
4 communities. The communities of Hacienda Heights,
5 Rowland Heights, Walnut, and Diamond Bar have more in
6 common with communities like Chino Hills and Brea, home
7 to vibrant Asian American communities.

8 Here is what is incredibly troubling. Southern
9 California currently has three Congressional districts
10 with Asian American voting populations of thirty percent
11 of more. Your current proposed maps reduce the three
12 districts to just one. That's plainly unacceptable.

13 This isn't about Democrats, Republicans, Liberals or
14 Conservatives. This is purely and simply about
15 representation. Asian Americans are clearly a minority
16 in America that deserve to have a voice. Please don't
17 sep --

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 Up next we have caller 7664. And after that will be
20 caller 5597.

21 Caller 7664, please follow the prompts to unmute.

22 The floor is yours.

23 MS. ARENDSE: Good evening, Commissioners. My name
24 is Erin Arendse and I'm calling on behalf of Equality
25 California and as a long-time resident of both Signal

1 Hill and Long Beach.

2 I know the Commission has had numerous conversations
3 about how to unite the LGBTQ+ community at the
4 Congressional level. Indeed, we'd like to thank
5 Commissioners Sadhwani, Turner, Toledo, and Kennedy for
6 instructing line draws to unite most of the city and
7 extend it down into Seal Beach and Huntington Beach.
8 Unfortunately, the November 7th visualization continued
9 to divide Long Beach's LGBTQ+ community and separate
10 Signal Hill, which has a significant LGBTQ+ population
11 from the LGBTQ+ community in Long Beach.

12 Earlier today, we tweeted a video with a fruition
13 that would unite the LGBTQ+ community in a Long Beach
14 district, create an effective API district in Little
15 Saigon, and create an effective Latino VRA seat in Santa
16 Ana. We respectfully urge the Commission to take the
17 actions outlined in our video to connect as much of Long
18 Beach as possible with Signal Hill -- Signal Hill, Seal
19 Beach, and Huntington Beach. Thank you so much for your
20 time.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 Up next we've have caller 5597. And after that will
23 be caller 5858.

24 Caller 5597, please follow the prompts.

25 The floor is yours.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
2 I'm calling as a sixteen-year resident of Long Beach and
3 a small business owner. I think you've continued to hear
4 a lot from the people in my community who want to see as
5 much of our city united in our district maps as possible.
6 I'm here to fully support that.

7 Last week, I also heard the Commission give
8 direction to staff to extend the Congressional map from
9 Long Beach into Orange County rather than into the LA
10 Gateway Cities. I think this is the right approach. We
11 have a lot in common with them. And being the coastal
12 cities that we are, we tend to travel North/South along
13 the water rather than up towards the mountains.

14 I want to thank Commissioners Sadhwani, Yee, Turner,
15 Toledo, and Kennedy for their comments last week. And
16 especially to Commissioner Kennedy, who is really being a
17 champion to the Commission to keep us together. Thank
18 you so much for those comments.

19 I -- I voted in support of this independent citizens
20 redistricting Commission for my own city because of
21 people like you. And I hope that you will continue to
22 listen to our communities as you draw these maps. Thank
23 you all so much.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 Up next we've got caller 5858. And after that will

1 be caller 6836.

2 Caller 5858, please follow the prompts to unmute.

3 The floor is yours.

4 MS. VECCIO: Hello. My name's Irene Veccio (ph.).

5 And I am calling as a twenty-three-year resident of

6 Encinitas in North San Diego County. And I really

7 strongly oppose the proposed visualizations for my

8 community.

9 I'd like to request that my community be part of a

10 coastal district beginning with Laguna Beach and South

11 Orange County and continuing South to include San

12 Clemente, Oceanside, Carlsbad, Vista, Encinitas, Del Mar

13 and down to La Hoya.

14 These coastal communities are unique in that they

15 rely on the coast for their economy through ocean

16 activities, recreation, fishing, and tourism. And they

17 differ from the coastal cities to the North in that they

18 get no economic benefit from the oil drilling. However,

19 we do suffer the effects from of the oil spills as the

20 recent devastating Huntington Beach spill shows.

21 For this reason, Scripps Institute of Oceanography

22 and USCSC should also be included in this costal district

23 due to their research and attention to climate change and

24 the issues the coastal district faces. I believe these

25 coastal cities are distinct from inland cities as well,

1 which includes Fallbrook and the I-15 East San Diego
2 Corridor because of our dependence on the coastal
3 economic drivers and interests.

4 So I thank you very much for your efforts and your
5 consideration.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

7 MS. VECCIO: That's all I've got.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 Up next we've got caller 6836. And after that will
10 be caller 7173.

11 Caller 6836, please follow the prompts.

12 The floor is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commission.
14 Bakersfield -- Bakersfield feels ignored in today's
15 session. I understand that there aren't any
16 Commissioners from the Southern Central Valley and that
17 you may think that the Central Valley's all the same.
18 But we are pleading with you to consider the Central
19 Valley as more diverse than just Fresno and Sacramento.

20 Bakersfield is the ninth largest city in California.
21 And we are very disappointed that the Commission is not
22 acting our concerns. Thank you

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

24 Up next we've got caller 7173. And after that will
25 be caller 9835.

1 Caller 7173, please follow the prompts.

2 The floor is yours.

3 MR. TIFFANY: Good evening. Good evening. Thank
4 you. My name is Bob Tiffany. I'm the San Benito County
5 Supervisor from District 4. I'm extremely concerned with
6 you placement of San Benito within the Cupertino
7 visualization.

8 I'm calling to strongly urge you to move San Benito
9 County back into the mid-coast visualization.
10 Historically, going back generations, San Benito County
11 and its primary city, Hollister, has always been aligned
12 and in the same Congressional district as Monterey County
13 and the Central Coast.

14 We have many things in common with Monterey County,
15 the Central Coast, and Salinas Valley, agriculture
16 especially. Demographically, San Benito County is
17 strongly Latino, and is in the Salinas area -- just as it
18 is in the Salinas area. And our farm worker population
19 have always been closely aligned. Furthermore, the tri-
20 counties of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito have for
21 years worked together on many shared issues of regional
22 concern, such as transportation, housing, and water.
23 Placing San Benito, a small rural county of roughly
24 65,000 people, in the Cupertino visualization, which
25 includes South San Jose and other areas of much larger

1 populations, would not only sever this very important and
2 historically tri-county relationship, but it would mean
3 that we would lose our voice, drowning out -- drowned out
4 by a much more populous and urban area. Once again, I --

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

6 MR. TIFFANY: -- strongly urge, that San Benito
7 County be moved back into the mid-coast visualization.
8 Furthermore, I know that my view is aligned with the vast
9 majority of my fellow San Benito County residents. Thank
10 you for your time.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

12 Up next, we've got caller 9835. And after that will
13 be caller 4175.

14 Caller 9835, please follow the prompts to unmute.
15 Go ahead.

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. Good evening.
17 My name is Casey (ph.) and I live in Orange, California.
18 I wanted to talk about Orange County. I believe that
19 North Orange County is similar enough to be a designated
20 community of interest, and to be kept in one
21 Congressional district. Any map should have Yorba Linda,
22 Brea, Placentia, Orange, and Anaheim held together in one
23 Congressional district. These communities share similar
24 economies. They face the same infrastructure issues, and
25 they should be kept in one district. Thank you, guys, so

1 much for your time. Have a good night.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. You have a
3 good night, too.

4 Up next, caller 4175. And after that will be caller
5 0313.

6 Caller 4175, please follow the prompts. The floor's
7 yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Awesome. Hi. Thank you so
9 much for this opportunity to give a comment. I really
10 appreciate it. So San Fernando Valley residents want to
11 be in the San Fernando Valley district. So looking at
12 the maps the commission has released so far, I see too
13 many San Fernando Valley residents in non-San Fernando
14 Valley districts. So for example, tens of thousands of
15 San Fernando residents are in a district whose main
16 population base is in the Santa Clarita Valley, as shown
17 in the SCV district on page 80 of your last set of
18 visualizations.

19 So this makes San Fernando Valley residents a
20 minority in this district, and harms their ability to
21 influence their representative. And education is one
22 issue that really worries me. So Valley residents have
23 their children attend schools in the L.A. Unified School
24 District, but Santa Clarita's children are in a wholly
25 separate school district. The needs of the Valley

1 children are much different from those in Santa Clarita
2 and the West Side of Santa Monica. We have to deal with
3 poverty, single-family households, and language barriers
4 in our daily lives. The San Fernando Valley residents
5 need representatives who are focused on trying to
6 influence and improve the L.A. Unified School District,
7 and I fear that under your current maps, they'll be
8 ignored and focus only on the Santa Clarita schools. So
9 please, please listen to our community and keep San
10 Fernando Valley residents with San Fernando Valley
11 district. Thank you so much.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 Up next will be caller 0313. And after that will be
14 caller 3770.

15 Caller 0313, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

16 MR. PAUL: Good evening, Commissioners. This is my
17 first time addressing you guys. My name is Page Paul
18 (ph.). I am from South Fresno County. I wanted to speak
19 on, first, the State Senate maps. I know a number of the
20 callers beforehand have expressed how the Central Valley
21 is a diverse community, and I wholeheartedly agree that
22 throughout the Central Valley, there is a lot of
23 diversity. The one thing I do want to bring attention to
24 is the State Senate map SBEN-MERCED-FRESNO, which
25 includes coastal communities like Salinas, Hollister,

1 Soledad, and among many others with a Fresno County-
2 centric district, and I think that's just totally unfair
3 for Central Valley residents.

4 Central Valley residents do not want to share
5 representation with Monterey County and San Benito
6 County. Central Valley community, again, is incredibly
7 diverse, but we are still much, much more unique and
8 different than coastal communities like Salinas, like
9 Hollister, and I urge the Commission to keep that in mind
10 when we're drawing State Senate districts. I was very,
11 very happy with how the initial visual that came out on
12 10/27 looked at the State Senate level.

13 And lastly, I do want to mention that I -- while I
14 get that there's a lot of concern coming from Kern County
15 on not being in a Fresno County district -- I think those
16 communities deserve to be listened to, but at the same
17 time, I think there's a lot more similar with Fresno
18 County communities to Kern County communities than we
19 have --

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

21 MR. PAUL: -- with Monterey County or San Benito
22 County. So with that being said, I'll conclude my
23 comments, but please, I hope you guys keep that in mind,
24 and don't have Fresno County residents share a
25 representative with --

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

2 MR. PAUL: -- coastal communities which are so far
3 away from each other. So thank you so much, and I look
4 forward to the final maps you guys are going to pass.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

6 Up next will be caller 3770. And after that will be
7 caller 7803.

8 Caller 3700, the time has come to press star six.
9 Go ahead.

10 MR. GARRETT-PATE: Good evening, Commissioners. My
11 name is Sam Garrett-Pate, and I'm calling on behalf of
12 Equality California. I'd like to start by wishing the
13 Chair a very happy birthday.

14 I'd also like to express our strong support for the
15 NORTHSANM Congressional visualization, which perfectly
16 unites San Francisco's LGBTQ+ community, while doing a
17 great job of keeping other communities of interest
18 together as well. We are incredibly grateful to
19 Commissioner Sadhwani for working diligently last week to
20 get West of Twin Peaks in that visualization. We also
21 largely support the GLEN2BA (ph.) Congressional
22 visualization, which, overall, does a good job of uniting
23 the LGBTQ+ community based in Hollywood and West
24 Hollywood, something that the Assembly and Senate maps
25 fail to do. We would just urge the Commission to fix a

1 very small division in West Hollywood and keep that whole
2 city together. Finally, we'd respectfully ask
3 Commissioners to revisit the Congressional visualizations
4 in the Coachella Valley where our LGBTQ+ community in
5 Palm Springs is now divided from their LGBTQ+ neighbors
6 in North Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Desert Hot
7 Springs, and other Coachella Valley communities. We
8 would just ask that you -- that you unite Palm Springs
9 with the rest of the Coachella Valley in the new
10 Riverside-Imperial visualization that Commissioners
11 created today. Thank you so much. Have a great evening.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

13 Up next will be caller 7803. And after that will be
14 caller 3274.

15 Caller 7803, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you for taking my call.

17 I appreciate all of your hard work. The San Fernando
18 Valley is a unique region. We who live here think our
19 communities deserve to be together and not be spread out
20 with non-San Fernando Valley districts at the
21 Congressional, State Senate and Assembly level. When I
22 see the map the Commission has produced, I see too many
23 San Fernando Valley residents being put into districts
24 based outside the San Fernando Valley.

25 If these maps stand, the voice of the San Fernando

1 Valley will be weakened. As a result, the critical
2 issues facing the San Fernando Valley will be ignored.
3 The San Fernando Valley needs representatives working on
4 reducing poverty, improving our schools, helping us
5 recover from COVID, and dealing with the transportation
6 challenges living in our population-dense community.
7 Having San Fernando Valley kept together in San Fernando
8 Valley districts will increase the power of our voice. I
9 ask the Commission to do the right thing: keep us San
10 Fernando Valley residents together; give us our voice in
11 Washington and Sacramento. Thank you very much for your
12 time.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you very much. Up
14 next, we've got caller 3274. And after that will be
15 caller 1986. Caller 3274, please follow the prompts.
16 That's for call -- go ahead. The floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes. My name is Leeza
18 (ph.) and I'm living -- I live in Little Saigon, and I'm
19 calling regarding the divide the district. Just want to
20 let you know that how important to us and the people who
21 live in our area. We would like to keep our district to
22 be Assembly district, Huntington Beach, Garden Grove,
23 Fountain Valley, Seal Beach, Rossmoor, Westminster, and
24 Midway City. And the Congressional district will be
25 Huntington Beach, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Seal

1 Beach, Midway City. And Senate District going to be
2 Huntington Beach, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Buena
3 Park, Costa Mesa and Newport Beach. We would like to
4 have the rep that -- the rep that -- we deserve
5 representative who has a true interest in our unique
6 community, tradition and culture. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

8 Up next, we've got caller 1986. And after that will
9 be caller 1270. Caller 1986, please follow the prompts
10 to unmute. Go ahead.

11 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Alissa
12 (ph.). I'd like to make a public comment on communities
13 of interest. During the September recall election some
14 towns in Kings County did not have vote centers or ballot
15 drop boxes. Residents of these towns relied on
16 neighboring Kings communities to vote in-person. Even
17 though the area is long and covers a great distance, it
18 makes sense as these communities are connected by I-5 and
19 Highway 99. Residents regularly travel North to South
20 for services, education, healthcare, and more. The
21 Eastern Central Valley shares common concerns regarding
22 agriculture and water. Farm workers live in communities
23 that stretch from Southern Bakersfield all through the
24 Eastern side of the Central Valley and should be kept
25 together. Please keep Kings County whole. Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

2 Up next, will be caller 1270, and after that will be
3 caller 7554.

4 Caller 1270, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
6 I'm calling from East Contra Costa County. Remember when
7 we were young, watching Sesame Street and Bob would come
8 on and play this game called, one of these things is not
9 like the others? Well, when you look at our current
10 visualization, CONCORD TR_1102, this is exactly what we
11 see. We, East Contra Costa County, are the odd ones out
12 in this scenario. East Contra Costa, a San Joaquin Delta
13 community, has no socioeconomic commonalities or common
14 transportation corridors with West Sacramento, Davis, or
15 Orinda-Danville. Our commuters come from the East, not
16 Sacramento to the North -- or from Orinda and Mirada to
17 the West. Our economy and entertainment are tied to the
18 health of the Delta, and we need strong Congressional
19 representation that will not only include legislation to
20 bring back the necessary funding, but also whose priority
21 is the Delta. This is not the case with either community
22 to the North or to the West of us. But you know who does
23 have similar priorities? Stockton. Stockton to the East
24 has farmers who rely on the Delta for fresh water
25 irrigation, and we have common transportation routes.

1 We've been calling and emailing consistently with this
2 information, but we don't see changes in our area to keep
3 the San Joaquin Delta community whole, including
4 Stockton, that has already been included in the Assembly
5 maps. Please, make our district cohesive, logical and
6 manageable. As a suggestion, please refer to map CVA
7 East Contra_1013. That was the best visualization.
8 Let's reassemble the puzzle and put East Contra Costa
9 back with Stockton so we are not the one thing that
10 doesn't belong. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 Up next, we've got caller 7554. And after that will
13 be caller 5944.

14 Caller 7554, please follow the prompts to unmute.
15 The floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening Commissioners
17 and staff. Thank you for the opportunity to give input.
18 I would like to speak to the Assembly district map known
19 as the 60 Corridor in Southern California. In
20 particular, the City of La Habra has not been
21 incorporated in the current Assembly district
22 visualization, and it really needs to be included with
23 the City of Whittier, with Rowland Heights, Hacienda
24 Heights. It has a very tight tie with those communities
25 and very little in common with the cities in which it's

1 currently grouped. The cities of Yorba Linda and Brea
2 are very unlike the city of La Habra, which has a high
3 Latino community. And this is very important to the area
4 that la Habra be included with the cities to the North
5 and not to the East and North of Orange County.

6 Also with regard to another visualization, the
7 Senate district map IOC_1107, where the City of Buena
8 Park and the City of Fullerton are placed in separate
9 Senate districts. This ignores critical ties that the
10 residents in each city share with one another. They have
11 considerable AAPI population --

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- including Korean residents
14 whose diversity is reflected in multiple churches,
15 restaurants, and markets that tie the two municipalities
16 together as a community. Thank you for receiving this
17 input, and I appreciate your good work.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds. We
19 appreciate you. Thank you.

20 Up next, we've got caller 5944. And after that'll
21 be caller 2853.

22 Caller 5944, please follow the prompts. The floor
23 is yours.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Happy birthday, Commissioner
25 Turner. Appreciate you spending your birthday evening

1 taking public comments from people on something like
2 this. Just want to draw the Commission's attention back
3 to Bakersfield and some of the -- the VRA district lines.
4 The communities included in the current visualizations
5 really pretty much guarantee that that VRA district,
6 which is currently only fifty-two-percent, will no longer
7 be a VRA district as soon as the next election cycle.
8 There are some really high white CVAP precincts included
9 in there that are growing very, very quickly right now.
10 Specifically, Stockdale Estates in Bakersfield, Stockdale
11 Country Club in Bakersfield, Sundale Country Club in
12 Bakersfield. Those areas are -- they're just not going
13 to sustain a VRA district at fifty-two-percent.

14 You guys really should consider taking those out in
15 order to increase the Latino CVAP for the Kings County
16 and Bakersfield VRA district or else the -- that district
17 is going to -- those people --

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- are not going to be able
20 to elect a Latino representative for probably eight years
21 until the next Commission. It's just a lot of very
22 rapidly growing white affluent areas are included in that
23 district right now. All right. Thank you. Bye-bye.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

25 Up next, we've got caller 2853. And after that will

1 be caller 3802.

2 Caller 2853, if you could please follow the prompts.
3 Go ahead.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, yes. This is
5 Richard, and we honor the Commission's work in developing
6 Voting Rights Act districts that give voice to
7 communities of color and real opportunities to elect
8 representatives of our choice. The '20 Voting Rights Act
9 Assembly seats you have drawn -- eight in L.A. County
10 alone, including one in the Valley, is testament to that
11 effort. We believe, however, that there is enough
12 population to draw a second Voting Rights Act seat in the
13 Valley. By combining small portions of your current
14 proposed Valley seat with areas just South of it, a
15 parallel Voting Rights Act district can be drawn with
16 both seats containing close to fifty-two-percent Latino
17 citizen voting-age majorities.

18 Census estimates from 2019 show the Valley having a
19 fifty-eight-percent nonwhite majority with forty-three-
20 percent of its residents being Hispanic or Latino,
21 eleven-percent Asian, and four-percent African-American.
22 The San Fernando Valley is a diverse area and needs
23 representation who live in it, who can give voice to that
24 diversity, and not have to be shared with Santa Monica
25 and West L.A. Creating two San Fernando Valley-based

1 Latino Voting Rights Act districts will meet that goal.

2 Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

4 Up next will be caller 3802. And after that will be
5 caller 8161.

6 Caller 3802, please follow those prompts. The floor
7 is yours.

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you so much. My name's Mario
9 Rodriguez, chair member of Hispanic 100, and a resident
10 of Orange County for over fifty years. Good evening.
11 I'm calling today on behalf of the coastal community in
12 Orange County. We have long believed that because of the
13 unique issues of our coast stasis, highlighted by the
14 most recent oil spill, it is imperative that we have a
15 single coastal Congressional district created in
16 redistricting. I organized a petition to argue for
17 Orange County Congressional District and have received
18 over 900 signatures. These communities make sense under
19 one representative, and I'm disappointed that the
20 Commission visualization has not made it a reality yet.

21 We need one Congressional district from Seal Beach
22 down to the coast to San Clemente, which is where I
23 reside, where I live. I hope that we can make that
24 happen during this redistricting process. Of the 900
25 sign-ons, I would like to highlight the city's numbers.

1 San Clemente, 90; Dana Pointe, 21; Newport Beach, 379;
2 Huntington Beach, 115; Laguna Beach and Laguna Niguel
3 have 64 sign-ons. We are a diverse community and would
4 like to be kept together. I really appreciate your
5 considerations for this, and looking forward to your
6 input -- looking forward to your consideration. Thank
7 you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

9 Up next, we've got caller 8161. And then we'll have
10 caller 4514.

11 Caller 8161, please follow the prompts to unmute by
12 pressing star six. Go ahead.

13 MR. MARTIN: Thank you very much. My name is Gary
14 Martin. I am a resident of the Santa Clarita Valley and
15 the City of Santa Clarita, and I'm a member of the Santa
16 Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors. I'm
17 calling tonight to ask the Commission would keep the
18 community of Agua Dulce and perhaps Acton, as well,
19 within Assembly District 38.

20 The Santa Clarita -- the Santa Clarita Valley Water
21 Agency, the City of Santa Clarita, and the Agua Dulce
22 Town Council all sit on the Santa Clara Watershed
23 Steering Committee, which is part of the Safe, Clean
24 Water Program, and this would help ensure that the
25 community continues to receive access to reliable clean

1 water.

2 Furthermore, we have a water contamination problem
3 known as PFAS, which is a big concern for the area, and
4 keeping Agua Dulce, and even Acton, in the Santa Clarita
5 Valley is imperative to continue the work to meet our
6 Valley's water needs, and PFAS cleanup issues. Thank you
7 very much for your consideration, and please have a good
8 evening. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

10 Up next, we've got caller 4514. And after that will
11 be caller 0440.

12 Caller 4514, please follow the prompts. The floor
13 is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello. My name is
15 Richard, and I have a question. Why is the Commission
16 short-changing the Latino community? When I looked at
17 the new Assembly maps this weekend, I saw one -- just
18 one -- Latino Voting Rights district. Why is that?
19 There are enough Latinos in the San Fernando Valley to
20 create at least two Latino Assembly seats. I think the
21 Commission has a duty to create such districts.

22 Every time I hear the Commissioners speak, I hear
23 them talking about how Voting Rights districts are your
24 second-most important criteria for drawing districts. I
25 urge you to do what you said you would do: Draw a second

1 Latino Voting Rights Assembly district in the San
2 Fernando Valley. We in the Valley have waited a long
3 time for this opportunity to have districts in which we
4 can elect representatives of our choice. Please, don't
5 deny us this chance. Please, draw a second Latino Voting
6 Rights district. Thank you. I appreciate your time.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

8 Up next, we've got caller 0440. And after that will
9 be caller 5107.

10 Caller 0440, please follow the prompts to unmute by
11 pressing star six. The floor is yours.

12 MR. SANATA: Hi. My name is Eric Sanata (ph.). I'm
13 a twenty-seven-year resident of the City of Alhambra in
14 the West San Gabriel Valley. I'm writing to express my
15 strong conviction that the West San Gabriel Valley must
16 be kept whole as a community of interest, and
17 specifically that the cities of Alhambra, Monterey Park
18 and Rosemead not be removed from the rest of the West San
19 Gabriel Valley's Congressional District. The San Gabriel
20 Valley has the largest concentration of Asian communities
21 in the contiguous United States. The region where I live
22 has a rich community history of support for the Asian
23 diaspora, and has bound its community of interest by both
24 its interrelated needs, in addition to material needs,
25 for its large working-class population. The uniqueness

1 of the San -- West San Gabriel Valley where Asian
2 identity and class so acutely intersect include the
3 following: The Cities of Monterey Park, San Gabriel,
4 Alhambra, Temple City and Rosemead all share very similar
5 household area median incomes, which are significantly
6 below that of the wider metropolitan area in which your
7 housing affordability is judged. These cities all share
8 the fact that they are all majority Asian populations.
9 They all have a similarly high percentage of renters that
10 experience housing precarity. Nearly half of our Asian
11 population has limited English proficiency with subgroups
12 of much higher percentage. I've seen firsthand how
13 language and its effects on social interaction and
14 government participation are key areas requiring
15 continued advocacy.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

17 MR. SANATA: Our largest public school district
18 crosses municipal boundaries and encompasses portions of
19 Monterey Park, Alhambra, San Gabriel and Rosemead. And
20 our environmental needs are intertwined with our Federal
21 super fund site for water contamination spanning
22 Alhambra, Temple City, San Gabriel and San Merino.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

24 MR. SANATA: Transportation and its effects on the
25 environment are interlinked in this region by political

1 coordination as necessary for the environmental justice
2 that's physically been lacking. This aggregates to those
3 cities would throw away so much of the work done by
4 community members in our efforts to ensure --

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. U
6 p next we've got caller 5107. And after that will
7 be caller 4018.

8 Caller 5107, please follow those prompts. Go ahead.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm a member of the
10 Ocean Club for the Mammal Rescue in Laguna Beach, and the
11 triage for the oil spill took people from the coast to
12 act. It makes sense to have the districting to be the
13 coastal area as one district. They share many things in
14 common from, like, Seal Beach to San Clemente. Coastal
15 communities have different issues than inland, and that
16 needs to be considered. It would be too much for anyone
17 to handle the very topographical elements between the
18 coastal and inland. You would think that the ones
19 appointed in these districts are specialists of a certain
20 type of area so that they can be effective. If there's
21 too much varied issues it will hurt the effectiveness of
22 getting things done. That's it. Thank you, and have a
23 good night.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

25 Up next, we've got caller 4018. And after that will

1 be caller 4828.

2 Caller 4018, please follow the prompts to unmute.

3 Go ahead.

4 MR. TAVE: Hi. My name's Anthony Tave. I'm with
5 the City of Pinole. I'm a council member. I just wanted
6 to -- we have a good group of electives out here in West
7 Contra Costa County, and ask that we stay in East Bay map
8 1102 and not the map 1107.

9 I saw that Pinole and Hercules were pushed out of
10 the Assembly area for West Contra Costa County which puts
11 us in a difficult position when advocating. I want to
12 advocate for Pinole to be back in East Bay representation
13 with East Bay map 1102, not with map 1107. It's putting
14 us in -- putting us in 1107 will negatively affect our
15 small town's ability to advocate alongside our other West
16 Contra Costa County cities. We are on regional boards
17 together, JPAs, et cetera, that involve a collective
18 presence and advocacy which the current 1107 map
19 disrupts.

20 The other issue is that Pinole and Hercules share a
21 trustee for West Contra Costa Unified School District,
22 which puts our board in an awkward position where one
23 person would be advocating in the Solano County area and
24 the other in the East Bays. And I just want to thank
25 everybody again. The ask is to keep us in the 1102 --

1 East Bay 1102 map, not the 1107. I just want to thank
2 everybody on the call for advocating for your region and
3 all the hard work that the Commissioners are putting in.
4 So thanks again. Those are my comments.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

6 Up next, we've got caller 4828. And after that will
7 be caller 3351.

8 Caller 4828, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

9 MR. RAMIREZ: Hi. Good evening, Commissioners. My
10 name is Salvador Ramirez, and I am calling from the Los
11 Angeles area where currently VAD_NELA_1107 map shows
12 dissolving two of historically Latino districts in the
13 State Assembly. I'm calling to ask the Commission to
14 please do not dissolve these districts that have given
15 the Latino community representation for several decades
16 now. We have fought hard. We have struggled to get
17 representation, and these visualizations do not help. We
18 like what you've done with the Congressional district
19 that overlaps with these districts. We'd like for you to
20 add Eagle Rock to that Congressional district. And we
21 hope that you can heed our recommendations as we are
22 building our coalition in these areas to ensure that our
23 voices are heard. Thank you for all the work that you
24 are doing, and we hope to see the draft map soon.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,

1 we've got caller 3351. And after that will be caller
2 9218.

3 Caller 3351, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

4 MR. PRITCHARD: Good evening. My name's Rex
5 Pritchard and I'm president of the Long Beach
6 Firefighters, calling from Long Beach. We have been very
7 engaged in this process and I want to thank you all for
8 putting in this kind of effort. I think you've probably
9 heard a lot of people in Long Beach who want our city to
10 be united in the maps that you're drawing for the region.
11 I just also want to share that I really like hearing the
12 Commissioner's direction for Long Beach last week. I
13 think it takes into account the benefits of maintaining
14 unity amongst communities in Long Beach, and also
15 connects us to partners along the Southern California
16 coastline. So if you're thinking of connecting Long
17 Beach communities with Orange County coastal cities for
18 the Congressional district, I 110-percent support that.
19 Please, make sure to move Signal Hill and more of Long
20 Beach from the 710 San Pedro map to Long Beach and
21 Lakewood map. Thank you for your time.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

23 Up next, we've got caller 9218. And after that will
24 be caller 9534.

25 Caller 9218 -- thank you. Go ahead.



1 MR. KNOWBLOCK: Yes. Hi. This is Steve Knowblock.
2 I'm a member of the San Clemente City Council, and I'm
3 calling to advocate for a Congressional district in
4 Orange County that includes all of our small coastal
5 cities. I think it's a big mistake to have half of our
6 cities divided into Los Angeles County and San Diego.
7 Los Angeles County -- we have a natural boundary there
8 with the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station. They have a
9 small beach community -- Seal Beach, and community,
10 South. It doesn't connect very well demographically with
11 the large urban areas of Long Beach, including farther
12 North of the Long Beach and Los Angeles international
13 ports. It's a total community -- it's a very different
14 community. And to include us with -- San Diego also
15 doesn't make sense. You've got Camp Pendleton Military
16 Base, twenty miles long, that totally separates us.

17 I've lived in Orange County, San Diego and Los
18 Angeles County over the last fifty years and believe me,
19 Los Angeles is very different than Orange County, and San
20 Diego is very different than Orange County.

21 I would encourage you to have the small beach
22 communities from San Clemente to Seal Beach in one
23 Congressional district. It makes total sense, and I
24 would appreciate it if you'd consider that. Keep all of
25 our Orange County beach cities together, and thank you

1 very much for your consideration.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you very much.

3 And as a reminder to those who've called in to give
4 public comment, please press star nine. This will raise
5 your hand for me, the comment moderator. It will give us
6 an idea of how many folks are waiting.

7 Up next, we've got caller 9534. And after that will
8 be caller 0011.

9 Caller 9534, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

10 MS. ELLIOT: Hi. I'm Annette Elliot (ph.). I'm a
11 longtime resident of Huntington Beach. One of my
12 concerns is I want to keep Huntington Beach together in
13 one district to maintain a town feel. I don't want it --
14 I want it to be united -- a united community, and I think
15 keeping it together with one district will do that. I am
16 also looking at a Congressional district from Seal Beach
17 to San Clemente, and I think the 605 Freeway as a
18 dividing line would be great. It would keep all these
19 beach cities within Orange County.

20 The reason I want to have one community is the
21 surfing community -- and it starts in Seal Beach and it
22 goes to San Clemente. And it's kind of the Gold Coast of
23 surfing. And we have different needs and we have
24 different wants and different needs. And we need a
25 representative who's going to focus on that, who really

1 knows the beaches. And this is one of the most beautiful
2 natural assets.

3 We need somebody focused on this natural asset. And
4 we need somebody to streamline the process in case we do
5 have an emergency like the oil spill. And I would like
6 the beach cities have similar needs. These cities are
7 very different than Long Beach. Long Beach doesn't
8 really have a surfing community. And I think it should
9 start at Seal Beach and go down to San Clemente, and keep
10 these beach communities together with the same ecosystem.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

12 MS. ELLIOT: We have tourism and you know, if
13 climate change comes, we're going to have different
14 needs, and we need somebody hyper-focused. This is one
15 of the most beautiful natural assets in California, and
16 we need somebody who --

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

18 MS. ELLIOT: -- is dedicated to this. So please,
19 beach communities -- Seal Beach to San Clemente with one
20 representative. Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right.

22 Up next will be caller 0011. And after that will be
23 caller 7644.

24 Caller 0011, please follow the prompts. Caller with
25 the last four digits 0011, please press star six to

1 unmute. One more time, caller with the last four digits
2 0011, the time has come. Please, press star six.

3 All right. Caller 0011, we will come back to you.
4 Up next, we've got caller 7644. And after that will be
5 caller 0503.

6 Caller 7644, please follow those prompts. Go ahead.

7 MR. PAYNE: Good evening, Commissioners, Vice Chair
8 Taylor, and happy birthday to Commissioner Turner on
9 today. My name is Eric Payne. I'm the Executive
10 Director of the Central Valley Urban Institute, and we've
11 been before you before. I just wanted to share with you
12 momentarily as we have sense -- a deep sense of
13 confusion, and we would love to provide the Commission a
14 letter of clarity. And so I think as we respond to the
15 visualizations and today's conversation, we'd like to,
16 again, refer back to the HUD maps that we have submitted.
17 So thank you for this opportunity to give comment, and to
18 really build consensus. We know that the Commission has
19 a Herculean task ahead of them. So thank you for the
20 opportunity. Have a good day.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

22 Up next, we've got caller 0503. And after that will
23 be caller 4205.

24 Caller 0503, please follow the prompts to unmute.
25 Go ahead.

1 MR. ARONSON: Good evening, and thank you for your
2 time and commitment to all citizens of California. This
3 is Todd Aronson (ph.) from Modesto. This committee is
4 considering merging two radically different regions of
5 the Central Valley and splitting a city like Modesto into
6 two representative regions where my neighbor may actually
7 have representation from over two hours away in Fresno.
8 Modesto is known for almonds, Fresno for cuties. Not
9 even our harvests are similar.

10 Furthermore, Modesto is the county seat of
11 Stanislaus County and the Committee is considering
12 splitting part of the city away from the county. That's
13 really incredibly odd. Even the late and great State
14 Senator and Assemblyman, Tom Berryhill, shared with me
15 often how difficult state representation was in such a
16 diverse region on a daily basis. He had constituents
17 from Tuolumne to Fresno at one point. You're compounding
18 that challenge on a national level with this proposal.
19 There are myriads -- literally, myriads of organizations
20 in California with the North Central Valley and South
21 Central Valley moniker, and that's for a reason. The
22 regions are not the same and have truly divergent needs
23 and populations. You will be destroying the community-
24 building efforts and relationships that have taken years
25 to develop. Low-income voters literally will become

1 disenfranchised with this proposal, and neither region
2 will be served properly. Jerrymandering serves no one
3 except --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

5 MR. ARONSON: -- the politically motivated
6 bureaucrats. The process was designed to create
7 representation of the people, not to serve the needs of
8 only one party or the other. So please --

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

10 MR. ARONSON: -- reconsider this grave
11 misunderstanding of the needs in California's great
12 Central Valley. Thank you very much.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you very much.

14 And up next we've got caller 4205. After that will
15 be caller 3988.

16 Caller 4205, please follow the prompts. The floor
17 is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you,
19 Commissioners. Good evening, Commissioners. My name is
20 Raul (ph.). As a resident of Congressional District 34
21 for over thirty years, I can say that our district has
22 the distinction of representing a multicultural society,
23 predominantly Latino. I'm asking the Commission to
24 please, take into consideration the relationship that we
25 have with Eagle Rock and the northeast with District 34.

1 While we're glad that our district is keeping many of our
2 communities of interest, in the visualization, we feel
3 that Eagle Rock should stay in the district. Similarly,
4 Echo Park should be in the district adjacent, not the
5 34th Congressional District. I urge you to keep the
6 integrity of our district and do not fracture it.

7 Please, keep our district whole and include Eagle Rock.

8 I thank you, and good evening.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

10 Up next, we've got caller 3988. And after that will
11 be caller 7575.

12 Caller 3988, please press star six. The floor is
13 yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Thank you. I am a
15 twenty-year Long Beach resident and also a small business
16 owner and father. I wanted to say, that with the
17 Commission's charge not to divide communities of
18 interest, but to keep them together, please consider that
19 the entire City of Long Beach is a community of interest.
20 Along with Signal Hill, which Long Beach pretty much
21 surrounds and which is a city that interacts with Long
22 Beach daily and is part of our community. Residents of
23 Signal Hill and Long Beach travel back and forth into and
24 through each city all day. Sometimes you don't even
25 notice that you're leaving one and entering the other.

1 That's how intertwined we are.

2 Signal Hill looks right over the Long Beach Airport
3 and can be seen throughout the city. As you travel about
4 the city, you can see Signal Hill above you. I feel
5 strongly, and my neighbors agree, that socially,
6 culturally, economically, the second-largest city in Los
7 Angeles County, which is what Long Beach is, should be
8 kept together in one district as much as possible, rather
9 than split up and lose our important voice.

10 We have the Port of Long Beach here, our own local
11 school district, community college district and
12 university here, which happens to be the most popular
13 university in the California State system, and so we need
14 strong representation. Please, keep the City of Long
15 Beach together and include our important neighbor, Signal
16 Hill, in that district. Whether we're looking at
17 Assembly, State Senate and especially for our
18 Congressional representation. Thank you so much.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

20 And up next, we've got caller 7575. And after that,
21 caller 2020.

22 Caller 7575, please follow the prompts to unmute.
23 Go ahead.

24 MS. FALLON: Hi. Thank you. Thank you for all your
25 hard work. This is a lot. My name is Michelle Fallon

1 (ph.). I'm calling from Northridge, 91235, and I'm
2 calling regarding Assembly VAD_SCB_1107, and
3 VAD_CVE_NTU_MALI_1107, and I think they're good -- the
4 ones that you guys came out with today are really good.
5 It puts Simi in Ventura County which totally makes sense.
6 I could never figure out why Simi was not with the rest
7 of Ventura County. So it's perfect. Yeah. Good job.
8 So that's it. Thank you.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's it. Go home.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And we're done.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next is caller 2020.

12 And after that will be caller 1043.

13 Caller 2020, please follow the prompts to unmute.

14 Go ahead.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Redistricting
16 Commission and staff. Thank you for all your hard work.
17 I'm calling on the current map. Latinos are the largest
18 stakeholders in Los Angeles, but the city with four
19 million plus residents and in a county of ten million.
20 Latinos have fought for decades for representation in our
21 own communities across the state. And Latino community
22 continues to grow at a rate of 4.9 percent compared to
23 non-Latinos at 2.3 percent. We finally have the
24 representation needed in the State Legislature with 80-51
25 and 80-53, and are being provided the much-needed

1 resources.

2 The Latino community is concerned that we will be
3 disenfranchised with the current proposed map and the
4 Latino voice will be void of its resources -- the
5 resources it needs. The Latino community deserves that
6 you take a hard look at the current Assembly districts as
7 reference for new maps and leave our districts as they
8 currently are, and make minimal changes if needed. But
9 to completely take us out of the districts we have worked
10 so hard to develop, not only will it stop the consistency
11 we have earned, but could be damaging to its
12 constituents.

13 Latinos have worked too hard for far too long to see
14 it all vanish in 2021. The merging of two seats into
15 one, as proposed by these initial maps, is disseminating
16 the work and clearly demonstrates that all the long and
17 hard work we have put to making ourselves whole will
18 be --

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- for naught. We demand a
21 minimum of two strong voices in the legislature for these
22 communities of working families, one that represents
23 communities of downtown L.A., Pico-Union, Boyles Heights,
24 and --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- South L.A., and another
2 that represents Northeast Los Angeles communities, like
3 Eagle Rock, Mount Washington, Highland Park, El Sereno,
4 among others in East Los Angeles. Thank you so much for
5 your time.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 Up next, we've got caller 1043. And after that will
8 be caller 7952.

9 Caller 1043, please follow the prompts to unmute.
10 That's for caller with the last four 1043. The time has
11 come to press star six. Thank you again for your
12 patience, everybody.

13 We are trying to connect with caller 1043. If you'd
14 please press star six to unmute. All right. Caller
15 1043, we will come back to you.

16 Up next, we've got caller 7952. And after that, I
17 think we've got time for one more before the break, will
18 be caller 6832.

19 At this time, caller 7952, please follow the prompts
20 to unmute. Go ahead.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much,
22 Commission, for the time to share public comment. I am
23 here speaking on behalf of the Orange County beach
24 cities. We have a very common and unique culture that we
25 have together. We all love the beach.

1 Huntington Beach, Surf City, that is a theme that
2 goes all the way down from Seal Beach to San Clemente.
3 You will find surf shops; you will find surf-themed
4 restaurants and you will find our entire community out
5 surfing and enjoying the ocean. We are completely
6 different than L.A. County in every way possible at the
7 foundational level of even the tax codes being completely
8 different.

9 I'm in support of keeping the Orange County beach
10 cities together because we are a unique community of
11 interest. And I'd also argue that we have a habitat of
12 interest as well with the coast. This representative
13 would not just be representing the people, they would be
14 representing all the animals that a Congressperson would
15 be in control of. This most recent oil spillage showed
16 this. The beaches up and down the OC coast were shut
17 down, and it is the responsibility of one Congressperson
18 to represent all of the people in the coastal community
19 from Seal Beach to San Clemente. Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

21 And I think maybe we could get two more before the
22 break. Next up, we've got caller 6832. And after that
23 will be caller 0457.

24 Caller 6832, we want to hear from you, please press
25 star six. Go ahead.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I've been listening
2 to the Commission today, and I've called in to voice my
3 concerns on the Fresno/Kern district. Despite myself and
4 many other Kern County citizens, the Commission has
5 decided to add even more of Fresno. The Commission has
6 considered and acted on the testimony of various other
7 communities of interest, yet continues to ignore ours,
8 let alone acting on them. Kern and Fresno County need to
9 be separated for the good of both communities. Thank you
10 very much.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

12 And we have one more caller before we go to break.
13 It will be caller 0457. Please follow the prompts to
14 unmute. Go ahead.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.
16 My name is Raj (ph.) and I'm residing in the Santa
17 Clarita region. I'm calling to raise awareness of the
18 issue of Simi Valley leaving the Santa Clarita district.
19 One of the reasons is that Simi Valley and Santa Clarita
20 are both bedroom communities where people that work in
21 L.A., particularly, public sector workers, such as
22 police, firefighters, and teachers. The Simi Valley
23 portion of Ventura County and the Antelope Valley are
24 better fits to include Santa Clarita than the San
25 Fernando Valley. For example, the San Fernando Valley,

1 including Porter Ranch and Granada Hills, share different
2 concerns and issues than the Santa Clarita Valley.

3 In my opinion, it is essential to keep Santa Clarita
4 and the San Fernando Valley separate. Thank you for your
5 time.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

7 And again, we are up against a break. If you can
8 hear the sound of my voice, you are still in the queue.
9 Please press star nine to raise your hand. We will be
10 back to take your calls.

11 Chair, I defer to you to take us to break.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you so much. We will be on a
13 break at this time until 7:15 p.m. Thank you.

14 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 6:59 p.m.
15 until 7:15 p.m.)

16 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you for waiting while we had
17 our required break. And we are back now to take more of
18 your public comment. Thank you for hanging in there with
19 us. And we are ready with our next caller. Kristian?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.

21 Up next, we've got caller 6688. And after that will
22 be caller 1701.

23 Caller 6688, please follow the prompts. The floor
24 is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Oh, thank you. Hi. I

1 live in Santa Clarita, and I wanted to fervently disagree
2 with previous callers that state that Simi Valley should
3 stay with the Santa Clarita Valley. It's pretty much of
4 a ridiculous proposal, and I believe that you have the
5 opportunity to right a wrong that was made in the last
6 go-round. We share virtually nothing in common with Simi
7 Valley and must travel through Northern San Fernando
8 Valley to even get to a freeway to take us to Simi
9 Valley. We don't share transportation, because the
10 crossing of county lines -- it is the crossing of county
11 lines. And it's often difficult securing grants for
12 Federal projects because we are vastly different in our
13 needs.

14 As the third largest city in Los Angeles County,
15 Santa Clarita needs to be the centerpiece of any
16 Congressional Assembly or Senate district drawn here. We
17 do share transit lines with Northern San Fernando Valley
18 and the Antelope Valley Line via light rail that's
19 actually named for the route. I'm thrilled to see our
20 Congressional map include the communities that we're
21 regularly in and have much in common with.

22 I heard someone earlier bring up L.A. U.S.D. and
23 disparate school districts with Santa Clarita Valley, and
24 those aren't really Federal or State issues. Those are
25 pretty localized issues. So I don't know if that gives

1 credence to those arguments when it relates to maps or
2 not. What I love about the Congressional and Assembly
3 maps, I detest about the Senate map. What in the heck
4 are you thinking with that -- with that district?
5 Couldn't we try to keep the districts more in line and
6 somewhat similar? The Senate map is really crazy. I've
7 never seen it go so far South. And we really need to --
8 we need some work for that to make sense --

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

10 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- for those of us in
11 the Santa Clarita Valley, the third largest city in Los
12 Angeles County. I wanted to thank you for --

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- the work that
15 you've done so far, and to please ask that you relook at
16 that Senate map. It's pretty crazy. So that it's more
17 in line with the shape and --

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 Up next, we've got caller 1701. And after that will
20 be caller 4589.

21 Caller 1701, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

22 MS. NGUYEN: Hello. Good evening. My name is
23 Katherine Nguyen. I live in Westminster. This is the
24 second time I'm call in because I'm very upset. You have
25 completely ignored our comments on the Little Saigon.

1 You said you wanted public comments, public
2 testimony and tell where our community of interest is
3 together. We did all of that, and I think you guys still
4 ignore everything any of us in Little Saigon have stated
5 and asked for. We said we don't belong to Santa Ana.
6 You put us in with Santa Ana for the Congressional
7 district. We said we don't belong with Costa Mesa. You
8 put us in with Costa Mesa for Assembly district.

9 Our communities are Garden Grove, Huntington Beach,
10 Westminster, Midway City, Seal Beach, Rossmoor, Fountain
11 Valley and Las Alamitos belong together. If you won't
12 listen to us, then why tell us that you want to hear our
13 comments? Then give us the reason why you would do the
14 opposite of what we, who live here, know and ask for.
15 This whole process is terrible and makes absolutely no
16 sense. And that's it. Thank you for your time.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

18 Up next, we've got caller 4589. And after that will
19 be caller 6045.

20 Caller 4589, please follow the prompts to unmute.
21 Go ahead.

22 MS. GOMEZ: Hello, Commissioners. I'm Georgette
23 Gomez, and I'm calling today to talk to you about City
24 Heights neighborhood, which is the heart of the Ninth
25 City Council District that I had the pleasure of serving

1 as the San Diego City Council from 2016 to 2020. I want
2 to thank the Commission for its conversation on better
3 keeping the Latino community in San Diego County together
4 today in the Congressional district. And I want to
5 ensure the Commission that City Heights has been joined
6 with the South Bay District before and would be very
7 welcome to be included in the South Bay in districts
8 going forward. City Heights is an immigrant community
9 and in most of our census blocks, our voting-age
10 population is majority Latino. This would allow to
11 include City Heights and the majority live in the
12 district that complies with the Voting Rights Act in the
13 Assembly, Senate, and Congressional maps. The need to
14 (indiscernible) protecting immigrant rights, improving
15 English lang education, (indiscernible) to public
16 transportation, tenant rights for renters, and access to
17 medical health care services and facilities are very
18 similar to those who would have find in the immigrant
19 communities that are in South Bay. So -- South of State
20 Routh 94 communities, like Southcrest, Sherman Heights,
21 Logan, and down the 805 corridors to National City, with
22 Chula Vista and San Ysidro. They are communities that
23 share culture and working-class ties with City Heights.
24 My direct experience of the City Council --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

1 MS. GOMEZ: -- was to represent the whole City
2 Heights community, and I can assure you that having one
3 community be represented both at the Assembly and the
4 Congressional Districts are very critical as a
5 government-elected --

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

7 MS. GOMEZ: -- please keep City Heights with the
8 Latino Voting Rights Act District that you were drawing
9 in the Assembly, Senate, and Congressional maps. Thank
10 you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

12 Up next, we've got caller 6045, and after that will
13 be caller 5629.

14 Caller 6045, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you for
16 taking the time today. I know it's getting late, so I
17 wanted to really let you know that I appreciate your
18 time. My name's Peter (ph.). I'm a resident of Seal
19 Beach. I wanted to focus on the Orange County area and
20 keeping our coastal cities together.

21 As a active volunteer, in I'm very -- I'm very
22 involved in a lot of our coastal cleanups and a lot of
23 different organizations that take care of our coast. And
24 we have, here in Seal Beach, we have some unique sand
25 replenishment issues that -- that float down to Oran --

1 to other Orange County beaches, such as Huntington Beach,
2 and Newport Beach, and even Laguna.

3 I don't know if you've heard, but we have a sand
4 replenishment issue right now in Seal Beach. This is not
5 at all connected to any other beach issues in L.A.
6 County. It is strictly a Seal Beach issue. So the sand
7 erodes, and then that gap will lapse into Sunset Beach,
8 Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, and even down into
9 Laguna. So I'm asking you today to keep our Orange
10 County beaches together as one coastal community. We
11 don't have very much of anything in common with L.A.
12 County, such as Long Beach, so I'm just asking you to
13 keep our Orange County coastal beaches together in one
14 Congressional District. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

16 Up next, we've got caller 5629, and after that will
17 be caller 5277.

18 Caller 5629, please follow those prompts. It is
19 your time.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Hi, my name's Will
23 (ph.), and I'm calling from Long Beach. Our community
24 has been very engaged in this process, and it's very
25 important to us. Last week, I heard numerous

1 Commissioners give direction to bring more of our city
2 together, which I really appreciated. I hope that we've
3 been able to convey that Long Beach would like to be as
4 much as -- of our city to be united as possible when
5 you're drawing our maps.

6 Thank you to Commissioners Kennedy, Sadhwani,
7 Toledo, Yee, Turner and your comments last week. The
8 Assembly and Senate maps for Long Beach look great, by
9 the way.

10 And now that we're looking at the Congressional map,
11 that it doesn't look like what I would consider our
12 community to be when I'm thinking of the things that we
13 would need to be at the federal level. Please consider
14 connecting Long Beach to our neighboring coastal
15 communities to the South. Last week, we heard several
16 Commissioners offer that as an option, and I just wanted
17 to share how much I support that move. Keeping Long
18 Beach united as a community, and then connecting us to
19 Orange County at -- coastal cities makes sense. Thank
20 you for taking my comment into consideration, and thank
21 you for your time.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

23 Up next, we've got caller 5277, and after that will
24 be caller 1898.

25 Caller 5277, if you could please follow those

1 prompts to unmute? Go ahead.

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello there,
3 Commissioners. My name is David (ph.), and I am a Simi
4 Valley resident. And the reason why I wanted to join is
5 to raise the issue of Simi Valley leaving the Santa
6 Clarita district. One reason being, many residents will
7 agree with me, hopefully, is of Simi Valley having the
8 same interests as Santa Clarita and the Antelope Valley
9 of investing in the aerospace industry, which is a major
10 driving force for the economy, an example being
11 Aerovironment.

12 And I also don't feel comfortable being in the same
13 district as Malibu and Calabasas, which have a way higher
14 median income, and this major economic difference at the
15 local level will prevent any real legis -- legislation
16 being passed that would benefit Simi Valley. This
17 economic distance, for instance, will cause the city to
18 pass legislation that essentially would benefit most of
19 the population, the majority in the district being
20 wealthier than the population of Simi Valley with the
21 current redistricting proposal.

22 And I would like to thank the Commissioners for
23 listening to our concerns, and I would also like to thank
24 the interpreters for helping more Californians be part of
25 these important meetings. Thank you, and have a great

1 night.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

3 Up next, we've got caller 1898, and after that will
4 be caller 7912.

5 Caller 1898, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

6 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Sandy
7 (ph.), and I'm calling from Fresno. And I have been
8 listening to today's sess -- session, and the Commission
9 has made changes to the lines based on testimony from
10 several communities of interest, but has yet to even
11 mention any comments from Bakersfield, which that -- when
12 it came to discussion over the current Fresno District,
13 the Commission acted on public comments from Old Fig
14 Garden, but none of the people of Kern County. We need
15 to have our voice heard, and the Commission continues to
16 ignore us. The visuali -- visualization added even more
17 of Fresno to Kern, acting directly against our wishes.
18 Kern is vastly different from Fresno County, and should
19 be separated. Thank you for time.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

21 Up next will be caller 7912, and after that will be
22 caller 1428.

23 Caller 7912, please follow those prompts. The floor
24 is yours. Caller 7912, can you hear me?

25 MS. COTO: Hi, Kristian. Hi. Can you hear me now?

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Go ahead.

2 MS. COTO: Thank you so much. Good evening,
3 Commissioners and staff. This is Jacqueline Coto, the
4 director of civic engagement policy with NALEO
5 Educational Fund. Thank you so much for the long hours
6 and dedication to the mapping process.

7 I'm calling to uplift our recent letter that was
8 submitted to you this past Friday, November 5th, that
9 really supports the announcement of your draft mand --
10 maps to be released on November 10th. Approving and
11 publishing your first draft map by November 10th will
12 really help ensure our community has sufficient time to
13 analyze the maps and provide meaningful input before the
14 Thanksgiving holiday season begins.

15 Again, I want to thank you so much for your time,
16 for your tireless work, and happy birthday to
17 Commissioner Turner. Have a good night.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 Up next, we've got caller 1428, and after that will
20 be caller 2191.

21 Caller 1428, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Bradley
23 (ph.), calling in from San Clemente, California, and I
24 just wanted to first of all, thank you all for your hard
25 and tireless work. I know it's not an easy job that you

1 guys have, so I appreciate you taking in feedback and
2 trying to do your best to meet the wishes of every
3 Californian.

4 With that said, I would like to provide some
5 feedback regarding the South Orange County, North San
6 Diego County district. And I would like to say that I
7 believe you've done a really good job so far. I would
8 just like to reaffirm that you do keep the portion of
9 South Orange County as part of this district because it
10 is important that we keep the Camp Pendleton Base
11 contiguous, connected in one district. And there are
12 marines who live in both the South Orange County portion
13 of the district and the North San Diego County portion of
14 the district, so it's important that they are both
15 represented by one representative, and do not have to
16 travel, potentially, the entire distance of the base to
17 interact with their representative.

18 I would also like to reiterate that it is important
19 to keep the coastal community as the primary portion of
20 the district because I believe that we share different
21 environmental and geographic interests that differ from
22 more inland counties, such as Fallbrook (sic), and I
23 believe that --

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- areas that are not

1 currently in the district, like Long -- Laguna Beach,
2 could be potential additions that would fall into the
3 same category as the rest of the district currently. But
4 other than that, I think the district --

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- looks really good,
7 and I appreciate all your hard work. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

9 Up next, we've got caller 2191, and after that will
10 be caller 0682.

11 Caller 2191, please follow those prompts to unmute.

12 MR. SAMRA: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Jaspel
13 Samra (ph.). I live in Lodi, and I own a small business
14 growing grapes in our sister community of Galt. I'm
15 calling on the Commission to improve your draft
16 Congressional map by adding Galt, Herald, and Clay into
17 your district that includes Eastern Stanislas and San
18 Joaquin Counties. Our communities of Galt, Herald, and
19 Clay, along with Woodbridge, Acampo, Collierville,
20 Lockeford, Dogtown, Linden, form the Lodi viticultural
21 area, and we share the same advocacy group, the Lodi
22 Winegrape Commission.

23 We consider ourselves the Lodi area, and we shop,
24 eat, and spend time with each other at the same local
25 events, and have deep ties between our communities. We,

1 along with farmers and communities in Eastern Stanislas
2 County, like Denair, Oakdale, and Riverbank, are partners
3 in the management of the critical eastside streams, water
4 resources that allow our vineyards to exist and thrive.
5 We rely on the same underfunded roadways to transport our
6 crops from our ranches to the major processing facilities
7 in Modesto, Salida, and Escalon, where our grapes are
8 crushed and processed, and we fear the same chall --
9 challenges in combating soil-borne disease, mitigating
10 flood, and surviving brutal droughts, like the one in
11 which we find ourselves now.

12 Without our wine communities would not exist, and to
13 split our representation will make our voice quieter and
14 communities weaker. For far too long, we have been
15 silenced in districts that lump us in with heavily
16 urbanized cities like Stockton and Sacramento --

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

18 MR. SAMRA: -- and sprawling suburbs do not -- who
19 do not share our challenge -- challenges and lifestyle.
20 Your visualization is a huge improvement over the past
21 maps that keeps Eastside Stanislas and San Joaquin County
22 together. I urge you --

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

24 MR. SAMRA: -- to include Herald and Clay in the
25 district, too, and to remove Lathrop into the Stockton

1 District. Thank you for listening.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

3 Up next, we've got caller 0682, and after that will
4 be caller 0469.

5 Caller 0682, please follow the prompts to unmute.
6 Go ahead.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Greetings, Commissioners. As
8 a resident of the Antelope Valley, Palmdale and Lancaster
9 have no reason to be divided any further by Congressional
10 Districts. I want to show my support for the current
11 draft of AVSCV. The Antelope Valley and Santa Clarita
12 Valleys are largely considered sister communities and
13 should be kept together.

14 Furthermore, Simi Valley differs far too much
15 socioeconomically and demographically speaking.
16 Lancaster is forty-one percent Latino and twenty-one
17 percent African American. It is not fair to ask voters
18 in Lancaster to be lumped with Simi Valley, a wealthier
19 and much less diverse community. We have different
20 issues and concerns, and we reside in completely
21 different counties as well.

22 And contrary to what several San Fernando Valley
23 residents have stated tonight, the Santa Clarita Valley
24 does not include Simi Valley. That is false, and a quick
25 Google search confirms that. Simi Valley is only two

1 miles, as the crow flies, from the Santa Cla -- from the
2 San Fernando Valley, versus fifteen miles from Santa
3 Clarita.

4 Please think about the voices of the people in the
5 Antelope Valley when considering AVSCV or CA-25. I
6 believe any argument to keep the AV or SCV with -- with
7 Simi Valley is purely political. Please keep the current
8 visualization of AVSCV, which does not include Simi
9 Valley. The -- the large majority of folks in our
10 communities agree. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

12 Up next will be caller 0469, and after that will be
13 caller 0052.

14 Caller 0469, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm also a resident of
16 Santa Clarita Valley, and I wanted to thank the
17 Commission to keep most of Santa Clarita Valley, along
18 with Antelope Valley, together in the latest
19 Congressional visualization. However, I do have concerns
20 about Santa Clarita Valley and Antelope Valley being
21 lumped in with Northern San Fernando Valley.

22 Northern San Fernando Valley population density is
23 much higher. They are closer to L.A. They have
24 different water and power supply sources and different
25 concerns than us. Simi Valley, on the other hand, is

1 driven by the same industries, such as aerospace and law
2 enforcement, has similar income demographics, property
3 values. And so Simi and Santa Clarita, even though they
4 are, as the previous caller noted, are not that close
5 together geographically, they are fairly close in terms
6 of what their interests are. There -- there were common
7 fires that went from Santa Clarita Valley, Cowgirls (ph.)
8 area, down to Simi Valley and back up again, and so we
9 have common fire concerns as well. We need Simi, and
10 Santa Clarita, and Antelope Valley, all three, to stay
11 together.

12 The other concern that I have is regarding the
13 Senate districting around Santa Clarita Valley --

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- it puts us -- it takes it
16 all the way down the I-5 corridor into North Hollywood
17 and Pacoima and Van Nuys. We have nothing in common with
18 those communities. They are far more dense in
19 population.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Again, they're very, very
22 different, so please, keep Santa Clarita Valley whole,
23 and keep it with similar communities. Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
25 we've got caller 0052, and after that will be caller

1 4201.

2 Caller 0052, please follow the prompts. The floor
3 is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name's Carl
5 (ph.), and I live in Newport Beach. I'm calling today
6 because I'm really concerned that there's an attempt to
7 divide the Orange Coast Beach cities. There's a reason
8 we all live in Orange County, and really trying to divide
9 us up into L.A. and San Diego to split our communities
10 that really share a lot of common ground and common
11 values, it really hurts our communities as a whole. We
12 really deserve to have a represent -- a representative
13 who lives in Orange County and deals with the issues that
14 we deal with. You look at how Congressional
15 representatives have to interact with their communities.
16 It makes no sense to split them amongst multiple
17 counties.

18 Thank you so much for all of your time. And I would
19 also like to wish a happy birthday to the Chair. Thank
20 you for spending your birthday listening to our -- our
21 comments and trying to help make California a more
22 representative state for the rest of us.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

24 Up next, we've got caller 4201, and after that will
25 be caller 6847.

1 Caller 4201, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

2 MR. WALDMAN: Thank you. Stuart Waldman, from VICA
3 and the San Fernando Valley Redistricting Coalition.
4 Appreciate all the callers calling about the San Fernando
5 Valley. Kind of wish they had called a month ago, but I
6 appreciate the -- the context here.

7 The -- the previous caller talked about the Valley,
8 San Fernando Valley doesn't get its water from the same
9 place as Santa Clarita. That's just not true. We all
10 get our water from the Me -- Metropolitan Water District.
11 In fact, the only place that we get our water is coming
12 through the Santa Clarita Valley.

13 But in terms of the districts, the Congressional
14 District, you know, we appreciate all that you've done.
15 We appreciate that you are maintaining a Latino
16 Congressional District in the Valley that did not exist
17 ten years ago. For the Malibu SFV district, you did add
18 Santa Monica. We have nothing in common with Santa
19 Monica. And I know, as things push, the possibility of
20 Santa Monica being in a district distri -- different
21 district is likely, and we hope that that would be the
22 case.

23 In terms of the Assembly seats, we appreciate that
24 you've drawn a seat that does not go South of Mulholland,
25 and we hope that we're able to maintain that as you make

1 these adjustments here.

2 And as previous callers have -- have mentioned, we
3 do have 760,000 Latinos in the San Fernando Valley. It'd
4 be great if we can try and make the effort to draw two
5 Latino seats in the San Fernando Valley. So we do
6 appreciate that.

7 In terms of the Senate seats, we appreciate that
8 Studio City has been moved back into San Fernando
9 Valley's seat and -- and that's great. And things are --
10 are looking all right, although, I have mentioned, we do
11 have a 48.32 percent Latino CVAP Senate seat, which is
12 SCSFV. We'd like --

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 And at this time, we're going to re-try caller 1043,
15 and after that, we will come to caller 6847.

16 Caller 1043, please follow the prompts to unmute by
17 pressing star six. One more time, that's caller 1043.
18 Caller with the last four 1043, you can now unmute by
19 pressing star six. Go ahead.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. I just want to know
21 that the Linda Akutagawa, she don't belong to this
22 (indiscernible) Commission. She has not once stated why
23 you believe that Little Saigon in Orange County belong to
24 Costa Mesa, Santa Ana, Anaheim. She has no clue, and
25 don't care to listen to our comments. You are self-

1 serving and give no rationale on any of our map requests,
2 that's why that you hate the Vietnamese American.
3 American people are a -- they are just a political
4 agenda.

5 The map request you drafted for our area clearly
6 show that you have never step into our community, and
7 never wander around Orange County. We know she don't
8 listen to us at this point, so we are asking the rest of
9 the Commission to help us. We make comments. We have
10 testified and gave you all the reasons. Please look at
11 those and help us. You are the one who can save our 40
12 years of community and development hard work. Huntington
13 Beach, Garden Grove, and most of Westminster, Midway
14 City, Seal Beach, Fountain Valley, and Rossmoor belong
15 together.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So keep us together. Thank
18 you, and good night.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

20 Up next, we've got caller 6847, and after that will
21 be caller 6058.

22 Caller 6847, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

23 MR. JOHSZ: Hello. Good evening. This is Brian
24 Johsz. I'm the mayor of the city of Chino Hills, and my
25 gosh. This is the first day I've paid attention to how

1 you guys are handling the Commission for redistricting,
2 and God bless all of you for -- for this.

3 And Kristian, good job wrang -- you know, wrangling
4 all the cats when it comes to phone calls.

5 A -- for -- I'm -- I'm not calling for any greater
6 regional issues. It's just in the Congressional
7 visualization for the Pomona, Fontana version of the
8 districts, you have a couple of neighborhoods of our --
9 our small city in that district, and then the complete
10 rest of our city in the Orange County Congressional
11 District, and I'm just calling to advocate to just please
12 keep Chino Hills contiguous into one district.

13 We've been a -- we've been a San Bernadino County
14 city that has been in Orange County Congressional, and
15 Assembly, and Senate Districts for twenty plus years. We
16 would really, you know, appreciate being -- being in that
17 for the, you know -- for the -- for the future. So
18 please keep us in that. Please keep our Congressional
19 seat contiguous with the Orange County seat, and keep
20 Chino Hills connected.

21 So with that, thank you very much. God bless you
22 for all you guys are doing, and we appreciate all the
23 hard work you're doing. Have a good night.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 Up next, we've got caller 6058, and after that will

1 be caller 8224.

2 Caller 6058, please follow the prompts. That's
3 caller with the la -- go ahead. The floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello? Can you hear me?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah. We can hear you.
6 Go ahead.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Hi. Yes. Oh, thank
8 you so much, everybody, for such -- such a, you know, a
9 wonderful job and such a long day for you guys. We
10 really appreciate it. And you know, really -- we will
11 really think -- think about it.

12 So thank you for keeping all the cities of Orange
13 County in Orange County. You know, Orange County's such
14 a very unique coun -- county, and that's very far apart
15 from L.A. County. So you know, they -- they must stay --
16 stay -- stay apart. Orange County has to stay in Orange
17 County. L.A. County should stay Orange -- Orange County.

18 Now, this is specifically regarding a Senate
19 District VSD_INC (sic) and VSD_SAA (sic), which is in
20 North -- Northwest Orange County, and specifically, the
21 City of Cypress. The City of Cypress is in two VSD --
22 two -- two maps. VSD_SAA (sic) on -- on page 54, and VSD
23 AINC (sic), page 53 on the visualization 1107. So I'm a
24 very long time resident of City of Cypress, and I'm
25 speaking on behalf of many residents of Cypress. We are

1 on the integral part of neighboring Southern cities of
2 Los Alamitos, Rossmore, Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, and
3 Costa Mesa. So this is a community of interest, where we
4 go to each other's cities to celebrate holidays, events,
5 festivals, sports competitions, and we shop at each
6 other's cities.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So the City of Cypress also
9 cross over schools of Los Alamitos, in a high school
10 district where -- where many kids from Cypress attend.
11 So please keep Cypress in VSD_AINC (sic) on page 53, not
12 on page -- there on page 54. So we are a community of
13 interest. So thank you so much. Thank you very much,
14 everybody, for your time and for including our comments.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

16 Up next -- just a moment. Sorry for that brief
17 interruption, everyone. Just a moment. All right.

18 Up next, we've got caller 8224, and after that will
19 be caller 4340.

20 Caller 8224, go ahead. The floor is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello? Do you hear me?

22 Hello?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can hear you. Yes, we
24 can hear you. Go ahead.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Yes. Hi, Commissioner.

1 I had no intention of wanting to wait for another few
2 hours just to be able to speak again. Anyway, the recent
3 map is beyond ridiculous.

4 Commissioner Akutagawa, you are crazy, and refuse to
5 listen to our Little Saigon voice. You either have no
6 clue about our community, or have your own pers --
7 personal agenda -- agenda. Either hear our voice, or
8 just define your reasoning. To say that Huntington Beach
9 doesn't have any community interest with Little Saigon
10 shows your lack of knowledge of this area. Huntington
11 with (indiscernible) and for children who live in
12 Huntington Beach and Westminster, boy and girl
13 (indiscernible) Huntington (indiscernible) in Huntington
14 Beach and Fountain Valley. Fountain Valley High School
15 and Westminster High School is in Huntington Beach Union
16 High School District. Vista View Middle School in
17 Fountain Valley, Star View Elementary in Midway City, and
18 Westmont Elementary in Westminster are in Ocean View
19 School District of Huntington Beach. William Newland
20 Elementary and Isojiro Oka Elementary in Huntington Beach
21 are in Fountain Valley School District.

22 Commissioner Akutagawa, go ahead, tell us your
23 reasoning and go against the factual community of
24 interest. You have no clue, or just plain hate our
25 Little Saigon community. Shame on you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: (Audio interference)

2 seconds.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next, we've got caller
5 4340, and after that will be caller 2252.

6 Caller 4340, if you could please follow the prompts
7 to unmute at this time? Go ahead.

8 MS. LADISH: My name is Kate Ladish (ph.). I live
9 in the Yolo County city of Winters, along the Yolo Solano
10 line and near Napa. Thank you for your ongoing work.

11 The Commission has received an outpouring of COI
12 input about keeping Yolo County whole and grouping Yolo
13 and Solano together. I'll start with the Congressional
14 map. While I appreciate that the Commission has shifted
15 Yolo out of a district stretching far North, and very
16 much appreciate that the Yolo, Solano, and Napa portions
17 of the Winters area are included in one district, I'm
18 deeply concerned that the November 7th visualization
19 split our tight-knit county into two districts, with
20 Davis, West Sacramento, and Clarksburg in Concord TR, and
21 Winters, Woodland, and the majority of the unincorporated
22 area in Yolo Lake. This is in opposition to public
23 input.

24 Expressions of our county-wide community of interest
25 include all of Yolo is in one Fire Safe Council, Valley

1 Clean Energy, a community choice not-for-profit public
2 agency, provides electricity to customers in Winters,
3 Davis, Woodland, and the unincorporated areas. Winters
4 and Davis currently share a supervisorial district, and
5 should not be in different Congressional Districts.

6 Turning to Assembly, again, I ask the Commission to
7 keep Yolo whole, and include the greater Winters area in
8 one district. This could be accomplished by moving West
9 Sacramento out of WestSac -- WestSac Sac and adding it to
10 the rest of Yolo in TEHENAPA_1107, and by moving the
11 Northern part of Solano that's in the Winters School
12 District out of SOLANO_1107 and adding it to
13 TEHENAPA_1107. Yolo and Solano share wildfire prep and
14 recovery.

15 Finally, Senate. Of all the visualizations offered
16 so far, Napa, (indiscernible)_1107 best reflect --

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

18 MS. LADISH: -- public input. It includes all of
19 Yolo County and all of the greater Winters areas in one
20 district, groups Yolo and Solano together, is compact,
21 and reflects COI input.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

23 MS. LADISH: Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

25 Up next, we've got caller 2252, and after that will

1 be caller 6942.

2 But before we go to that, if there's anybody who has
3 called in to give comment tonight and who has not gotten
4 a chance to speak, please press star nine to raise your
5 hand. Thank you so much. I see those hands.

6 Up next, we've got caller 2252, and after that will
7 be caller 6942.

8 Caller 2252, please follow those prompts. Go ahead.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (In Spanish not translated).

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Gracias.

11 Up next, we've got caller 6942, and after that will
12 be caller 6542.

13 Caller 6942, if you could please follow the prompts?
14 Go ahead.

15 MR. RAMIREZ: Hi. My name's Ray Ramirez (ph.). I
16 live in Northeast Los Angeles. Thank you so much for all
17 the hard work you've done in our district. All right.
18 But we want to make sure that our Congressional District
19 needs and must include Eagle Rock. Also, in our Assembly
20 District, please do not dissolve our Districts 51 and 53.
21 Please, restore these historically Latino districts of
22 Los Angeles. Thank you very much.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
24 we've got caller 6542, and after that will be caller
25 8209.

1 Caller 6542, if you could please follow the prompts?
2 Go ahead. The floor is yours.

3 MS. MARTIN: Hi. My name's Allison Martin (ph.),
4 and I have lived in Orange, California for 30 years. I
5 preferred the previous visualization to the one that you
6 currently have, which had East Orange, Anaheim Hills, and
7 Yorba Linda with the rest of North Orange County. I
8 think it's important to keep these communities together
9 because the area has grown exponentially. These cities
10 lay at the connection of the 91 and the 55 freeways, and
11 we need one representative who understands the
12 infrastructure because we have some of the worst traffic
13 in the County. Thank you very much.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you very much.

15 Up next, we've got caller 8209, and after that will
16 be caller 8600.

17 Caller 8209, if you could please follow those
18 prompts? Go ahead.

19 MR. CRUZ: Hi. My name is Raymond Cruz (ph.). I'm
20 a resident of Simi Valley and I've been a resident for 35
21 years. I hope -- and I thank you for all the work you
22 have done on it (audio interference). I want to thank
23 you for all that.

24 As you can appreciate, Simi Valley, Moorpark, and
25 Santa Clarita are very similar communities, and they

1 share the boundaries of the Los Padres National Forest
2 and mountain ranges. Both Santa Clarita and Simi were
3 affected by the ESPS events, due to the current (audio
4 interference) fires. We certainly need government
5 officials who will fight for our communities to cut down
6 the number of (audio interference) events. Simi,
7 Moorpark, and Santa Clarita should all be in the same
8 legislative districts. Thank you so much.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 Up next, we've got caller 8600, and then we've got a
11 caller with no caller ID.

12 Caller 8600, please follow the prompts to unmute.
13 Go ahead.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. In today's session, the
15 Commission has made changes to the lines based on
16 testimony --

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oops. That was my fault.
18 Just a second.

19 Let's try that again, caller 8600. Sorry so much
20 about that. Go ahead. Your time will restart.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you. In today's
22 session, the Commission has made changes to the lines
23 based on testimony from several communities of interest,
24 but has yet to even mention any comments from
25 Bakersfield. When it came to discussion over the Kern

1 Fresno District, the Commission acted on public comments
2 from Old Fig Gardens, but not from the people of Kern
3 County. We need to have our voice heard, and the
4 Commission continues to ignore us. The visualization
5 added even more of Fresno to Kern, acting directly
6 against our wishes. Kern is vastly different from Fresno
7 County, and should be separated. Thank you so much.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

9 Up next, we have a caller with no caller ID, and
10 after that will be caller 4850.

11 Please listen to the prompts to unmute by pressing
12 star six. Go ahead.

13 MS. O'CONNOR: Hi. Thank you. My name is Ann
14 O'Connor (ph.). I would like to address the three
15 visualizations from my neighborhood in Northern Sherman
16 Oaks, Los Angeles County. Our neighborhood is called
17 Part of Sherman Oaks, POSO. I live in POSO, and I'm a
18 team leader, along with Bob Andersen, at our Sherman Oaks
19 Homeowners Association. We have been engaged in this
20 process from the beginning by testifying, submitting
21 formal letters, drawing a map, and mobilizing our
22 neighborhood to send in hundreds of comments to the
23 feedback form and Voters First Act.

24 The Commission's State Senate visualization is
25 acceptable, but only if the Eastern boundary is Hazeltine

1 Avenue. There are no street names and therefore, it's
2 hard to tell.

3 The Congressional and State Assembly visualizations
4 are not acceptable, and seems to exclude some POSO
5 homeowners because a strange indentation carveout on the
6 North border.

7 How to correct this? Starting at the 405 freeway,
8 move East in a straight line, no indentations or
9 carveouts along Oxnard Street to Hazeltine Avenue, and
10 then turn South. Our Sherman Oaks city map and your own
11 State Senate visualization also uses a straight line,
12 starting at the 405 freeway moving East along Oxnard
13 Street to Hazeltine, and then turns South. We won our
14 renaming to Sherman Oaks in 2009. Our boundaries are
15 approximately Oxnard Street to Burbank Boulevard, the 405
16 freeway to Hazeltine. We do not want to exclude any POSO
17 homeowners or renters.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

19 MS. O'CONNOR: This is a technical area -- error
20 that it will exclude 200 homeowners and renters for no
21 good reason. Please listen to us, especially
22 Commissioner Antonio Le Mons, who resides in Studio City,
23 with borders with Sherman Oaks, and he will be familiar
24 with these --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

1 MS. O'CONNOR: -- streets. My phone is 818-730-
2 2113. We don't understand why the State Assembly and
3 Congressional maps don't look exactly like your very own
4 State Senate map. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

6 And I'd like to welcome our interpreters, who have
7 logged on to join us. Welcome to the night shift.

8 Up next, we've got caller 4850, and after that will
9 be caller 2211.

10 Caller 4850, please follow the prompts to unmute.
11 Go ahead.

12 MR. MARTINEZ: Good evening. This is Jose Martinez
13 (ph.). I live in Newhall. I've been living here 23
14 years. I just wanted to mention and just go along with a
15 lot of people who have called from Fresno. I was born in
16 Reedley, graduated from Reedley College, Fresno State.
17 Worked in television there, and radio. And I agree, they
18 need to separate, and keep it as it is, Fresno, its own
19 district, Kern County, Bakersfield, its own district.

20 But my main point tonight is this, Commissioners.
21 As a long-time resident of Santa Clarita, I'm concerned
22 about the Congressional, Assembly, and Senate Districts
23 being lumped together in the San Fernando Valley. I
24 don't think it makes sense for our community here in
25 Santa Clarita to be part of the San Fernando Valley since

1 we share different values, geography, and priorities.

2 The Santa Clarita Valley has its own school
3 districts. It's public resources separate from the San
4 Fernando Valley, which is part of the city of Los
5 Angeles. That's a key thing. It's part of the city of
6 L.A.

7 Now, combining both of these vastly different areas
8 would create confusion for our representatives and
9 legislatures to properly address the needs of our
10 community. And this community, as you know, has its --
11 its challenges, like wildfire prevention, the roads,
12 infrastructure, and public utilities. It doesn't make
13 sense for us to be merged with the City of Los Angeles.
14 So I hope you seriously consider that the Santa Clarita
15 Valley, and the Antelope Valley --

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

17 MR. MARTINEZ: -- and Simi Valley be part of -- and
18 stay together. Thank you very much.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

20 And again, if there is anyone who has called in and
21 has not spoke tonight, and you wish to speak to the
22 Commission, please press star nine to raise your hand.
23 Looks like I've got a couple in the queue that we're not
24 sure about. Thank you. I see those hands going up.
25 Caller 1302, caller 2931. If you would like to speak,

1 please press star nine. Caller 5558. If you'd like to
2 speak, please press star nine.

3 Up next, I've got caller 2211, and after that will
4 be caller 3000.

5 Caller 2211, follow those prompts to unmute, please.
6 Go ahead.

7 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. My name is
8 Rana (ph.), and I live and work in Long Beach, where I am
9 raising two children with my husband. Our community has
10 been very engaged in this process, and it's very
11 important to us. Last week, I heard numerous
12 Commissioners give direction to bring more of our city
13 together, which I really appreciated. I hope that we've
14 been able to convey that Long Beach would like as much of
15 our city to be united as is possible when you're drawing
16 your maps.

17 Thank you, Commissioners Kennedy, Sadhwani, Toledo,
18 Yee, and Turner for your comments last week. The
19 Assembly and Senate maps for Long Beach look great, by
20 the way. And now, we're really looking at that
21 Congressional map that doesn't look like what I would
22 consider our community to be when I'm thinking of the
23 things that we need at the federal level.

24 Please add back Signal Hill to our community. Even
25 though they're a different city, they are connected to

1 Long Beach. And if you are looking for a place to split
2 Long Beach, there's a railroad track that runs along Del
3 Amo in North Long Beach. It's a natural place to divide
4 Long Beach up so that the North part of our city is with
5 Compton and some of those cities to the North.

6 In addition, we heard direction to move the Long
7 Beach District into Orange County and down the coast. I
8 completely support that. It makes sense. So thank you
9 for your comments. Thank you for taking our comments
10 into consideration.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

12 Up next, we've got caller 3000, and after that will
13 be caller 2395.

14 Caller 3000, please follow the prompts to unmute.
15 That's caller with the last four digits 3000. Please
16 press star six to unmute. One more time. Caller 3000,
17 you can now unmute by pressing star six. Go ahead. The
18 floor is yours.

19 MS. CHANDLER: Oh, thank you very much. Hi. My --
20 yeah. I'm sorry it took so long.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's --

22 MS. CHANDLER: My name's Sue Chandler (ph.). I'm up
23 in South Lake Tahoe. I've kind of observed the entire
24 proceedings today, and I was kind of upset with what I
25 saw happen with El Dorado County. What happened today,

1 you totally are -- disengaged the Tahoe Basin from the
2 rest of El Dorado County, Placer. And to us that live up
3 here, that's not acceptable. We're a relatively small,
4 rural community. We need to keep our community intact,
5 and we hope that there will be some way that you can
6 change those boundaries so that Lake Tahoe and the Tahoe
7 Basin is together with El Dorado County and Placer
8 County.

9 Thank you very much for your time. I do appreciate
10 everything you're doing to make this work. I sympathize
11 with your efforts because I know it's incredibly
12 difficult. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

14 Up next, we've got caller 2395, and after that will
15 be caller 5558.

16 Caller 2395, if you could please follow the prompts?
17 Again, that's for the caller with the last four digits
18 2395. You can now unmute by pressing star six, please.
19 The floor is yours.

20 MR. GONZALEZ: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
21 Vizero Gonzalez (ph.). I'm a resident of the Santa
22 Clarita Valley since birth, so 19 years. I'm here in
23 support of placement of Santa Clarita, as well as
24 Lancaster and Palmdale areas, with the Northern San
25 Fernando Valley in the Congressional map. This is due to

1 the rising influence of Hispanics and Latinos in the
2 Santa Clarita Valley. This population would ensure a
3 strong Hispanic voice in Congress.

4 And I also strongly encourage you, Commiss --
5 Commissioners to not place us with the Simi Valley area,
6 due to the fact that the Santa Clarita and Simi Valley
7 areas share nothing really in common, and are divided by
8 two freeways that both ha -- pass through the Northern
9 San Fernando area in order to get to Simi Valley, and are
10 separated by a large mountain -- hill, mountain area.

11 Thank you, Commissioners, for your time, and enjoy
12 your -- your evenings. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

14 Up next, we've got caller 5558, and after that will
15 be caller 2931.

16 Caller 5558, please follow the prompts. Again,
17 thank you for your patience tonight.

18 Caller 5558, you have been waiting a long time.
19 Please press star six to unmute. Go ahead. The floor is
20 yours.

21 MR. SCOTT: Good evening. My name is Kevin Scott
22 (ph.). I'm a firefighter and longtime resident of the
23 City of Long -- Long Beach. We've been very engaged in
24 this process, and I want to thank you all for putting in
25 this kind of effort.

1 I think you've probably heard from a lot of people
2 in Long Beach who want our city to be united in the maps
3 that you're drawing for the region. I also wanted to
4 share that -- that I really like hearing the Commission's
5 direction for Long Beach last week. I think it takes
6 into account the benefits of maintaining unity amongst
7 communities in Long Beach, and also connects us to
8 partners along the Southern California coastline.

9 So if you're thinking of connecting Long Beach
10 communities with Orange County coastal cities for
11 Congressional District, I support that 100 percent, but
12 please make sure to also move Signal Hill, which is a
13 integral part of -- of Long Beach, and more of the City
14 of Long Beach from the 710 San Pedro map into the Long
15 Beach and Lakewood map. Thank you very much.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

17 Up next, we've got caller 2931, and I'd like to
18 invite caller 1302 to press star nine to raise your hand
19 if you'd like to speak.

20 Caller 2931, please follow the prompts. Thank you
21 for your patience tonight. Caller 2931, the floor is
22 yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I haven't submit a public
24 comment -- comment online on email, and I have been
25 waiting an hour to testify before your Commission. It

1 seem to be no matter what I, or anyone in our community
2 of Little Saigon do or say, it doesn't seem to matter.
3 It is clear that Linda Akugataga (sic) has an agenda
4 against our community. Everything we have asked for, she
5 recommend an opposite, but failed to give any reason to
6 justify her for recommendations.

7 I am just asking the rest of Commissioner to hear
8 from 100 of us who have been made every effort to reach
9 out to you to ask you to help even. Our community
10 deserve to have its own representative and with cities
11 that have been similar community of interest -- interest.
12 We should be put in with another minority group. That
13 (indiscernible) with our own rep -- representation.
14 Don't listen to Linda Agu -- Akutagawa. She hate us.

15 There are hundreds of communities of interest reason
16 for you to put Huntington Beach, Garden Grove, Midway
17 City, Seal Beach, Westminster, Rossmore, Fountain Valley,
18 and Los Alamitos together. Please hear our voice.

19 Thank you, Commissioners, and have a good evening.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And at this time, we're
21 going to give caller 1302 a chance to speak. Please
22 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.
23 Again, that's for caller with the last four 1302, if
24 you'd like to speak, press star six, please. All right.

25 Chair, the queue is clear. I defer to you.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you so much. Thank you so
2 much, Kristian, and thank you to all of our callers, and
3 those of you that are still hanging in there with us. We
4 appreciate you tonight. And thank you for all of your
5 comments on tonight.

6 So at this point -- let's see. We are at 8:14.
7 We're about a half-hour away from a break, so we're going
8 to take advantage of that time. Commissioners, I'd
9 encourage you to just stand up and stretch and sit back
10 down. We're going to go to our break time at 8:45.

11 And so what we want to do is to go back to our
12 Congressional maps and kind of power through. I know
13 that we have now our VRA Districts, for the most part,
14 taken care of. We'll see if there are other VRA -- I
15 think there may be other VRA Districts that we'll take a
16 look at as well, but at this point, Kristian, if you'd
17 give us just about five minutes for the line drawers to
18 get set up, and for us to take a quick break?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Five.

20 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 8:15 p.m.
21 until 8:20 p.m.)

22 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you so much, and welcome back.
23 We are now prepared to go back into our live line drawing
24 session with our Congressional maps. We are going to
25 continue with VRA Districts in Los Angeles.

1 And so Jaime, we're in your hands, please.

2 MS. CLARK: Thank you. First, let's please take a
3 look at page 49 of the handout. This visualization
4 includes part of the City of Long Beach, Hawaiian
5 Gardens, Lakewood, Bellflower, Downey. Going to zoom up
6 here so we can see it also includes Bell Gardens, Bell,
7 which is split here for population. It includes Maywood,
8 Huntington Park, Walnut Park, and Florence areas. It
9 also includes Lynwood, which is split. I will turn on
10 the streets layer really quick, so we can see a lot of
11 streets split here at the 105. I'm going to turn that
12 off, because it's going to slow down the map.

13 And since last week, a change here is just where the
14 City of Long Beach is split. This area, where I'm waving
15 the hand was identified as a Cambodian community of
16 interest, and so just moved the split to respect that
17 community of interest. And this represents a percent
18 deviation of .5 percent.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

20 MS. CLARK: Next, is --

21 CHAIR TURNER: Don't move just yet, Jaime.

22 MS. CLARK: Okay.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Kennedy, and
24 then Commissioner Sadhwani.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I'm a bit

1 at a loss, as were some of the callers, because the
2 direction was to bring that Western part of Long Beach
3 back into the LB North District as far North as possible,
4 recognizing that you would need a piece of it to bridge
5 up to Paramount, and then compensate the SP 710 District
6 with population from the Northern part of LB North, so
7 Florence, Graham, Huntington, Maywood, Huntington Park,
8 Maywood, Bell, Bell Gardens, Downey, whatever of that you
9 need to move to the SP 710 District to compensate for
10 moving the bulk of Long Beach back together with the
11 other part of Long Beach. So that was the instruction.
12 Thank you.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Jaime?

14 MS. CLARK: Yeah. Thank you so much.

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sure.

16 MS. CLARK: The -- I understood the instruction was
17 to have the split in Long Beach match where it would be
18 in Assembly. And this -- the Assembly visualizations for
19 this week, due to changes requested by the Commission,
20 had Long Beach whole. So there was not a split in the
21 Assembly plan. I am happy -- also happy to explore this.
22 The changes you're requesting would bring the Latino CVAP
23 in this visualization down, but would bring the Latino
24 CVAP in the SP 710 visualization up. So there would
25 wiggle room there, I believe.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani, and then
3 Commissioner Fernandez.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. Yes. Very
5 similar to Commissioner Kennedy, but I will be additive,
6 Chair. I think there are a couple additional options
7 here for us. Definitely support those Gateway Cities
8 being put back in the Gateway -- that SP 710 District,
9 including Florence-Graham, Huntington Park, Maywood, Bell
10 Garden, Southgate, it looks like, et cetera. Paramount,
11 I think could probably also go. I think that's where --
12 an area where we could experiment.

13 My sense, from the testimony we've received from --
14 from communities was that some splits of Long Beach could
15 be -- could be okay if we -- if we're respecting some of
16 those communities of interest. So you know, I think
17 there's an opportunity to explore, and the direction I
18 provided last week was, if need be, I think it feels
19 comfortable moving into Seal Beach and Huntington Beach.
20 Thank you.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So Jaime, we're going to give
22 you direction. Want to pick up just a couple of more
23 hands, okay?

24 For this area, Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair.

1 And yes, lots of input. I think, because we did Northern
2 California this morning, we split a lot of smaller cities
3 in Northern California, and I would love to respect
4 everybody's COI's of not splitting -- nobody wants their
5 city split.

6 But at some point in time, unfortunately, we will
7 have to do it, and as Jaime mentioned, I mean, the on --
8 the possibility would be to maybe flop the VRA Districts,
9 right? If we do that. So I am very willing to explore
10 that option, but I'm just kind of throwing it out there
11 that we've split many other smaller cities, and at least
12 it's only a one split for Long Beach. But so I guess if
13 you want to do the hate mail, it would be me, but I would
14 like to support them as much as possible, so we're going
15 to go on an adventure right now.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Actually, before we go into
18 this adventure with Long Beach, I'd like to raise Santa
19 Ana and Anaheim as a potential -- a VRA District that are
20 not together right now, but I want to suggest that we
21 look at them first because it could have implications for
22 other areas, too, including Long Beach.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy?

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Sadhwani, we now

1 want to look at those other areas before we do this? Is
2 that okay?

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm sorry. Santa Ana?

4 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That makes a lot of sense to
6 me, and I think it -- as we approach Santa Ana, it's
7 going to have reverberations for Long Beach, so that
8 makes a lot of sense. Thank you.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Vazquez? Okay.
10 Beautiful. Okay.

11 Jaime, we've not made any changes in that area. We
12 want to go to Santa Ana first, please.

13 MS. TRATT: Chair, if I may, I haven't presented on
14 the changes that I've made to this visualization since
15 the last time you saw it, and this one has been pretty
16 majorly changed. Would you like me to just give a quick
17 overview of the changes that were made?

18 CHAIR TURNER: That's Santa Ana area?

19 MS. TRATT: Yes. So actually, we really
20 restructured this area to incorporate the Little Saigon
21 community. You can see that Westminster, Midway City,
22 Fountain Valley, the majority of Santa Ana, Garden Grove
23 are all kept intact. Obviously, that was in response to
24 Commissioner direction, as well as community testimony
25 about Little Saigon.

1 It did not look like this last week. It was more
2 centered around Santa Ana and Anaheim, and actually,
3 Anaheim has been entirely removed from this
4 visualization, so I'd just like to point that out.
5 You're looking at a very different visualization than you
6 saw last week that already reflects a lot of Commissioner
7 instruction and feedback.

8 CHAIR TURNER: That's very helpful.

9 Commissioner Sadhwani?

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I know that
11 Commissioner direction was conflicting at times. I'm
12 wondering if we can take a look at what had previously
13 existed in this area. I think, if I remember correctly,
14 from about a week ago, it was looking pretty good. And
15 that might be a helpful starting point for us. We can --
16 think if that reflects what we -- are attempting to do,
17 and then potentially work out from there.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Sinay?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Was this not originally a VRA
20 District, or was -- it didn't meet Gingles 3? Contested?
21 Okay.

22 MR. LARSON: This -- this is Dale. I'm happy to
23 jump in. Gingles 3 was -- was when we were looking at
24 additional an -- analysis, so it was close enough that we
25 were -- we were treating like a VRA District, at least

1 previously, we were.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. And Commissioner Sadhwani,
3 what Sivan is saying, this particular visualization, this
4 current map that's up, Sivan, you're saying we have not
5 seen this before, and we see it now, but Commissioner
6 Sadhwani, as I understand you, you're wanting to go back
7 to even something before what is currently on the screen?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. If we're talking
9 architecture on these maps, yes.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I recall the week prior,
12 there were other adjacent districts where the deviation
13 was way off, so it's going to blow things up a little
14 bit. But I think that the district in that Santa Ana
15 area was more reflective of the direction we were going
16 in. And I do want to apologize to the line drawers if
17 our direction was unclear.

18 CHAIR TURNER: And is that the 11-2 visualization,
19 or 10-27?

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I believe it was 11-2, but I
21 don't have it in front of me, so I --

22 MS. TRATT: Chair, we're trying --

23 CHAIR TURNER: I'm sorry?

24 MS. TRATT: We're trying to find the Shape file so
25 we can pull it up on the map to compare. One moment,

1 please.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The 11-02 visualization for
3 Congressional did not have Anaheim. So let me look at
4 the 10-27.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) on our
6 website.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Can I jump in, Chair? The
8 11-02 visualization had Western Anaheim, half of Orange,
9 all of Santa Ana, and Stanton.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And if I remember correctly,
11 I think Commissioner Akutagawa had provided some very
12 helpful direction last week about including parts of
13 Southern Fullerton to that district, so I think we've
14 lost some of those pieces.

15 CHAIR TURNER: But that is the right -- that is the
16 right visualization you're moving from? Yes. Okay. So
17 we'll wait and let Sivan get to that.

18 MS. MAC DONALD: Just one moment. We're trying to
19 find the file.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think it was page 64.
21 Yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I have 65.
23 (Indiscernible).

24 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I have page 65 from the 10-

1 27 visualization. Page 65 on the October 27th

2 visualization, that's --

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: There were slight -- I'm
4 looking at the two from the two different times. There
5 were slight differences in terms of the inclusion of
6 Villa Park, and Stanton. There were changes between
7 11 -- 10/27 and 11/2, but I think those are -- either one
8 of those would be a better starting point for us.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Absolutely. Okay. And while we're
10 going to decide which deciding point, Commissioner
11 Taylor?

12 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. I'm just trying to
13 figure out the rationale behind the look back. Are we
14 looking for additional communities that are tied
15 together? Are we seeking different populations, or --

16 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: -- what's our purpose?

18 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum. Yes. Commissioner Sinay?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Great question, Commissioner
20 Taylor. It's -- starting off, it's a VRA. It was --
21 yeah. We were looking at it as a VRA District with a
22 Latino CVAP. It's also (audio interference) communities
23 and more that have been working together collectively.
24 It's working class, low-income communities that have had
25 a lot of investment to try to -- to help them, you know.

1 And so they work collaboratively. But the main reason is
2 VRA.

3 CHAIR TURNER: And what I'm hearing from the initial
4 request from Commissioner Sadhwani is that the previous
5 visualization is closer to what we're trying to see, and
6 just in a time saving, we make him start from that as a
7 mark point, a demarcation point before we take the
8 current visualizations and have to recreate it all.
9 Might get us there quicker.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa?

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So I have a
12 question. The one from the 10/27 includes that portion
13 of Anaheim that is separate from Anaheim Hills, and the
14 one on 11/2 does not include Anaheim.

15 CHAIR TURNER: And the question? What are you -- or
16 statement. What are you saying with that?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Well, my understanding is
18 that the inclusion of Anaheim with Santa Ana was what
19 made it more of the VRA District, not the 11/2 version.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Mr. Larson?

21 MR. LARSON: I'm sorry. What was the question?

22 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, okay. We don't need the -- that
23 answered. Thank you. The question -- had -- yes.

24 That's okay, Mr. Larson. Sorry.

25 Commissioner Taylor? Okay.

1 Commissioner Sadhwani, we're back with you. You
2 have the visualization? Which -- are we waiting on
3 Sivan?

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think just waiting
5 to pull that up. As far I can see, the -- some of the
6 differences between -- I've got them both here. Thank
7 you, Commissioner Sinay, for these printouts. Appreciate
8 that.

9 On November 2nd, the visualization had a Latino CVAP
10 of 50 percent, and included Stanton. It did not include
11 Villa Park, and included, I believe, as Commissioner
12 Akutagawa mentioned, more of Anaheim, whereas on October
13 27th, thank you, we had cut out Stanton and had included
14 Villa Park, but we hadn't hit the fifty percent
15 threshold.

16 CHAIR TURNER: So based on --

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So I would suggest starting
18 with the November 2nd.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. And is that -- that's what we
20 have up, Sivan?

21 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So that's the district that is
22 highlighted in yellow and filled in in that light pink
23 color. And the black lines are the current state of the
24 visualization.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Linda? Commissioner Akutagawa?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Sorry. I was looking
2 at the wrong map when I said that Anaheim wasn't
3 included, so the November 2nd one looks good.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So it looks like the
5 population deviation is off in this instance, so we're
6 going to need to pull from somewhere to pull it up.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa, did you have -- that's
8 what -- that South Fullerton area, is that --

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. I --

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- that was the test -- the
11 direction you had given, I believe, last week.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Based on the
13 testimony that we got from the People's Redistricting
14 Alliance and OCCET, they had suggested looking at that
15 South Fullerton. There's a portion of South Fullerton
16 that is similar in profile to this community, sharing
17 certain kinds of interests and immigrant, working-class,
18 you know, language services, and other needs are similar
19 and so they share similarities in terms of potential for
20 services in this community.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So I think my question,
22 then, for the mappers, how do -- how does this work
23 together? We'd like to use this potentially as an anchor
24 point, it sounds like, for Orange County. That's going
25 to blow up a whole lot of things, and I just want to

1 think about process-wise, I mean, it sounds like it makes
2 sense to bring in some South Fullerton and start looking
3 at some of those census blocks.

4 But I just want, from a process standpoint, is this
5 something you can kind of take and drop into our current
6 visualizations that we're working from? How might that
7 work?

8 Thank you, Chair.

9 CHAIR TURNER: So Jaime?

10 MS. CLARK: Yes? Go ahead.

11 CHAIR TURNER: You were -- oh, go ahead.

12 MS. CLARK: Oh. So this change would impact four of
13 the districts that are currently in this visualization.
14 It would, of course, impact the Santa Ana visualization,
15 it would impact the one called OC inland. This
16 visualization would have a percent deviation of negative
17 twelve.

18 The North Orange Coast visualization would have a
19 percent deviation of negative 3.81. The OC VLA -- so
20 this doesn't include adding more of -- or adding -- going
21 up into Fullerton, but if we went further North here,
22 this would increase, but the OC VLA, as it's highlighted
23 right now, as the area is highlighted, would have a
24 negative 39.47 percent deviation, and we would still need
25 to add -- well, yeah -- and then, what is left, what

1 would be left, that's the Garden Grove, Westminster,
2 Midway City, Fountain Valley area, would need about -- it
3 would be negative 42.53 percent of a district, so it
4 would need, you know, almost 60 percent of a district.

5 CHAIR TURNER: So if we can keep the same thought
6 about putting population, you know, like the swap we were
7 trying to do earlier. So we're looking for areas to swap
8 out.

9 Commissioner Akutagawa, your hand never went down.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, sorry.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Vazquez? If you're --
12 you may be still on -- we don't hear you again,
13 Commissioner Vazquez. Darn, darn, darn. Just when you
14 have something great. Yes, Commissioner Vazquez. I'm
15 just teasing. I don't know what she said. Okay.

16 Commissioner Fernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm just wondering if it'd
18 be helpful if we put the Latino -- what's it called? The
19 CVAP area so that we have an idea of what -- some of the
20 concentrations.

21 MS. MAC DONALD: Chair Turner --

22 CHAIR TURNER: Yes?

23 MS. MAC DONALD: -- may I please ask a question?

24 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

25 MS. MAC DONALD: I'm just wondering if there is

1 perhaps other bordering districts from the 11-2
2 visualization that might look appealing to you, because
3 if so, then we may be looking at a slightly different
4 rotation here.

5 MS. CLARK: And I'm going to make the boundaries
6 from the 11-02 visualization green, so they are easier to
7 see. And I'm just going to zoom out a little bit to
8 get --

9 CHAIR TURNER: While you're zooming out and changing
10 those boundaries, we actually have to take a required
11 break.

12 MS. CLARK: Got it.

13 CHAIR TURNER: So we're back at 9:00.

14 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 8:49 p.m.
15 until 9:00 p.m.)

16 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you so much, and welcome back.
17 Jaime, you were helping us with visualizations,
18 fleshing some things out, when we went to break. And we
19 will allow you to show us what you have, please.

20 MS. CLARK: Sure. So this highlighted area is an
21 are -- a visualization that was presented last week. It
22 also now includes Southern parts of the city of
23 Fullerton. This highlighted area represents a deviation
24 of 743 people. This is .1 percent deviation. A Latino
25 CVAP is 49.92 percent, so we could, maybe, make -- if

1 this is something the Commission wishes to explore, we
2 can make this change, and then, you know, refine and
3 adjust after more of the big picture structure is done,
4 or of course, the Commission could leave it for
5 (indiscernible, simultaneous speech).

6 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Toledo?

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I like these changes.
8 I'm also thinking maybe if we add -- I know we're --
9 we're very close to the deviation, but maybe swapping off
10 the -- I like Commissioner Akutagawa's suggestion of
11 adding a little bit more of Fullerton, just --
12 (indiscernible) -- I believe it's East Chaff -- let me
13 see my Google Maps. Go up -- it's the road East
14 Chaffman, I think. East Chapman Avenue. West and East
15 Chapman Avenue is what we'd be capturing. If we get --
16 capture that and reduce some of the Orange --

17 MS. CLARK: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- that may raise the
19 deviation sufficiently to get us over the fifty percent.

20 MS. CLARK: One moment, please.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

22 And while we're doing that, Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Again, if we can -- is
24 there --

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh, in terms of reason for

1 that, it's the essential workers and -- that live in that
2 area and like that that are similar to the individuals in
3 Anaheim and other portions of the Santa Ana area.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's like my lips weren't
5 even moving on that.

6 No, I was just going to ask Jaime and Karin if it's
7 possible to bring up the Latino CVAP?

8 MS. MAC DONALD: She's working on it as --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Thank you.

10 MS. MAC DONALD: Sorry. My microphone wasn't on.

11 So Jaime is working on this district right now.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: It is East Chapman. That's
13 what --

14 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Toledo, are we still --

15 MS. MAC DONALD: Chair Turner --

16 CHAIR TURNER: Yes?

17 MS. MAC DONALD: -- may I please ask a question?

18 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

19 MS. MAC DONALD: An -- another possibility is just
20 to maybe keep it at the very close to fifty percent, work
21 on some of the bigger structural changes that you wanted
22 to do, and then go back and do some little clean up here,
23 because this is going to be a lot of --

24 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, Karin. I --

25 MS. MAC DONALD: -- clicking around and

1 (indiscernible).

2 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah.

3 MS. MAC DONALD: Would that be okay?

4 CHAIR TURNER: Yes. And I'm seeing a lot of nods
5 for that. And if we can continue with that thought
6 process through the night, because we are committed, we
7 are can-do people. We are going to complete our
8 Congressional maps tonight. We still got a little bit to
9 go, so.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

11 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So yes, please save that, or
12 lock it in. What's the terminology?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Lock it in.

14 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you so much. And this
15 just -- FYI, this district is currently at 49.89
16 percent --

17 CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful.

18 MS. MAC DONALD: -- with a deviation of 463 persons.

19 MS. CLARK: And I committed the change. The program
20 is updating. So this is the area that I just added, and
21 this visualization is called Santa Ana now, so.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you so much.

23 MS. CLARK: Yes.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani?

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Just from a process

1 perspective, I'm wondering if we can finalize and lock in
2 the VRA areas within this region first, and then figure
3 out our plan for the rest of these areas where we've had
4 lots of communities of interest testimony, and some of
5 it, you know, of course, is conflicting testimony.

6 And to do that, I wanted to go back to Commissioner
7 Kennedy's comments, where we started after public
8 comment, and I think you had mentioned swapping out those
9 Gateway Cities. I think that there's going to be
10 reverberations down into Orange County after we do that,
11 so I -- if it's amenable to the Commission, I think if we
12 can go back to that, it's going to have reverberations
13 into Long Beach, which is going to butt up against this
14 new district that we're forming.

15 So Commissioner Kennedy, do you want to remind
16 everybody the direction that you were giving there?

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. So the
18 idea would be to bring as much of the West of Long Beach
19 back into the LB North visualization from the SP 710
20 visualization, leaving a small bridge from what is --
21 from the Northern part, very far Northern part of Long
22 Beach, to be able to link that -- the bulk of the SP 710
23 visualization with the area starting with Paramount,
24 Lynwood, Southgate, Bell Gardens, Bell, Huntington Park,
25 and Florence-Graham. And compensating for the loss of

1 the West of Long Beach by progressively incorporating
2 those, starting with Florence-Graham and working down
3 towards Downey, until we -- I mean, it's a -- it's a
4 population swap, is what it's intended to be.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Perfect.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: It's not -- it's not intended
7 to go past these two districts.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's my thought, too. But
9 possibly down into OC.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. It may have to, but
11 the -- but --

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It might have to. Yeah.
13 That was my thought of -- of doing Santa Ana then come --

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- here and figure out what
16 we have to work with --

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- in that Orange County
19 coastal area.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right.

21 CHAIR TURNER: I like every process that is speedily
22 moving us along. That's beautiful.

23 Commissioner Akutagawa?

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I have a question.

25 So that SP 710 is not -- it doesn't look like it's a VRA

1 District, at least at 49 percent, but the Long Beach
2 North one is at 51 percent. So was one, to start with, a
3 VRA District, or are we just trying to just make it
4 something so that we could bring Long Beach together?

5 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. I don't believe this was a VRA
6 Dis -- it was? And we're swapping them out? This is
7 where the swap is occurring? No.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: The -- the VRA areas --
9 I'm -- I know Mr. Becker's not here, but I believe they
10 were those gateway areas up North of Maywood, Bell, and I
11 no longer have them in front of me, but some of those
12 Northern cities did require --

13 CHAIR TURNER: Is it the cone -- cone L.A.?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Chair, we have --

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I don't know what cone L.A.
16 is.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- we have Dale on -- on the
18 call.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Or maybe it's CD North --
20 Northeast L.A.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Dale, are you still there?

22 MR. LARSON: I'm still here, yes.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Will you answer for us,
24 please?

25 MR. LARSON: Yeah. I mean, down into Long Beach, we

1 had found that the third pre-condition had not been met.
2 I mean, Commissioner Sadhwani is right about those other
3 cities she was just listing there. So I do think there's
4 a little bit of wiggle room down there, and certainly,
5 what I recommend is you draw them how you want, and we'll
6 see what the CVAPs are, and then we'll do a little bit
7 more analysis on -- you know, to the extent there are VRA
8 considerations, whether the remedy would be an effective
9 one, as well, but I recommend that you draw it as you're
10 going forward now, and we can do some more analysis at
11 that point.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And then, just for the
14 reminder, I think South 60 is a VRA District, right? So
15 we're locked in there? Okay. Just making sure. Thank
16 you.

17 MS. CLARK: Commissioners, the highlighted area --
18 gets caught up on your maps yet -- represents 216 -- no,
19 excuse me -- 213,000 people. This includes Signal Hill
20 and areas of Long Beach. Where the hand is waving right
21 now is the northernmost part of Long Beach. I could
22 bring the highlighted area down a little bit if you wish.
23 This highlighted area is smaller in population than the
24 areas of Florence, Walnut, Huntington Park, Maywood, the
25 Southern part of Bell, Bell Gardens, and Cudahy, so not

1 all of those cities could go into SP 710, but most of
2 them could.

3 Should I commit this change and pull the other ones
4 in?

5 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, please.

6 MS. CLARK: Thank you. One moment.

7 (Pause)

8 MS. CLARK: The highlighted areas are Florence,
9 Walnut Park, Huntington Park, Maywood, Southern part of
10 Bell, and Cudahy. This swap would make the SP 710
11 visualization .5 percent deviation. The area that
12 includes much of Long Beach, and also would include
13 Lakewood, Hawaiian Gardens, Signal Hill, Bellflower,
14 Downey, and Bell Gardens -- Bell -- I get them mixed --
15 yeah, Bell Gardens -- thank you -- would be .72 percent
16 deviation. And the Latino CVAP of SP 710 would become
17 62.82 percent. The Long Beach-based visualization would
18 be point -- 40.03 percent Latino CVAP.

19 Would you like to make this change? Okay.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

21 MS. CLARK: Thank you. So would the Comm -- I'm
22 just going to zoom out. I'll take the streets off, the
23 layer off, just so that it's a little bit less crowded on
24 the map. And these are -- this is the current
25 visualization.

1 So the SP 710 includes Wilmington, San Pedro,
2 Lomita, Carson, some of the Harbor Gateway neighborhoods,
3 also includes the Northern part of the City of Long
4 Beach, Paramount, Lynwood, for the most part, North of
5 105, I think was the highway that we looked at earlier,
6 also includes Southgate, Southern part of Bell, Cudahy,
7 Maywood, Huntington Park, Florence-Graham, and Walnut
8 Park. And the Long Beach North visualization includes
9 most of the City of Long Beach, Signal Hill, Hawaiian
10 Gardens, Lakewood, Bellflower, Downey, and Bell Gardens.
11 And Long Beach is the only city that's split.

12 CHAIR TURNER: That looks good. Okay.

13 MS. CLARK: And if I could direct your attention to
14 this area in Orange County, there's some deviations to be
15 addressed.

16 There also, in the map right now, are too many
17 districts because we added a new district and kind of
18 broke some other ones, so that would be addressed in
19 making the changes and balancing the districts.

20 For example --

21 CHAIR TURNER: Yes. Go ahead.

22 MS. CLARK: -- this -- this area with Garden Grove,
23 Westminster, et cetera, Fountain Valley, is negative
24 42.53 percent deviation, so -- and actually, does it
25 include part of the Tustin area as well?

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

2 MS. CLARK: So this is a non -- an -- it's area
3 that's assigned to a district. It's noncontiguous. I
4 will make it the -- I'm just going to kind of highlight
5 and blink a little bit here. So it's these two areas
6 make up negative 42 percent of the district, so they
7 could be --

8 CHAIR TURNER: Combined.

9 MS. CLARK: -- absorbed by other districts that then
10 could be balanced out. I would suggest, just because of
11 the shape of this Santa Ana-based district, and sort of
12 where it is on the map, that you start in one area and
13 almost do, like, a circle, either going clockwise or
14 counterclockwise around that district and just pick up
15 population as you go.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy?

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I was
18 going to, also, before we moved on too much, invite the
19 community to let us know if there are any minor
20 adjustments needed to SP 10, LB North, and South L.A. In
21 other words, do we need to make any changes with Lynwood?
22 Do we need to make any minor changes in the 710 corridor
23 itself, up the Harbor Gateway community? So please let
24 us know if we need to make any minor adjustments there.
25 Thank you.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. I was looking at my map
2 here.

3 Commissioner Sadhwani?

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Can you come back to me?
5 Sorry about that.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I wasn't planning to
8 say this, but I'll just mention that I did read COI
9 testimony about -- from the mayor of Lynwood asking that
10 the entire city be kept whole since they're a smaller
11 city, but I know it would kill off the deviation there,
12 but thought I'd just mention that.

13 Jaime, for Orange County, are you doing Orange
14 County, or is it Sivan?

15 MS. CLARK: Just for the speed of this process,
16 we're collaborating.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I was going to
18 suggest that we perhaps look at starting with North
19 Tustin, Tustin, Irvine, and Costa Mesa, since we received
20 quite a bit of COI testimony for those cities as a
21 community -- a integrated community of interest, and if
22 we were to group them, would they have enough for a
23 district, and perhaps we can look to add, going North
24 from there? Or perhaps even going to -- and taking in
25 Lake Forest.

1 MS. CLARK: And Irvine?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All of Irvine.

3 MS. CLARK: One moment, please. So that is negative
4 19.45 percent of a district, so it needs population.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Options would be
6 either to go South and pick up Laguna Woods, Laguna
7 Hills, and Aliso Viejo. I did read some COI testimony
8 that they have an affinity in terms of working together
9 with Irvine, Lake Forest, Tustin. Or the other
10 alternative is to go North and go into Villa Park, that
11 Eastern part of Orange and Anaheim Hills.

12 MS. CLARK: Okay. Can I (audio interference) on
13 that?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think another alternative
15 is Newport Beach.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think Newport Beach is
17 better as part of a coastal district. I know that we're
18 hearing a lot from the coastal communities wanting to be
19 at least in a district where they're sharing that coastal
20 communities issues, especially given the oil spill. I
21 think that we heard quite a bit about that and I think
22 that that's going to be important.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I believe there's
24 conflicting testimony about that.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: The length or the breaking

1 up?

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: We've had testimony in the
3 past about the connectivity between Newport Beach and
4 Irvine.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. I think there's been
6 some of that, also with Costa Mesa, but also a lot about
7 the coastal communities, too, so I think it's a question
8 of which COI do we want to honor, I think. Just like
9 Long Beach.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. So for that, perhaps we want
11 to be mindful of all of the COI, but try to go with our
12 equal population, and whatever gets us there is where
13 we'll have to go.

14 Commissioner Sadhwani?

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, sorry. I agree with
16 you, Chair, and I think perhaps this is an area where the
17 line drawers can explore from a population standpoint, as
18 well as trying to keep cities whole where possible, what
19 would -- I think we're -- we're -- there's some agreement
20 here. Costa Mesa, Irvine, Tustin, North Tustin, and Lake
21 Forest? What's going to get us closer to that next
22 point?

23 MS. CLARK: So --

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I think the other
25 question for -- I would have for the line drawers is,

1 without having to revisit all of the work we've already
2 done in San Diego today, is there a way that what we're
3 working on here connects up to it? I -- that would be a
4 question that I have.

5 MS. TRATT: I can answer that a little bit. So if
6 you look at the SOCNSD visualization, that's obviously
7 connecting to some of those coastal -- Southern coastal
8 and slightly inland OC cities, so I would just be mindful
9 of that as, if you start cutting into that visualization,
10 that will start to have ripples down into San Diego
11 County.

12 MS. CLARK: Thank you. And --

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible, simultaneous
14 speech) --

15 MS. CLARK: -- I'm absolutely -- Sivan is -- Sivan
16 is correct, of course. And so if you kind of just work
17 on trades in these areas, then I think we could explore
18 that, not having a huge ripple impact into, quite honest,
19 the rest of the state.

20 And additionally, just to answer Commissioner
21 Sadhwani's original question, and this also impacts this
22 coastal area from Seal Beach, Huntington Beach --
23 Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, is that there is still
24 this area, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Westminster,
25 that needs to be in a district. So I just -- looking at

1 that, I would say that either -- I would say that either
2 Costa Mesa would not be able to go with this Irvine,
3 North Tustin, Tustin area, and instead, the Garden Grove,
4 Fountain Valley area could be connected through Los
5 Alamitos, and then population sort of rippling around
6 this way, or the Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, Newport
7 Beach-based District would need to be split somewhere
8 along the coast.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fornaciari?

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: That's basically what I
11 was going to say, except in a much less sophisticated
12 way.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So -- so do we have direction,
14 Commissioner Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Can you repeat that last
16 part, when you said the coast might have to be split?

17 MS. CLARK: Sure.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: What would be combined with
19 it? Sorry? I didn't --

20 MS. CLARK: So because the area, the Savannah Ana
21 vis -- a really fun name -- because that visualization
22 kind of got cut in half, did get cut in half by the new
23 Santa Ana-based visualization, there's this po -- pocket
24 in Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Westminster, and Midway
25 City area that needs to go with a district. It needs to

1 be included in a district that is properly populated. So
2 either, if it was to go with a city on the coast, then
3 this current visualization that goes Laguna Beach,
4 Newport Beach, Huntington Beach, Seal Beach, would need
5 to be cut somewhere just to accommodate for this added
6 population, which is almost half of a Congressional
7 District in size and population, or this area could go --
8 be connected with sort of Los Alamitos, Rossmore,
9 Cypress, and then you'd have to ripple population through
10 this way.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, okay. I see what
12 you're saying. Despite what we've heard from some
13 testimony, I do support keeping that community together.
14 We've also heard from -- again, from the People's
15 Redistricting Alliance and other community members from
16 the Little Saigon community that they do believe that
17 there are shared community interests with other
18 communities, such as Los Alamitos, Rossmore, Cypress,
19 Buena Park, and Fullerton, so then we could keep a
20 coastal district intact as best as we can. I think that
21 would probably have the least ripple effects, is what it
22 looks like from what you just showed us; is that correct?

23 MS. CLARK: Because this is such a big change,
24 without actually trying it, I'm not sure what would have
25 the most or least ripple effects, and to kind of

1 generally preserve how this visualization is looking
2 right now, the coastal visualization, then you would need
3 to remove Costa Mesa from this -- you would need to
4 remove Costa Mesa. In other words, Costa Mesa would need
5 to stay with Newport Beach, Huntington Beach, et cetera.

6 And I would actually suggest, probably pausing on
7 this change for a moment and instead, focusing here and
8 moving this pocket of population out, and then starting
9 to ripple from there.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

11 MS. CLARK: Otherwise, we're going to have, like, a
12 bubble somewhere, kind of like we do right now. There's
13 a couple bubbles --

14 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

15 MS. CLARK: -- that just need to be --

16 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Jaime --

17 MS. CLARK: -- super bubbles.

18 CHAIR TURNER: -- let's -- let's see that happen.

19 MS. CLARK: Okay.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah.

21 MS. CLARK: And before I do that, actually, because
22 this -- this visualization is split in two, the Savannah
23 Ana, then I am going to have -- I'm going to move Tustin
24 and North Tustin into this Irvine visualization. We can
25 change it later. Everything is going to change, but just

1 so that we know --

2 CHAIR TURNER: That's fine.

3 MS. CLARK: -- okay.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Yep.

5 MS. CLARK: Great. This is just going to take me
6 one moment, please.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. While -- while she's doing
8 that, Commissioner Akutagawa, can you put your hand down?
9 All right. You've got more? Okay. Yeah.

10 Commissioner Kennedy and Commissioner Sadhwani?

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Yes.
12 I'm -- I would be in favor of taking that pocket that is
13 most of Little Saigon and adding Cypress, Los Alamitos,
14 Rossmore, potentially Seal Beach, and depending on what
15 population we need, a Northern inland portion of
16 Huntington Beach, but let's see what population we need.
17 Thank you.

18 MS. CLARK: So just adding Los Alamitos, Rossmore,
19 and Cypress, the Savannah Ana bubble is negative 46.94
20 deviation, so it still needs about half a district.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. So that -- that's why
22 I say, you know, it -- we probably are going to be
23 looking at adding Seal Beach and at least inland portion
24 of Huntington Beach to that, and possibly Western part of
25 Santa Ana.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Is Buena Park accounted for
2 yet in one of these visualizations?

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Cerritos isn't there, either.

4 MS. CLARK: No. I mean, and these, of course, could
5 be moved into a district together, but also, it's kind of
6 cutting off --

7 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah.

8 MS. CLARK: -- Artesia, Cerritos, and La Palma.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Artesia, Cerritos, and La
10 Palma are or are not currently in a district?

11 MS. CLARK: They're currently in the district with
12 the coastal areas, which is kind of the areas we're also
13 grabbing from. So they would be cut off.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

15 MS. CLARK: Would you like to add them to this
16 highlighted area?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: May I suggest -- can we
18 explore this? I believe we've received COI testimony
19 about this as well from AAPI communities, not including
20 Seal Beach here yet, instead, focusing on Rossmore, Los
21 Alamitos, Cerrito -- Cypress, Artesia, Cerritos, Buena
22 Park, and if need be, up into Fullerton for -- for
23 population, and connecting that to the Westminster,
24 Garden Grove, Little Saigon area.

25 MS. CLARK: Should I explore that, Chair?

1 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, please.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Yes. Thank you. 9:30.

4 (Pause)

5 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee?

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: So at this point, are Fullerton,
7 Brea -- Brea, Placentia, and Yorba Linda also orphaned?

8 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So currently, there's actually an
9 extra district, so we're basically absorbing that
10 unassigned population.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chair?

13 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: In -- In one of the COI
15 testimonies around Fullerton, it looked like Malvern that
16 turns into Orangethorpe was the dividing line for South
17 Fullerton. I don't know if that would help in terms of
18 that Southern portion that they're going into, and
19 instead of going North-South, go more North for the
20 population, if they need it?

21 CHAIR TURNER: You said more --

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: North.

23 MS. CLARK: So if you -- I'm just going to zoom
24 out -- take a look at what we have right now, this would
25 be the Garden Grove area, Fountain Valley, with Rossmore,

1 Los Alamitos, Cypress, La Palma, Artesia, Cerritos, Buena
2 Park, and -- oops, I accidentally -- didn't mean to grab
3 this area of Fullerton, but there's still going to need
4 to be population.

5 So where to go next for population? This --

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Brea is still unaccounted
7 for; is that correct?

8 MS. CLARK: Brea? Sure. One moment, please.

9 And actually, Chair, would it be okay if I made this
10 change, just to save it? It's going to make the map go
11 faster if we don't have -- if we have smaller selections.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

13 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thank you.

14 (Pause)

15 MS. CLARK: So this highlighted area, which includes
16 Brea and unincorporated areas North to the county line
17 between Orange County and Los Angeles County, is a change
18 of a little over 47,000 people, and the visualization
19 that we're working on would be negative -- we'd still
20 need population. It's negative 2.86 percent deviation.
21 I'm just going to zoom out to see the shape. This is
22 Brea, Fullerton, Buena Park, Cerritos, Artesia, La Palma,
23 Cypress, Los Alamitos, Rossmore, Garden Grove,
24 Westminster, Midway City, Fountain Valley.

25 CHAIR TURNER: And so is that looking compact?

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Chair, may I make some
2 suggestions? (Indiscernible)

3 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was going to suggest
5 perhaps we remove Brea and maybe take a look at adding
6 Seal Beach now, because at least that would be compact
7 with Los Alamitos and Rossmore, since those three have
8 repeatedly -- we've seen lots of testimony that they are
9 a community of interest.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani?

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I would support that.
12 And -- and a part of the reason, I think we've received
13 testimony about the district up above that. I don't
14 think that it behooves us to go into that tonight at this
15 point in time, but it could leave things open for us to
16 revisit in the future. So I would support Seal Beach and
17 Huntington Beach, at this point in time.

18 CHAIR TURNER: So Jaime, it sounds like we're not
19 going to take Brea, and we're going to go back down --
20 oh, you did it.

21 MS. CLARK: Yes. And including Brea and Seal Beach,
22 the percent deviation of this visualization would be .47
23 percent, and if we don't want Brea, can remove it now,
24 and then look at adding parts of Huntington Beach, so
25 please let me know your direction.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Did you say .47 percent?

2 MS. CLARK: I did.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Oh. Oh. It's worth just leaving it
4 in there, then, for right now.

5 MS. CLARK: Okay.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I would agree
7 (indiscernible).

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Huntington Beach is going
9 to -- you're going to get a lot of testimony that they
10 are not going to want to be split. I've already seen
11 quite a bit already.

12 CHAIR TURNER: So can we lock this in?

13 MS. CLARK: Yep. I'm just going to pick up some of
14 these water blocks in -- or near Seal Beach. And I
15 actually don't really need to do that right now. That
16 could be left for later. So I'm just going to make the
17 change.

18 So now, we have the OCSVLA part of Chino -- this
19 visualization, which includes part of Chino Hills, Yorba
20 Linda, and Placentia, and then the coastal district is
21 negative 27 percent deviation, so basically, these two
22 pockets of population need to meet somehow. So a
23 suggestion could be to include -- start working from this
24 Chino Hills area, adding population, moving down this
25 way, and then the rest of the population from what now is

1 OCS inland would get moved in with the coastal areas.

2 Does that sound about right?

3 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, please.

4 MS. CLARK: Okay. If -- if it's okay with the
5 Commission, I'm just going to --

6 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Yes.

7 MS. CLARK: -- do it, and then we can look at it.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Okay, (indiscernible).

9 MS. CLARK: Okay.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Let's do it.

11 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

12 CHAIR TURNER: And just as a reminder to the
13 Commissioners, so that we're able to capture agreement
14 when you're saying -- when you're nodding, yeses would be
15 good in the mic, too.

16 Commissioner Sadhwani?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Happy to wait, Chair.

18 (Pause)

19 MS. CLARK: Commissioners? So if we incorporated
20 this area with Chino Hills, Yorba Linda Placentia. This
21 area includes Villa Park, Tustin, North Tustin, part of
22 Irvine -- I'm not claiming this is an elegant split or a
23 split in an appropriate area, just population be split --
24 Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, part of Rancho Santa
25 Margarita. This is the same area that's kind of split as

1 it -- as it is in the current visualizations as presented
2 at the beginning of the day. This would make the area
3 highlighted in red 0.48 percent deviation, and then we'd
4 still need to add the rest of Irvine in with this current
5 NOCOAST. Should I make this change?

6 CHAIR TURNER: Checking with Commissioners.

7 Yes? Yes, in the mics?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Actually, Jaime, I know
9 that Irvine really asked to be kept together, not to be
10 split.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: If I may, I believe we did
12 split Long Beach. We certainly have received testimony
13 to not split Long Beach.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Actually, there had been
16 testimony that if we were to split Irvine, to do so
17 through the middle.

18 CHAIR TURNER: 5 North.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I believe that there had
20 been testimony about renters --

21 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah, North of the 5.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- on the one side closer to
23 UC Irvine and homeowners closer to the hills.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So I would suggest if we're

1 going to make that split -- what we're looking at now
2 looks appropriate.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fernandez?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I remember the
6 testimony from Irvine. And I do remember them saying if
7 you split it -- but I'm just wondering, if we keep Irvine
8 whole, and then you've got some of the other cities to
9 the East, maybe, like Mission Viejo and -- no? I mean --

10 MS. CLARK: Yeah, so could I respond?

11 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

12 MS. CLARK: If we get into this area, then we are
13 potentially looking at changing --

14 CHAIR TURNER: Jaime?

15 MS. CLARK: Yes.

16 CHAIR TURNER: You can stop. We'll --

17 MS. CLARK: Okay.

18 CHAIR TURNER: We don't want to go that route
19 because --

20 MS. CLARK: Okay, so.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Is that a different
22 district?

23 MS. CLARK: That's a different district.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, see, I can't tell the
25 lines because you've got the red. Okay, got it.

1 MS. CLARK: A suggestion from here could be to make
2 this change, add the rest of Irvine into the Newport
3 Beach area, and then discuss if there are different
4 population trades just between what will be the coastal
5 district, and then the Inland district, or maybe also
6 including the district that now includes Garden Grove.
7 But just to make -- kind of lock this in so you have
8 balanced districts to be working with as a starting
9 point.

10 CHAIR TURNER: And I'd like for us to do that if
11 possible so that we can move. We're pretty close on
12 this, much closer than we were before, and we still need
13 to move through quite a bit and get to North, as well.
14 So I think this is close.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, okay.

17 MS. CLARK: Great. The program is working, so one
18 moment, please. So we still will need to do some
19 population trades in here somewhere as this change adding
20 the -- and actually, I would like to run just some checks
21 on the map to make sure there's no pockets of population
22 since we just made really big, sweeping changes that
23 included splitting districts in two parts and stuff like
24 that. But this would make the coastal district negative
25 2.31 percent deviation. It will, it looks like,

1 completely remove the -- sort of our extra district
2 issue. So if I could make this change and then perhaps,
3 in the city of Irvine, just balance out between these two
4 districts that we're within.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, please.

6 MS. CLARK: Okay, thank you.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Alternatively, rather than
9 changing the split in Irvine, you could look to splitting
10 Lake Forest or changing the split of Lake Forest or
11 Mission Viejo in there, rather than changing the split in
12 Irvine. That's another place you could grab population
13 from.

14 CHAIR TURNER: So if you -- let's have her --

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I would like to see that
16 more than Irvine. I think we've received some testimony,
17 although I'll take a look again at Mission Viejo. But I
18 do believe Irvine would really like to stay. And we've
19 heard quite a bit of -- we've received several COI
20 testimony from Irvine on that.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Jaime, so if you -- can we come back
22 to that? Did you pull enough of what you need? Where
23 are we?

24 MS. CLARK: Right now, I'm just looking at getting
25 both of these to within plus-or-minus one percent, and

1 this would do it. I'm just going to round that out a
2 little. Okay, this would do it. I haven't ran the --
3 ran the contiguity check or the assignment check.

4 CHAIR TURNER: That's okay. I just want us to be
5 able to move.

6 MS. CLARK: Okay, so I'm going to commit this
7 change.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Both districts are around
9 within one percent, now, right?

10 MS. CLARK: They will be once --

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

12 MS. CLARK: -- I commit this change, which I'm going
13 to do.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani?

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I just like being first in
16 the queue.

17 CHAIR TURNER: You and Commissioner Akutagawa, both
18 of you.

19 Commissioner Sadhway (sic throughout)?

20 Sadhway, see? This is what happens this time,
21 Commissioner Sadhway, getting both of you at the same
22 time.

23 Commissioner Sinay?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, people keep confusing us
25 somehow or the other, so maybe so we're -- so I just want

1 to say Irvine is 307,958 people, while Mission Viejo is
2 93,760. So I would rather see Irvine cut versus Mission
3 Viejo.

4 MS. CLARK: So Mission Viejo, we didn't cut into
5 Mission Viejo. We just slightly cut into Lake Forest
6 just to grab that extra balancing population.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Okay, great.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay, that's fine, just --

9 CHAIR TURNER: Okay, so.

10 MS. CLARK: So now, it looks like all of those OC
11 districts are balanced for the time being, for
12 population. They're all within an acceptable deviation
13 for kind of tweaking in those final maps. So if I may
14 make a suggestion, I think it would be good to move on.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Okay, and I'd like that suggestion.
16 Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: May I just ask, are we
18 balanced out in that Inland Empire area, before we --

19 MS. CLARK: So in the Inland Empire area, we are
20 balanced out. One little piece of business that was left
21 a tiny bit open from earlier -- earlier today is that in
22 San Diego, this coastal district still is negative 1.38
23 percent deviation. This is something, also, that we
24 could, you know, quickly do some -- some population swaps
25 with. And additionally, there are those districts in

1 Northern California, and I don't know if you want to
2 touch L.A. tonight or not.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Audio interference) --

4 MS. CLARK: Okay.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Well, yes. Yeah, could --

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Also, Jaime, I had asked
7 about moving out Fallbrook per the COI testimony. So if
8 you move that out and down, would that also, then -- if
9 you push some of the population down, would that also
10 help even out that San Diego coast population?

11 MS. CLARK: Some of the population from where,
12 please? I --

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Remove Fallbrook from the
14 South-Orange-County-North-San-Diego district, because
15 that had been requested.

16 MS. CLARK: Okay, so if you were going to move
17 Fallbrook into this, I think that's, we said, about
18 30,000-something people. Then, you would need to add
19 about 30,000-something people into this visualization,
20 maybe splitting Poway a different city, and then adding
21 30,000 people from this kind of cluster around El Cajon
22 into --

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Or (audio interference) --

24 MS. CLARK: Yeah, or from the City of San Diego. So
25 that would be a figure --

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, you can't add it from
2 the top?

3 MS. CLARK: No, there's not enough population.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah, so this is the area --
5 Commissioner Akutagawa named it earlier, and we took note
6 of it. We won't try to do that tonight, okay, for
7 Fallbrook. We did take note of it. We'll probably make
8 those changes if we get a community to support that
9 that's really important, still, and what they desire.

10 MS. CLARK: Okay, so in understanding that we won't
11 touch Fallbrook, would it be okay with the commission if
12 we just went ahead and swapped a couple of blocks in the
13 city of San Diego to get both of the deviations below one
14 percent?

15 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah, yes, yes.

16 MS. CLARK: Okay, we'll go ahead and do that now.
17 Thank you.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Fornaciari?

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I just want to share
20 a general observation. The deviations are negative as
21 far as the eye can see down here. We don't have to
22 be -- and we've got to get them close to zero. So we
23 don't have to do it now, but we just have to recognize
24 that we've got to move a lot of people down.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

1 Commissioner Sinay?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I mean, we have a lot of COI
3 testimonies for different parts of San Diego that we have
4 said that we're going to wait. And so I just -- we just
5 moved a bunch of people up. So I do hear what you're
6 saying, Commissioner Fornaciari. And I don't want to --
7 I would like us not to just move one city but look at
8 the -- the testimony we're getting is in big chunks, big
9 groups of cities, that want to be together, or corridors
10 and stuff like that. So either we do all of it or we
11 just wait until after the draft maps, please.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Ahmad?

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Well, I'm sorry, I
14 just want to be clear. I mean, I meant San Diego County,
15 Orange County, Riverside. I mean, there's only one
16 positive that I saw in the -- when we were zoomed out,
17 and it was 0.07. And so yeah.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner --

19 MS. CLARK: Yeah. If I may?

20 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

21 MS. CLARK: There are, you know, in -- right now, in
22 Los Angeles County, there are a handful of overpopulated
23 and nearing one percent deviation areas overall. And
24 Commissioner Fornaciari, your observation is, of course,
25 accurate. And overall, we will need to look at moving,

1 you know, small pockets of population through the state
2 to Southern California for these just really tight
3 deviations.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

5 MS. CLARK: And that's not something that we need to
6 do today.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Ahmad?

8 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair.

9 I just wanted to say out loud what I think is
10 happening right now, and just to get your feedback and
11 thoughts, if I'm on the right path. So right now, we're
12 at a point where we've made a lot of changes to the
13 visualizations. And there seems to be some deviations
14 that are negative; some are positive. So we're moving
15 small pockets of population around to get those
16 deviations as close to zero as possible. And then the
17 goal is, in some future attempt, to clean up those edges
18 based off of all of our requirements, so the population,
19 VRA, et cetera, COI input.

20 CHAIR TURNER: You are absolutely correct.

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: And I just want to remind
22 myself, first and foremost, "draft" means we will make
23 changes to it, by definition. So I am getting more and
24 more comfortable with how things are turning out in
25 Southern California on this draft visualization, not even

1 draft map yet, just a draft visualization. And I'm
2 confident we will finish this tonight.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. We're moving tonight. We're
4 going to be good, okay.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Audio interference) 1 in the
6 morning.

7 CHAIR TURNER: 1 in the morning, 2 in the morning.
8 Okay.

9 Jaime?

10 MS. CLARK: Yeah, so moving this highlighted area
11 from this Poway -- well, it was Poway -- visualization.
12 We'll change the names tonight to more accurately reflect
13 the areas in the visualizations. But moving that out of
14 this Eastern San Diego County visualization and into the
15 coastal visualization makes them both within the one
16 percent.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Okay, perfect.

18 MS. CLARK: We're going to make it.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Perfect.

20 MS. CLARK: All right.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Audio interference) --

22 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

23 MS. CLARK: So with that, then all of the percent
24 deviations within Southern California region are within
25 the plus or minus one percent.

1 And if we could now go back up to the other VRA
2 areas in city -- or Los Angeles County?

3 So one second, please.

4 CHAIR TURNER: So we're going to L.A.?

5 MS. CLARK: So next, if we could all please look at
6 page 50 of the handout? This -- this is the South 60
7 visualization. It includes Norwalk, La Mirada, La Habra,
8 East Whittier, South Whittier, West Whittier, Santa Fe
9 Springs, Pico Rivera, Montebello, Rose Hills, Avocado
10 Heights, all of the City of Industry, Hacienda Heights,
11 La Habra Heights, Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar, and
12 Walnut. This is a negative 0.38 percent deviation, and I
13 will load up the CVAP, as well.

14 So as a reminder, what is on the district label is
15 the name of the district, the percent deviation, percent
16 Latino CVAP, percent Black CVAP, percent Asian CVAP, and
17 percent White CVAP.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: My thoughts on L.A. -- and I
20 did have a chance to take a look at it earlier today -- I
21 definitely think there's room for improvement here. And
22 I think that there were areas that we had done in
23 visualizations better in previous weeks. But at the same
24 time, I don't think we're horribly off, right. And I
25 just want to acknowledge I see the testimony coming in; I

1 know. Walnut, Diamond Bar, don't go with Montebello, and
2 I see all that testimony coming in.

3 I think, for tonight, thought, these districts are
4 well balanced. They fulfill our initial VRA obligations.
5 I would feel comfortable having these to be a part of our
6 draft and moving forward, because I know we also have Bay
7 Area tonight, too --

8 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- and additional
10 considerations in Northern California, and putting a pin
11 in this and acknowledging that we're going to have
12 additional considerations. And certainly, I would invite
13 additional community testimony to help us move this
14 forward in the next several weeks. But I don't know how
15 everyone else feels about it.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah, I think I'm generally in
17 agreement with that. I'd want to just take a quick look
18 at the Black CVAP for the two areas that were -- like
19 Compton, Watts. Did anything change there? Because I've
20 not seen that yet.

21 MS. CLARK: So in the South L.A. visualization,
22 which --

23 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

24 MS. CLARK: I apologize; I don't have the page
25 number of the handout right in front of me.

1 CHAIR TURNER: That's okay. I'm looking at it in
2 this frame.

3 MS. CLARK: But this includes Westchester, the LAX
4 area, much of Westchester, Inglewood --

5 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum.

6 MS. CLARK: -- Lennox, Hawthorne, Del Aire,
7 Lawndale, Alondra Park, Gardena North of
8 Rosecrans -- Gardena is split. It includes Westmont.
9 I'm going to turn on the neighborhood layer here so we
10 can see it better. Empowerment Congress Southeast Area,
11 Watts Neighborhood Council. It includes areas --
12 Southern area of Lynwood, Willowbrook, all of Compton,
13 East Rancho Dominguez, West Rancho Dominguez. The
14 percent deviation of this visualization is negative 0.82
15 percent. Latino CVAP, 36.81 one percent. Black CVAP,
16 39.03 percent. Asian CVAP, 3.97 percent. White CVAP,
17 8.33 percent.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. The 10 corridor?

19 MS. CLARK: That's on page 46. The South L.A.
20 visualization I just described is on page 46.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Actually, I see. I'm looking
22 at all of the CVAPs. Thank you.

23 Commissioner Yee?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: I just want to agree with
25 Commissioner Sadhwani. Overall, I like the way this

1 looks. Everyone gets something they like. Everyone has
2 to put up with something they don't like. It spreads the
3 pain, which is definitely one of our goals, so.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Jaime, I think we're good.

5 MS. CLARK: Okay, great. Where would you like to
6 move to next?

7 CHAIR TURNER: Let's see. I think it's time for --
8 is it Tamina?

9 MS. CLARK: One moment, please.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah.

11 MS. CLARK: I'm just going to adjust the map.

12 MS. MAC DONALD: Just one moment. Tamina is one
13 her --

14 MS. CLARK: Chair Turner?

15 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

16 MS. CLARK: May I stop sharing the screen and just
17 run some of those checks I had talked about, the
18 assignment checks, and --

19 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

20 MS. CLARK: Okay, so it'll just be one second. And
21 Tamina will be here shortly.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Two-minute stretch break, not
23 official, not leave the room, just two minutes.

24 (Pause)

25 CHAIR TURNER: All right, Commissioners. We're in

1 open session, right?

2 Christian? Okay.

3 While they're doing that, I guess we can discuss a
4 couple of other things.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Bedtime?

6 CHAIR TURNER: No, not bedtime.

7 So tomorrow, because I'm so excited we're going to
8 finish our Congressional maps tonight, tomorrow, we'll be
9 doing the same thing with our Assembly maps. And what
10 I'd love to invite all of the Commissioners to do is to
11 start thinking of -- and maybe we can kind of come to
12 consensus tonight -- where we'd like to start with those
13 Assembly districts tomorrow.

14 And it does not have to be, I'm told, all or
15 nothing. So if we think we are good in the North,
16 wonderful. If we think we need to start with November
17 2nd or October 27th, if we can figure that out tonight,
18 we can give that information to the line drawers so that
19 they'll come prepared with that tomorrow morning, or if
20 we thought we were good in the South. So it doesn't have
21 to be the entire map.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We can figure that out --

23 CHAIR TURNER: But to the degree we can give
24 direction tomorrow morning --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible, simultaneous

1 speech) --

2 CHAIR TURNER: Who is talking? Oh.

3 So to the degree we can kind of think about that and
4 give direction tonight for the line drawers tomorrow to
5 be prepared with how we're going to start, they would
6 appreciate it. And I think it'll help us move a lot
7 quicker tomorrow, as well. So any hands or thoughts
8 on --

9 Commissioner Andersen?

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair.

11 I was actually going to say, of what we're about to
12 do, there's a huge section I think that's done, from
13 Sacramento down to Ventura.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Are you talking about Congressional
15 maps?

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Congressional map.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Okay, so I'm asking questions right
18 now about Assembly for tomorrow just so that we'll
19 know --

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, I do have a question
21 about that. Thank you. One thing, we've done a lot of
22 changes, and the documents that we have do not reflect
23 that. So how --

24 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum, so I'll ask that of Karin.
25 Commissioner Taylor?

1 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah, Chair.

2 So this is just how my mind works a little bit, too.
3 In an effort to promote some consistency in our process,
4 I think we should run it the same way, start in the same
5 location and work in the same rounds that we did. It
6 doesn't show that we're arbitrary or picking something
7 different. I think it promotes a similar process in
8 thought.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, and we can do the process. What
10 I'm asking about as far as -- like, today, there were a
11 couple of areas, a couple of days ago, I asked about
12 which visualization, and we thought we wanted to take it
13 from current. And then we got to a couple of areas, and
14 we were so far off, we decided to take a different
15 visualization.

16 What I'm asking, and what has been requested of us
17 by the line drawers, is if indeed we know tonight of a
18 visualization that'll get us quicker -- because we have
19 all of Assembly that we need to complete tomorrow. If we
20 know of a visualization in a particular area, that would
21 be a great starting point. They want to load or prepare
22 that to start the day with. And we can still take it
23 from the same order and process that we took today, but
24 it would be a starting place that will have us in a
25 little better position.

1 Jaime?

2 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much, Chair Turner.

3 Just a note to Commissioners, when you're
4 considering this, is that because the Northern
5 California, basically everything North -- and central
6 California, everything North of L.A. and the Southern
7 California region, because those areas kind of ricochet
8 off of each other so much, we wouldn't be able to pull
9 Central Valley from one visualization and --

10 CHAIR TURNER: Different (indiscernible,
11 simultaneous speech), um-hum.

12 MS. CLARK: -- Central Coast from a different
13 visualization. That would mean to go in one chunk.

14 And because our tradeoffs between L.A. and Ventura
15 County, and L.A. and Kern County, and San Bernardino and
16 Kern County, haven't changed all that much, there might
17 be some percent deviation issues that would need to be
18 addressed. But overall, if you wanted to take
19 visualization from a previous presentation as a starting
20 point for Northern California and have that be different
21 than the starting point for Southern California, that
22 would be -- we could -- we could do that. We would just
23 need to do it overnight, so please just let us know if
24 that is your wish.

25 CHAIR TURNER: And if we have a quick answer, we can

1 give that. Or if not, we can give it at the end of our
2 Congressional maps, but it is what was requested of the
3 line drawers. And so I just wanted to kind of put that
4 in your minds so that you can start thinking about that
5 for tomorrow.

6 I see a lot of hands. Is this for our current
7 Congressional district, or do you have a thought on
8 Assembly? Okay.

9 Commissioner Andersen, you're current or Assembly?
10 Okay. Commissioner Kennedy?

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

12 And I know that the line drawers have plenty to do
13 already. The one visualization that I think would help
14 all of us work our way through this is a visualization
15 for each plan that has nothing but current district
16 boundaries, with each of them having being color coded,
17 and having either a percentage or an absolute number of
18 population deviation.

19 I mean, if we can see on one map -- I know we have
20 it in a table.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: We have all that information.
23 But if it were easy to put that in a map, then we could
24 see -- as Commissioner Fornaciari pointed out earlier,
25 we've got a lot of negatives in Southern California. And

1 it's not entirely clear where we're going to be able to
2 pull population from.

3 But if we if we had a very quick reference that
4 said, okay, there's a lot of red here, there's a lot of
5 green here, or it's mixed, I think that would help us
6 move forward more systematically. Thank you.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. I'll let the line drawers
8 comment on that in a minute.

9 Commissioner Fornaciari?

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So let's see. Considering
11 Jaime's comment, I'm hesitant to go back. I guess I have
12 a question for Jaime, if that's okay.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Sure, she's listening.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Like you did today, Jaime,
15 is there a possibility you could pull in a district or
16 two in the very North state to kind of start the
17 conversation with?

18 MS. CLARK: I think that, of course, is a
19 possibility. And also, just because there is eighty
20 Assembly districts, it would probably impact a lot more
21 districts. And yeah, it would -- I think it would be a
22 longer process to try that.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I'll just share my
24 thought with you. I thought the kind of coastal and very
25 North districts from 10/27 were much better than any of

1 the subsequent iterations.

2 And I'll just in general kind of share my thoughts
3 on the North state and how we have to go -- I mean, how
4 it's going to wind up, and why we're having so much of a
5 struggle in Sacramento, Yolo, kind of in that center
6 area. I mean, it seems to me, sort of the coast and the
7 very North state, we have constraints of a coast and two
8 borders.

9 And we have to kind of decide on what that looks
10 like roughly up the coast and across the North state.
11 And we don't -- I mean, the counties are gigantic up
12 there, and so there's not a lot of population to play
13 with. Where the population is is around Sacramento, or
14 around Stockton, around Contra Costa. And so it seems to
15 me that we need to kind of settle on the outer part of
16 it, that we can't go beyond the borders and then figure
17 out that middle part.

18 And so that's why I kind of like the Marin district
19 we had for Assembly, the coast district we had for
20 Assembly, the North district we had for Assembly, 10/27
21 version. And then kind of go down the Valley, down Napa,
22 figure out what to do with Napa, and Lake, and Yolo, and
23 Solano, and Sacramento. I mean, it's all going to inform
24 it, but I think we have to figure the outside first. And
25 that's why I was hoping we could --

1 CHAIR TURNER: Okay, 10/27.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- go back to 10/27.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I understand where
5 Commissioner Fornaciari is going. That's kind of how I
6 would like to approach it. I think that's where
7 Commissioner Fornaciari is -- we would kind of start at
8 the top and then move down.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So we'd try to figure that
11 out. And part of me, I would like to go back, but then I
12 also feel that we can probably recreate it pretty
13 quickly. Because we're going to be taking, like, entire
14 counties and moving them because the populations are so
15 small.

16 And also, for Californians out there, we have the
17 visualization for this week, and if we asked them to go
18 back to two weeks ago, I don't know. Initially, I would
19 have preferred to go back, but now I'm thinking it may
20 confuse things. And I think we can recreate it
21 fairly --

22 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I shouldn't say fairly
24 quickly because I'll just jinx myself. But I think,
25 because the numbers are so sparse the further North we

1 go, it's quicker to move big chunks versus what we're
2 doing, like, in L.A. and San Diego. You're having to
3 take pieces and pieces, right, because every little piece
4 has 10,000 people, where in Northern California, that can
5 be a whole county.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Come on, Commissioner
7 Fernandez. We want to get to your Congressional North,
8 too. Are you done? Okay.

9 So Jaime, I thought of just a quick answer,
10 response, but it seems like we're not certain. So we're
11 going to, I guess, go from current.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I would say go from
13 current.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Okay, so.

15 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you for that. They'll know how
17 to prepare for tomorrow. That's all we wanted to do with
18 that part of the conversation.

19 We're starting from -- no, we're starting from --
20 what did we do today? We said we were going to follow
21 the same process, right? But we're going to be with our
22 current visualizations. And the rest of that, we're
23 going to talk about Assembly tomorrow. We just wanted to
24 get them set up for the conversation tomorrow.

25 Commissioner Ahmad?

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I think we
2 said that we would start with VRA districts. So would
3 that still hold true for tomorrow's discussion?

4 CHAIR TURNER: The VRA, yes, yes.

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Got it. Thank you.

6 CHAIR TURNER: All right, so we're back to our
7 Congressional conversation, and we're starting with
8 Commissioner Andersen.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair.

10 I would like to say that, first of all, the areas
11 I'm looking at are from the North all the way down, like,
12 the whole coast, all the way down to Ventura. And I just
13 want to say, first of all, I think we're done, L.A. In
14 my opinion, from Ventura all the way up to San Francisco,
15 I'd say great. I think it looks --

16 CHAIR TURNER: And Tamina, can we get the maps up,
17 our visualization, or are we waiting on it?

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: This is the same map we're working
19 on, Chair?

20 CHAIR TURNER: Say again?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, and --

22 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, we don't have the share on.

23 MS. RAMOS ALON: There we go.

24 CHAIR TURNER: There it is. Now, we have it.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: There we go.

1 MS. RAMOS ALON: Apologies.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Okay, thank you.

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm like, I'm looking at it. I
4 don't know why you guys -- I'm sorry about that.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So I was I was saying that
6 we've just now completed the whole Southern California,
7 L.A., and I'd say the Ventura, South Coast, going all the
8 way up to San Francisco, is great. We're just going to
9 leave it right there, the Cupertino, and even the VCDRED,
10 yeah, even kind of in there.

11 The areas that I believe we have to work on are
12 Alameda County, Contra Costa County, and then the North
13 up -- now, here, we have the -- and I was going to start
14 with -- I'm sorry. So those are the areas I'm thinking
15 of working on. And I was going to start with the
16 PLACERSAC, which is huge. That's my intent. And I'm
17 going to move things around, and it's going to then end
18 up being in the Lake/Napa/Solano area, which is I think
19 where Commissioner Fornaciari -- Commissioner
20 Fernandez --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Enough with that.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry about that.

23 So from the Placer (audio interference) is --

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We're twins.

25 CHAIR TURNER: So Commissioner, so I can understand

1 your you're trying to meet Commissioner Fernandez where
2 she was, going the opposite way?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, there's a lot of
4 people, population, put in there. And I think it's going
5 to be a bit of a problem as we come down to the Yolo,
6 Napa, that whole area. But we can work out the whole
7 North, is my intent right now. And so with that, Placer,
8 my -- it's like 60,000 too high. That's one thing. And
9 so if we could take the lower portion of Yuba
10 County -- so basically, if you start in NORCA and grab
11 the lower portion of Yuba until PLACERSAC is down, like,
12 below one percent, NORCA will go up.

13 MS. WILSON: Sorry, one moment while I adjust the
14 pending changes window and show that to you.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Kennedy while you're doing
16 that, Commissioner Fernandez, and then Toledo.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen, do
18 you mind if we kind of try to do this in conjunction?
19 Because when you get to Yolo, I'll want a few things?

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, absolutely, yes. I
21 think we're on --

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think we -- yeah. And
23 then when you get to Contra Costa -- yes. Okay. I think
24 we're on the same --

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I think we're kind of the

1 same page, yes, yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, and I believe
3 Commissioner Toledo might put in his three cents' worth.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, that's -- yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, okay. I just wanted
6 to make sure --

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And I'm just trying to do
8 this kind of quickly, which is --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, me, too, yes.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I'm just trying to hit
11 bing, bing, bing, bing, and then we'll see and -- yeah.
12 Thank you.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Audio interference).

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Exactly. I think we can
15 work -- I think we all know what we're trying to hit.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Audio interference).

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Chair, if I may.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, please.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI:

20 Can I just -- Commissioner Andersen --

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- and Fernandez, can you
23 just -- would you kind of share with us, just big
24 picture, kind of, what you're trying to do? Because if
25 we start stepping through it, I'd rather just understand,

1 big picture, what's the plan?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Big picture for me, I
3 can do it. And then you can -- I'm going to pull Placer
4 down to the percent.

5 (Audio/video connection feed lost)

6 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you so much. Welcome back from
7 our break. Hopefully you all, also, had an opportunity
8 to enjoy a late lunch or an early dinner. At this time
9 we're going to go back to Sivan, to let us know exactly
10 what -- were we are and so that we can move forward.

11 Thank you.

12 MS. TRATT: Thank you, Chair. So just to recap, we
13 have some proposed changes here in red, these are
14 proposed changes to the SECA visualization, just to let
15 you know --

16 (Audio/video connection issues)

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- basically pull that all
18 into NorCal, then I'm going to pull out of NorCal, I plan
19 to pull Del Norte, Trinity, and possibly the upper part
20 of Lake into North Coast. And then I'm going to pull the
21 population to break North Coast down to also zero, so
22 NorCal will be, you know, around a percent -- below a
23 percent. NORCOAST will be then below a percent because
24 I'm going to take a chunk out of Sonoma, and put it into
25 that whole YOLOLAKE area right there.

1 So that whole area will be -- oops -- we've sort
2 drug it down here. The only issue is -- and then I also
3 want to rearrange in Alameda, Contra Costa, and shift
4 some of that population up, and hopefully we can try to
5 switch enough in there. I was originally going to grab
6 in this -- the Sac/Stanislaus, but it all shifted.

7 We created a new district the PLACERSAC, so I'm --
8 this is where we're going to end up running into but of
9 an issue here, but we can work out the North the best we
10 can, and clear up that valley.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So my part of it, so
12 it might be conflicting with Commissioner Andersen, oops,
13 once -- is it Kennedy?

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Kennedy.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So my piece of it
16 was to keep Yolo -- where are we? Yeah, keep Yolo whole
17 except for, I think, we moved West Sac, right? Yeah. So
18 keep Yolo whole, bring in that Northern Delta area, and
19 so that will split off from that Contra Costa piece,
20 right, and then that's going to shift to the East.

21 Right, Commissioner Andersen, and Commissioner
22 Toledo? Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That's correct.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right; thank
25 you. And the Yolo/Solano we've -- I just want to make

1 sure, we have received quite a bit of input, a lot of
2 feedback, visualizations, shared air quality, education,
3 they also have a seed industry, they've got UC Davis that
4 actually goes across both counties. They've got the I-80
5 transportation, the partnership, farming, AG, Solano
6 students attend the Winters Joint Unified School
7 District, which is in Yolo County.

8 And so that's -- that's what I'm trying to do, is
9 keep Yolo whole, and then keep Solana whole, and then try
10 to combine as much as possible

11 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Toledo?

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I'm thinking we should
13 probably start because the Yolo/Solano area is going to
14 impact the Contra Costa area that we might want to start
15 there, clean that up, and then work our way up. And then
16 addressing if there needs to be changes to the coast,
17 addressing those and then come around through the Shasta,
18 Lassen, and the other parts, because I think that the
19 pieces that might be the hardest are of the Contra Costa
20 pieces, given that that's a population source, and we
21 need to figure out where to move that population.

22 CHAIR TURNER: So having said that --

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I can do that.

24 CHAIR TURNER: You said yeah? Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And if we --

1 CHAIR TURNER: So Commissioner Toledo, are you going
2 to start it?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I can start with --

4 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So you guys, let's --
7 Tamina?

8 CHAIR TURNER: So let's go, but keep in mind --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Is it Tamina? Or I'm not
10 sure who has the -- Tamina, YOLOLAKE.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Why don't you start with
12 Ashleigh, Alameda, Contra Costa?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: YOLOLAKE, Tamina, that's
14 you.

15 MR. MANOFF: Just a reminder Commissioners. You are
16 being interpreted, and live transcribed, please speak one
17 at a time, and avoid crosstalk. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And in English, you want it
19 in English? Yeah, yeah. I don't even get a smile,
20 Christian? Okay -- we're in Yolo, Yolo --

21 CHAIR TURNER: Hold on one moment.

22 Tamina, YOLOLAKE?

23 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, Chair. If I may comment on
24 just what I was hearing about YOLOLAKE. There were a
25 couple of different ideas. One was to bring in this part

1 of Yolo and the Delta into the YOLOLAKE area. But
2 another was to bring in more of Sonoma. So these two --
3 this is already an overpopulated area.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: I have not heard of any ideas to
6 take anything out. And so these two suggestions --

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, we'll start with
8 that.

9 MS. RAMOS ALON: -- would conflict.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Yes. So right now,
11 we're just going to do it one step at a time. Is that
12 okay, Tamina?

13 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Can we start in Alameda
16 County, and then work up through Contra Costa? No?

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's Alameda County?

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, but Eastern -- Eastern
19 Alameda, and Contra Costa, it's not going to work if
20 you -- if you don't address both of them.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Well, we've seen a few miracles in
22 this process, things that did shake out. So we're going
23 to -- we're going to -- we can start there or we're going
24 to just kind of where we need to start. But let me just
25 get a couple more hands -- oops, you put your hands down.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) for me.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So three Commissioners,
3 Andersen, Fernandez, and Toledo, we need a starting
4 point.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Here's a question.
6 Commissioner Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: If you just take out the
9 portion of Sacramento and Yolo out of what's called
10 CONCORDTR.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Now, what are you going to
13 do with CONCORDTR?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. So that's what --

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think we have a solution for
16 that.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. And then to --

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So let's just start there.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Let's go with Yolo and Delano,
21 and this point to add, and then we'll subtract.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Yes. Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And we'll be subtracting into
24 Contra Costa, so that we make it balance, because at this
25 point we're just a minor, hopefully not -- not too major

1 updates.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. And it's kind of
3 similar to what we did with the -- the VRA down South.
4 Yeah, yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So let's, Tamina, please,
7 if we can move like from Davis to Rio, into the YOLOLAKE,
8 please?

9 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. One moment.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And we know
11 it's going to be over. But I think we have a vision, or
12 it's really late, so it's one of the two.

13 MS. RAMOS ALON: So am I correct that you want to
14 move the rest of Yolo, but not West Sacramento?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right, because West
16 Sacramento, we already moved into the Sacramento, that's
17 at zero percent. Let's not touch that one right now.
18 We'll get calls in, there's tradeoffs. Thank you.

19 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. So the pending change that
20 you are looking to make is 79,225 people, this makes
21 YOLOLAKE over -- oh, sorry, overpopulated -- let's move
22 this a little bit, by 10.52 percent, and CONCORDTR
23 becomes negative 17.64 percent.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Oh, Rio Vista is
25 already in there, right? No? Okay. For some reason, I

1 thought Rio Vista was not in. Okay.

2 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: They're part of Solano
4 County also, right?

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: The only parts of Solano County
6 which are not included are Vallejo and Benicia.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. That's fine. Thank
8 you.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: In terms of -- can I?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sure.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: In terms of subtracting
12 population, I would suggest we have the Vallejo area, and
13 adding some of the Fairfield area that's going up, I
14 believe it's the 80 -- is it the 80 -- 80, into getting
15 enough population toward the Fairfield area.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo --

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: The Fairfield area and go
18 down.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- did you want -- so you
20 wanted to leave like part of the Sonoma in there?

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes. So then that we can just
22 connect it into Fairfield, which is very similar
23 demographic as Vallejo, so it's just getting 70,000
24 people -- 79,022 people, or something thereof, from that
25 area going -- I think it's the 80 that connects going out

1 to --

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That's the 80, uh-huh.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- to Fairfield, so just
4 taking some population from there.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So like American Canyon and
6 Fairfield?

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That's right.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So connecting Fairfield and
10 Vallejo.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. It looks like we have one
12 breakthrough, but we also have --

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm sorry, but what --

14 CHAIR TURNER: -- a required break right now.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- what are you doing
16 with -- what are you doing with the rest of Sacramento
17 County.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Let's just take a quick break,
19 Commissioner Andersen. We're just going to take a quick
20 break, because we're over. And we have our ASL, and
21 everyone that's working really late, so we do need to
22 give them a break. So we'll be back at -- in 15 minutes,
23 10:47. Thank you.

24 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 10:32 a.m.
25 until 10:47 a.m.)

1 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you so much. And thank you for
2 hanging in. We see a couple of diehards that's holding
3 on strong with us. We sure appreciate you. We're going
4 to move and continue on with our Congressional
5 Visualizations that we'll complete by tonight.

6 And so Tamina, we went to break after having given
7 some direction; and you had questions or comments. Take
8 it away.

9 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, Chair. I'd just like to know
10 if you would like to authorize making this change.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, please.

12 And Commissioner Toledo, was it you or -- you or
13 Fernandez? Who was leading us through this? I think
14 you?

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think we're --

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I have a little piece that
17 I omitted.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'll go (indiscernible,
19 simultaneous speech) --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And I apologize for that.
21 We left out the Sacramento County portion of Hood and to
22 Walnut -- does it go all way down there? It does?

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can we move that into
25 Sacramento? I know it's going to take it over, but it

1 should only be -- yeah, I don't think it's -- the
2 population is more than 2,000, I think. Thank you.

3 And that would cut down one of the splits for
4 Sacramento County.

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: Oops. Sorry about that; one
6 moment. The requested change is 5,934 people, brings
7 Sacramento to 0.78 percent, and CONCORDTR to negative
8 18.42 percent.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Please save that. Let's lock it in.
10 Commissioner Toledo, do you want to continue?

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Before I continue,
12 is there a little space underneath Sacramento County
13 where we just cut off that does not have a home right
14 now? A little pocket in the Delta area near Bethel
15 Island? Go down, right there, yeah.

16 MS. RAMOS ALON: This area right here, is part of
17 CONCORDTR, it is a census block which is part of the
18 Contra Costa blocks.

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay.

20 MS. RAMOS ALON: It is part of Contra Costa County.

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay. Perfect. So let's go
22 back to the Vallejo area. And then let's go up the 80
23 towards Fairfield and grab the population needed to get
24 this closer to deviation. And I think that should
25 capture the focus of this district, which is really an

1 agricultural district focused on Yolo, Solano, Napa, and
2 a little bit of Sonoma.

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: So if I may, my direction is to
4 take this part of Fairfield out to balance YOLOLAKE, and
5 you would like that moved into the NORTHCONT area?

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That is correct.

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. No problem. One moment,
8 please.

9 (Pause)

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: We need that much.

11 (Pause)

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. This change, reflected in
13 the red area is 78,432 people. This will bring the
14 YOLOLAKE area to 0.2 percent deviation, and NORTHCONT to
15 10.34 percent.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: Chair, would you like me to make
18 this change?

19 CHAIR TURNER: Checking in with Commissioners. Yes,
20 please.

21 (Pause)

22 MS. RAMOS ALON: Where would you like to go next,
23 Chair?

24 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So we will then

1 push -- I guess the Concord, we're going to make that
2 whole, right? So we will bring in -- unless,
3 Commissioner Andersen, did you have something different
4 for that area?

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Carry on.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's okay.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: At this point we need
8 population for the Contra Costa, Northern part of Contra
9 Costa County as well as -- so I'm wondering if the line
10 drawers can give us some feedback on where to get
11 population at this point.

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: So just reminding the Commission,
13 your population you're looking for is up here PLACERSAC.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. So we have to go
15 around.

16 MS. RAMOS ALON: So if you -- you might need to
17 resolve that because it might affect these areas -- it
18 will affect these areas.

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And I believe that's where
20 Commissioner Andersen is interested in making her
21 changes.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I was guys, but this
23 is --

24 MS. RAMOS ALON: Into Placer?

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, into -- well, the

1 PLACERSAC has what, 60,000 people too many. And you have
2 to get it -- and no one wants to touch the Sacramento
3 area, so we have to drag it kind of all the way around.
4 And you can do that, you can put it into NorCal, and
5 you've got to take some of NorCal out, which you put in
6 North Coast, and then take some -- some out of that to
7 put it put into the YOLOLAKE. But now there's no place
8 for it to go. And I mean, you could put maybe some in,
9 but in terms of trying to put the Concord -- the
10 Alameda --

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen?

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: My suggestions might be that
14 if you do that we can add some of the Lake take out of
15 the portion of Fairfield and put it back into Contra
16 Costa, if that is sufficient population that you can move
17 through --

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: True, true.

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- through that area. I'm not
20 sure if that's possible, though.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, now you have to --
22 whew.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: As you look -- as you're
25 looking at North Contra Costa don't -- please remember,

1 we have a working class community that we've been trying
2 to keep together in Richmond, Pittsburgh, Antioch, yeah,
3 so just to be mindful of that, and not just change it
4 all.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. There is something we
6 could do and I don't think -- just hear me out before
7 everyone gets really angry. Okay, if we want to take
8 Vallejo, we have Vallejo, Benicia, right, and now we have
9 all the way up to Fairfield or to, yeah. Okay. When we
10 take that, then we just take, say, Rodeo and Crockett,
11 and then go out and then down and across the four. So
12 you do Concord, Pittsburgh, Antioch, collect all that
13 discovery, Byron Bay, Bethel.

14 Check out the population in that, and you might have
15 to pull in maybe, I don't know, and then maybe come down
16 on the Eastern portion of Concord, right; to bring that,
17 because that's a more rural area that -- out that way.

18 And then grab, here we have -- from Hercules down
19 into the Oak/Lemoore, and so you end up going to be
20 cutting the Oakland, a little part -- probably a little
21 bit above San Leandro, and then you can grab the Eastern
22 part of, and then from that portion, you can take part of
23 in -- you know, what's the one the Alameda County, the
24 SCALRATRACY.

25 You can take, you know, Ashland, Cherryville, Contra

1 Costa of the Castro Valley section with that portion of
2 San Leandro, that area, and create the district there.
3 So essentially you're shifting the population, and you
4 might even get the Tri-Valley together if you do it that
5 way. Basically you're trying to shift that around in
6 that area.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Tamina?

8 Or who is it, Karin?

9 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, yeah. Thank you. Thank you,
10 Chair Turner. If we may make a suggestion, before we
11 start moving around Kings County and Contra Costa, I
12 think it would be really helpful to just move the
13 population down from Placer, because subways we actually
14 see, you know, how it arrives, when we're in that area we
15 have at least the Northern end there balanced, and then
16 we can play with these various districts down there, and
17 get those properly situated.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Karin, could I ask? If we
19 take it from Placer, if we add the Yuba over, up into
20 NorCal, is that a way you guys could work with?

21 MS. MAC DONALD: Sure. We could absolutely try
22 that, yes.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Yeah, could we go
24 back then and try the -- like what that 60- or 70,000 out
25 of the South Yuba, because -- and the reason I'm doing

1 it, Yuba and Sutter have -- they essentially, almost they
2 work like one county. They have the water districts
3 together, they have the fire districts, actually --
4 they're actually in -- well, many of the cities right on
5 the border are split.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. And many of the
7 services they're combined. Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. They're completely
9 combined?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And that has been
11 probably all of the community of interest that we receive
12 is to keep Sutter and Yuba together.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. Yeah, yeah, yeah,
14 that's a good so any --

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- with Butte, as well,
17 that's why I'm trying to put as much of Yuba. So
18 essentially pull the -- pull the population from Placer
19 until that's, you know, below a percent, over into
20 NorCal, please.

21 (Pause)

22 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fernandez, did you want
23 to add in now, or wait till they finish?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No. I was just waiting for
25 Kennedy to keep going up. Thank you.

1 (Pause)

2 MS. MAC DONALD: So this highlighted area would
3 bring the PLACERSAC District below the one percent
4 deviation, is this something that looks roughly like what
5 you had in mind?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Is there any way to
7 get Smartsville there, too? Or is that -- is that going
8 to take us over?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: We look slightly negative
10 right now. We could go slightly positive, but I think
11 that's a bit too much.

12 MS. MAC DONALD: It may take us over. Would you
13 like us to take a look and verify, Commissioner
14 Fernandez?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. Yes, Karin?
16 What was it?

17 MS. MAC DONALD: Candy (ph.) says that that would
18 probably take us over. Do you want us to --

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh. It's Smartsville
20 bigger -- more than 5,000?

21 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, but you have to all the --
22 you have to all the way up.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh. Okay. I think we
24 could --

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: What?

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Instead of being the
2 negative 0.68, do you want to go to go slightly positive,
3 like positive 0.5 percent, in PLACERSAC, or? That'll be
4 taking out less though.

5 MS. MAC DONALD: Sorry, what's the question please?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm sure I got it.

7 MS. MAC DONALD: You know, I was just -- there was
8 more -- I'm sorry. There was a little bit more to
9 Commissioner Fernandez, in terms of, do you want to -- do
10 you take a little bit more of Yuba out, or put a little
11 bit, or leave it about where it is?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think Kennedy said if we
13 try to get to Smartsville that would take us over into
14 the positive.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Too low in Placer.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So we can stop there?

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: So going up to Smartsville, just
19 when it was -- previously there was a negative 0.7, I
20 think.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

22 MS. RAMOS ALON: It just starts -- it starts just
23 getting lower the more you take out. So the more -- I
24 was just clicking blocks around her, but the more I take
25 away it might lead to splitting one of these smaller

1 cities to get it to zero at this point.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think this is good.

3 Yeah.

4 CHAIR TURNER: All right. Let's lock it in.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh, that's more than 68,000.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: (Indiscernible) is on?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners, we're in our last
10 hour.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Then now we need to take out
12 the percentage from NorCal, and the easiest way, and
13 since it's about 68,000, I would do I believe, let me
14 see, Del Norte. Let me see, if Del Norte is 25,000,
15 Trinity is 16- and --

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, right. Or we could do
17 Lake.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And the portion of Lake
19 which is about thirty, well, that's -- I mean, that's
20 like thirty -- that's sixties -- that's about the same
21 number. So could you -- could you from North Coast add
22 Del Norte, and then add Trinity, and see where we are?
23 And then add a portion of that Lake County, please.

24 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. So we're going to try it.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Do you have -- the tribal

1 area is left. And then also Lake, please, the upper
2 portion of Lake.

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, that's perfect.
5 Bingo. Lock it in.

6 MS. RAMOS ALON: Would you, Chair?

7 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, please. Lock it in.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay, then. Okay, so
9 right -- so now I'm going to have to -- yeah, now
10 NORTHCOAS you can -- the only way to then get that over
11 to -- is to take -- is to put it into YOLOLAKE -- oops,
12 sorry. And we could -- and we could do like put more of
13 the wine country in, like, say, right by Santa Rosa. I
14 think just above -- if you get a little closer to this,
15 above Kenwood, so that area.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah 7,000.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And Santa Rosa, I don't know
18 how much population of 70- you already have.

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Why don't we count --

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm counting the -- wait.
21 Well, we need to move the population over, and so we're
22 trying to figure out where to -- the trouble is,
23 basically everything from San Francisco down to Cupertino
24 looks pretty good.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Tamina, can you zoom out a

1 little bit, please, because I'd like to see the -- just a
2 little bit. Okay so -- oops. So my suggestion would be
3 we've got the negative Concord, negative nineteen, then
4 we've got the positive ten, and the ten. So I think
5 that's where we need to play with, is those three
6 districts.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right. But you can't -- but
8 they don't connect.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, they do. They connect
10 right there at NORTHCONT, right there, oops, right there,
11 right there. They connect right there.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No. Across the bay, the
13 Richmond-San Rafael Bridge?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Now, you need --

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Land-wise, they don't
16 connect.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, land-wise they don't,
18 but the NORTHCONT is right next to the North Coast.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Which is next to the
21 Concord, but they are completely different. You know,
22 one is a -- one is high end, one is working class,
23 refineries, you know, a lot of public transportation
24 issues. The other is, except one little pocket, it's
25 very high-end families, and --

1 Okay, Tamina, making it back out a little bit more.
2 So you would -- you wanted to take that extra ten
3 percent --

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Into YOLOLAKE.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- into YOLOLAKE, which is
6 going to -- would have take out both Cotati and the Napa
7 area?

8 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So can we hold right there for
9 one second, let's get a couple of voices.

10 Commissioner Sinay, Toledo, Kennedy --

11 MR. BECKER: If you could put Santa Rosa again.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Fornaciari?

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Fine.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Toledo, Kennedy, Fornaciari.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So I think we can pull out
16 some of those Santa Rosa area because that's a very
17 heavily populated, put it into Napa, and take out the
18 portions of Fairfield that we put in, and I think that'll
19 get us close to where we need to be. So take out the
20 Northern -- because really the Northern part of Santa
21 Rosa that we have here.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Doesn't quite fit this
24 agricultural, so it -- Kenwood fits, Kenwood is --
25 definitely fits those population -- it's agricultural.

1 But you have on the --

2 (Whereupon, there is a loss of audio feed)

3 THE INTERPRETER: This is the ASL interpreter. I'm
4 not able to hear either.

5 THE CAPTIONER: I cannot hear as well.

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: This is Commissioner Le Mons.
7 I can hear those that are talking.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I can hear but I -- I
9 can hear those that are talking, but I can't -- yeah, I
10 can hear, but I can hear those are talking, but I can't
11 hear the folks the folks who are all together at the
12 site.

13 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 11:09 p.m.
14 until 11:09 p.m.)

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So are we -- we're back?

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes, we're back. So instead
17 of that area, actually, because we want to add more into
18 the YOLOLAKE area, go to the -- yeah, that area right
19 there. Perfect. That's exactly right. And take as much
20 as you need to get the North.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct. The North, North?

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. That's all Sonoma --
23 Santa Rosa, correct?

24 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes. This is all of Santa Rosa, it
25 is not contiguous. I can add some blocks --

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Ooh.

2 MS. RAMOS ALON: -- to put them together, if you
3 would like.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. Put them together.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And that's in Sebastopol.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: It looks like the North Coast
7 now is missing population.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy?

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Well, let -- Commissioner
11 Kennedy?

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: The alternative, I don't -- I
13 mean, I'm okay with making Santa Rosa whole, if that
14 makes sense, but the alternative, or a part of an
15 alternative is to make Lake whole.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I thought Lake was whole.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Let's take a look.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: We moved part of it from --

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. Hold that point.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- NorCal into North Coast.

22 MS. RAMOS ALON: Oh, that's true.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. Let's make Lake whole.

24 Thank you.

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yeah, yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. I thought it was
2 whole. I missed that.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I don't think that's
4 going can be quite enough though.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No, it's not going to be
6 enough.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: But then we can take from
8 Santa Rosa --

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right.

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- whatever is left.

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right. Thank you, Chair.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh. Thank you for that most
13 excellent addition.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I thought it, I thought it
15 was there.

16 MS. RAMOS ALON: This change is 32,801 people, it
17 brings YOLOLAKE 4.51 percent, and NORCOAST 5.87 percent.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay. And let's accept that;
19 if the Chair is okay with that.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Tamina, we'd like to accept that,
21 please.

22 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sorry it's -- the map is a little
23 bit sleepy now, but we're doing it.

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: To all of us.

25 CHAIR TURNER: We're all a little bit. Okay. So

1 then go down, yeah, and take a little bit more.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: We're almost there.

3 CHAIR TURNER: That's Santa Rosa, right?

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah.

5 CHAIR TURNER: I'm watching those numbers. Sorry.

6 Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'm looking at this little
8 dog-like thing in the -- at the far-Eastern end of Santa
9 Rosa, and thinking that we might want to clean that up
10 too.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Where is that?

12 CHAIR TURNER: Tamina, there's a dig-like thing
13 you'll want to clean up.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. Right there.

15 MS. RAMOS ALON: Right here?

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, I see the dog.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Oh, I didn't see that here.

19 MS. RAMOS ALON: Hold on.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: You must have had some coffee.

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: Oh, yeah.

22 CHAIR TURNER: We've reached that hour.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here it comes.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Just checking on you, Commissioner
25 Fornaciari. Glad to see you're still with us, sir.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes?

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) --

3 CHAIR TURNER: Oh. I'm sorry. No. No, I don't
4 want to take Commissioner Sadhwani's position.

5 (Pause)

6 MS. RAMOS ALON: (Indiscernible) --

7 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Sorry. We are now positive
8 0.62 for NORTHCOAS, and 9.77 for YOLOLAKE. Okay. Let's
9 lock I here, and move.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh. Like I said, we were
11 trying to get it zero, but with more of Santa Rosa --

12 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, no. Not at this hour.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. I'm
14 good. So now move down, please? Thank you. So now
15 we're over. I'm going to have to move that, what you
16 just did, Commissioner Toledo. So let's get -- let's
17 move that down, that little --

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: You've got it.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I don't even
20 have to say what that is, and you know exactly what I've
21 been trying to, Tamina. Thank you.

22 MS. RAMOS ALON: Oops, one more.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No worry.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's taking population out
25 of the NORTHCONT, because you already put it in there.

1 MS. RAMOS ALON: (Indiscernible) --

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right. You have to take
3 something else out of YOLOLAKE.

4 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: 10,000.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Sorry, wrong way. I
7 don't like how that's shaped, actually.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: It would be adding little bit
9 more of Fairfield, so all of Fairfield is in?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But we're breaking Solano
11 more, right?

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: How about American Canyon?

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And maybe that Green
16 Valley.

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yea.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: The Green Valley, but I'm
20 (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: They were very adamant.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No. I didn't see that.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: We've handled the whole Green
24 Valley area.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Green Valley. Microphone?

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: The Green Valley area would
2 work. It may not be enough, though.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But I mean, I also want to
4 say that Solano was pretty adamant about keeping its
5 county intact as well.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Tamina, can you add Green Valley,
8 please?

9 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, Chair.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Not just Green
12 Valley, but the whole -- that little portion of Solano
13 there, please.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And actually, for Suisun
15 City also because that neighbor is Fairfield that's
16 there, right next to each other. If you can just -- if
17 we're going to do that, just try to capture more of
18 Fairfield and Suisun City, please, since it's already
19 split, if we don't have to split Fairfield, we could --
20 no, no, that's going to be too big.

21 CHAIR TURNER: But will it --

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then a little bit more
23 Fairfield, please? Thank you. More.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: It's working-class people.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

1 MS. RAMOS ALON: So this change is 69,401 people.
2 This brings YOLOLAKE to a positive 0.64 percent
3 deviation, and NORTHCONT to a 19.47 percent deviation.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I'm just going to go
5 on record saying I don't like to have Fairfield split,
6 but we just need to keep moving.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Then let's lock that please.

8 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, Chair.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And I don't like splitting
10 Solano, but we're going to keep moving.

11 Commissioner Sinay?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So are we at the place now
13 where NORTHCONT and Concord need to figure out what to
14 do?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Combine them. If you
16 combine them, that gets you to a positive one,
17 approximately.

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Chair?

20 CHAIR TURNER: Oh. Commissioner Kennedy?

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, sorry. Before we
22 go there; if we did take the rest of Fairfield would that
23 put us less than one percent over, or under, or
24 whichever -- whichever we are on currently?

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Extract.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I mean, would we -- would we
2 still be within a plus or minus one percent if we took
3 the rest of Fairfield?

4 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm happy to try.

5 CHAIR TURNER: I'm glad you mentioned, we can see.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Maybe not.

8 MS. RAMOS ALON: This change is 5,956 people. This
9 will bring YOLOLAKE to a negative 0.15 percent.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Hey, we can do that.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: It's a toll.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: For now. What more to say.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Problem solved, Commissioner
15 Fernandez.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That's good. Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner
18 Kennedy.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You should've told him the
20 other thing.

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: And if you don't mind, I'll also
22 clean up this -- this little river block here.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. And you'll do that later,
24 Tamina, you said.

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: I can do right now.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, no. Let's just move.

2 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. We'll just move, never mind.
3 I will clean up later.

4 CHAIR TURNER: And I think now if you combine the
5 Concord with the North, yeah, yeah. It should get -- oh,
6 it's going to be over. Okay. We figured that out.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Commissioner Fornaciari might
8 have a suggestion.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fornaciari, I wonder if
10 you have suggestions.

11 MS. RAMOS ALON: It'll be over about 1.8 percent, if
12 I'm doing that right.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fornaciari?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I was just going
15 to -- yeah, I was going to ask if Concord and Clayton
16 were the plan. I mean, I guess if we have to split
17 the -- or does that put it over? What if we put -- I
18 mean, if we put Pleasant Hill, if we put Pleasant Hill in
19 the Northern part, maybe, and split Pleasant Hill maybe.

20 MS. RAMOS ALON: Albany?

21 CHAIR TURNER: Or, yes. And Tamina, I like -- we
22 can also explore Albany, but --

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I was thinking, and split
24 Pleasant Hill in the other direction.

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: Oh, in the other direction. Okay.

1 And would you like me to -- let me -- wait one second?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: The two districts need to
3 combine right now, and then we'll work from that?

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So if we can combine,
6 NORTHCONT with Concord, please.

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: So this is Concord and Clayton, we
8 added, to the underpopulated CONCORDTR, which results in
9 a negative 0.32 percent for CONCORDTR, and a positive
10 2.15 percent NORTHCONT.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Wait, that's -- okay. What?
12 Wait --

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would suggest doing that
14 and then we just work to get NORTHCONT down a little,
15 maybe.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Can we take Albany out and
17 put it with Oakland?

18 CHAIR TURNER: Let's see it, please. So let's
19 commit, I think with what you have right now.

20 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, wait. Well, we'll do, undo. And
22 so we can see what Albany. What do you have Commissioner
23 Kennedy?

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. My
25 recollection is that we were going to try to work on the

1 Highway 4 Corridor, adding Pittsburgh to Antioch and
2 Oakley.

3 CHAIR TURNER: It's yes.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Or Pittsburg and Bay Point to
5 Antioch and Oakley. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That goes to reconstruction,
7 correct?

8 CHAIR TURNER: Oh. So you think we have enough?
9 The population's not too big to add Pittsburgh and Bay
10 Point into Concord?

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It takes them out.

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: We would have to back Concord
14 out.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. You have to, yeah.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, I got you. Yeah, yes.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So Tamina, what
20 we're looking at -- oh, who we have here?

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: Concord, Antioch and Oakley are
22 currently in the same district?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Correct?

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sorry. The idea is we would
25 back Concord out and replace it with Pittsburgh and Bay

1 Point.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: (Audio interference) --

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: What? What? I thought we
4 were trying to --

5 CHAIR TURNER: It's not (audio interference) to put
6 Pittsburgh and Bay Point with Antioch. That whole
7 North -- okay?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The idea was with Vallejo --

9 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Let's go back -- let's go back
10 to hands then.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So Benicia and Crocett --

12 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Andersen, you're the
13 first go ahead.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I think the idea was
15 if we were -- you know, we have all this up the corridor,
16 and the idea is we're trying to get the refinery areas,
17 which are Vallejo, and then across the Highway 4.
18 Vallejo, Benicia, Crockett, Rodeo. And then a little bit
19 South, Martinez, Alhambra, right across Bay Point,
20 Antioch, Oakley, the whole area out there.

21 That was my understanding what we were trying to do.
22 So we would be adding actually that -- essentially the
23 Eastern portion of Contra Costa County all the way across
24 Highway 4, and for the Delta area as well; so that's all
25 Delta.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Just hold right there.

2 Commissioner Sinay, then Commissioner Fornaciari?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm sorry. Could I finish
4 that? Then if we're taking the chunk of the CONCORDTR,
5 together to put in NORTHCONT, and we have to take that
6 portion of NORTHCONT out, which as I was saying, it's
7 from Hercules down, that section out, make that switch.

8 And then that's what I was saying, you know, to
9 play -- this is what I was talking about, the whole
10 portion of just doing a little rearranging. So you're
11 creating one across the top.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Okay, so when --

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Then going down from
14 Concord, down into the Alameda County, again, East and
15 rearranging from Hercules down, and essentially cutting
16 the South Oakland bit, so it would be -- it would
17 essentially run from Hercules halfway through Oakland.
18 And then halfway through Oakland down to include Castro
19 Valley, all the way down to just short of -- what's
20 that -- that other -- that other district that --
21 including so that part of Oakland would be: San Leandro,
22 Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, all the way to the portion of
23 Fremont, Union City, that whole chunk.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, no. That's too much.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: You'd be doing two sections

1 so you have one across the top, you have two here, and
2 then one across the -- and then one across the Eastern,
3 which is --

4 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So this is --

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- tying the Tri-Valley
6 together.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. Commissioner Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Cutting Concord --
9 the move to put Concord and Clayton with Contra Costa, or
10 CONCORDTR is the right move. And if we can't -- I don't
11 know. What's that white area, where Rodeo and Crockett
12 is, and then goes Martinez? And then what's that -- is
13 that unincorporated area?

14 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

16 MS. RAMOS ALON: That is unincorporated area.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Because I don't know if that
18 unincorporated area could go into CONCORDTR, and then
19 giving us space to get Antioch or not, because the idea
20 is what -- the community of interest has been is kind of
21 going up there in that -- in that little crown.

22 CHAIR TURNER: So Commissioners, right now we're
23 going to do kind of a lightning round to hear everyone.
24 We're at 11:30, and we're going -- to just complete this
25 hearing, we're doing really, really good, but I want to

1 hear from Commissioner Fornaciari, Ahmad, and Yee, and
2 then Toledo. So we can decide and tell, Tamina, exactly
3 what we're going to do to close this. Fornaciari?

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. My recollection was
5 that, you know, we're trying to keep the refinery cities
6 together, Benicia, Martinez. And there was the Black
7 Redistricting Hub had a community of interest that went
8 to -- included Bay Point and Pittsburgh, with Martinez,
9 and Benicia, and Vallejo. I was trying to honor that.

10 I think Antioch and Pittsburgh I would draw a line
11 between those two cities as is being different. I would
12 also consider Concord and Clayton more like the Southern
13 part of Contra Costa County.

14 I see where Commissioner Andersen is trying to go to
15 sort of move population down to sort of honor that hill
16 there, and get the Tri-Valley together. I like that
17 idea, but I also like the idea of keeping Oakland whole.
18 And so I don't think we can reconcile all that tonight.
19 But I think we could, if we just sort of tweaked where we
20 are right now, we could, you know, based on feedback, go
21 back and kind of revisit things. But that's kind of
22 where I'm at.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Commissioner Fornaciari, you read
25 my mind thought for thought.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Toledo?

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm with Commissioner
3 Fornaciari and Yee,

4 CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful. Commissioner Fernandez?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Ditto. And I would
6 recommend maybe taking Albany, right? Is that what you
7 want to do? Taking Albany and trying to put that in the
8 Oakland, OAKLAMORI.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Okay?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So believe we're -- yeah.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. I like the lightning rounds
12 and all of the agreement for this -- for this mapping
13 that we're doing for our draft.

14 So with that, Commissioner Yee, can you give Tamina
15 instruction?

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'll need Neal to read my mind.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fornaciari?

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I would -- my direction
19 would be not to move Bay Point and Pittsburgh, to undo
20 that selection. And then I would move to kind of balance
21 things out a little -- oh, so -- and we've got to balance
22 NORTHCONT, so Commissioner Andersen's suggestion was to
23 move Albany to Berkeley?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, to the OAKLAMORI.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, add Albany to the

1 OAKLAMORI, and put it backwards, Berkeley a little.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Tamina?

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm open to trying that,
4 and then maybe we need to put -- try to make Pleasant
5 Hill whole --

6 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fornaciari, one moment
7 please.

8 Tamina you didn't in right? Or you did, and you
9 have a question?

10 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yeah. I have a question. Just
11 pointing out two things; one that Pleasant Hill is still
12 split in this visualization. Another that if you add
13 Albany back to OAKLAMORI you will split San Leandro, and
14 then you will start the domino effect of having to affect
15 all of these districts going down.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. What percentage over
17 or what percentage -- Lemoore is at zero, but what is it
18 actually? Like if you put Albany in there, then where
19 are you?

20 MS. RAMOS ALON: Let me see.

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Chair Turner. Jane is cutting
22 in line.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Jane? Jane, behave. Commissioner
24 Sadhwani?

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes. I feel like we've had a whole

1 lot of testimony around the OAKLAMORI District, and it's
2 currently at zero deviation. So do you think it makes
3 sense to try uniting Pleasant Hill first, because we
4 might be able to balance two districts rather than
5 creating a whole ripple effect throughout our maps?

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Not that anyone (audio
7 interference) --

8 MS. RAMOS ALON: The OAKLAMORI, the change for
9 Albany would be 20,191 people.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So we'll undo that. That
11 would have been nice.

12 Commissioner Sadhwani?

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Can we try Uniting Pleasant
14 Hill?

15 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes. One moment, please.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. I like that.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: The change is 18,525 people, puts
19 CONCORDTR at 2.11 percent, and NORTHCONT at negative 0.28
20 percent.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So hearing that, it sounds
22 like perhaps just readjusting where the split in Pleasant
23 Hill occurs could help us balance out the difference in
24 population between these two districts. Would that be a
25 fair assessment, Tamina?

1 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful. Commissioner Toledo.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Once we do that, I'd like to
4 see the CVAP of the -- for the NORTHCONT area.

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm sorry, but what -- I'm sorry
6 about that, one moment, please.

7 MS. MAC DONALD: Just one moment, yeah, it's getting
8 late.

9 MS. RAMOS ALON: Uh-huh. Latino CVAP for this --
10 for NORTHCONT is 21.35 percent, Black CVAP is 17.38
11 percent, Asian CVAP is 19.9, Indigenous CVAP is 0.82
12 percent, and White CVAP is 38.1 percent.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Andersen?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You said, Black CVAP, sorry?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I just want to -- so
16 I just want to be sure I go on record. Albany is a --
17 economically ties -- its main business district is
18 directly tied to North Berkeley, it's a Solano Avenue,
19 it's half in Albany, half in Berkeley, to have the Solano
20 Stroll, it's a large fair, the street fair, has gone on
21 for forty years, connecting the two. It's half and half,
22 and their -- you know, the fire departments work
23 together, it is -- and it's also the only city in Alameda
24 County that's been cut, and going up to Concord. So I
25 just want to make sure it's on the record; I don't --

1 don't like the idea.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Yes. I totally agree. Know the area
3 as well. And so I just want to note, kind of like we did
4 for that other area earlier, I agree that we'll probably
5 need to work on what we can in our next draft, in our
6 next map.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I believe the issue is this.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Tamina, are we going to get close
9 with the shift?

10 Commissioner Yee?

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: So did we not commit to moving --
12 reuniting Pleasant Hill yet, or agree?

13 CHAIR TURNER: We're going to -- we can't fit all of
14 this --

15 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm sorry, Chair. What was the
16 direction?

17 CHAIR TURNER: Did you already --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Asking about Pleasant Hill.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Pleasant Hill line.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. So I believe reuniting
21 Pleasant Hill, improve the deviations for us.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Or pulling portions of
23 Pleasant Hill into the other districts to get them both
24 closer to zero?

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Correct.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think that Pleasant Hill
2 would still have a split. It's just a matter of where
3 that split would occur to balance the two districts.

4 CHAIR TURNER: That's right.

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: I will try that right now. Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Use twenty-four, that would
7 help.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Twenty-four that would help.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: So we have Antioch and (audio
10 interference) --

11 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa --
12 Commissioner Yee?

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. So let's find a good
14 split.

15 MS. RAMOS ALON: May I ask, Chair? Am I just trying
16 to balance the two?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chair, I just want to point
21 out to you that the Black Census & Redistricting Hub just
22 sent an email with the same map of the area that we're
23 looking at. And if you want to take a look at that, what
24 they sent too.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Already realigned.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: The same CVAP.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Tamina? So there is -- Commissioner
4 Toledo, who was that? Commissioner Akutagawa?

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Can you give direction for what you
7 just said, and maybe help Tamina get where we're trying
8 to go if it's the same?

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Tamina. I just want to
10 note that the Black Census & Redistricting Hub sent a map
11 for the same area that you're working on right now.

12 I don't know Commissioner Toledo, you might be
13 better off telling them exactly the direction.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think just to -- I think we
15 either to continue where we're going. And just to
16 continue in the route that we're going, because it's a
17 pretty similar feedback, I think they were thinking along
18 the same lines we were can work.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, this is -- yeah.

20 CHAIR TURNER: We'll continue what we were doing.

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Very close.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, so close.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. We'll hold here. We'll hold
24 here, and accept these changes. Commissioner Yee?

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure.

1 CHAIR TURNER: All right, beautiful. Commissioner
2 Akutagawa?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That's fine. I just want
4 to note that what the Black Census & Redistricting Hub,
5 it won't work? So that means we're not in -- we're not
6 in a VRA district, so you can move that.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Karin?

8 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you, Chair Turner. Would you
9 perhaps like to zoom out and just look at all of the
10 districts in the North just to make sure we didn't forget
11 anybody anywhere?

12 CHAIR TURNER: Is that okay?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What? What'd you say? What?
14 Are we here?

15 (Pause)

16 CHAIR TURNER: All right. This is good.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah? Commissioner Fernandez, I'm
19 going to need you to give us more than that.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, it's better than it was
21 when we started. So thank you, everyone.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Well, yes. Yes. And this is a good
23 draft for reactions. We feel better about the reactions
24 for this? Yes, Tamina, beautiful.

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: It's the one --

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) --

2 CHAIR TURNER: Yes. Great job, Tamina. Great job,
3 Jaime; great job, Kennedy; great job, Sivan; and Andrew.
4 And oh, my, Lord.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Everyone.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Everyone, Karin. Who else is over
7 there on the team?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Jaime.

9 CHAIR TURNER: I said, Jaime, I said Kennedy.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible, simultaneous
11 speech) Sivan --

12 CHAIR TURNER: I said Sivan; the entire team,
13 Andrew.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible, simultaneous
15 speech). Okay, Chair.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Woohoo.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're taking the form up.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Yes. We have fifteen minutes
19 left.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Let's take on L.A. County,
21 no.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, my, word. So we have
23 Congressional maps that we've gone through, that we are
24 feeling much better about. Outstanding. Oh, man, we
25 have folk in the -- in the queue that has waded through

1 with us. Thank you for being here for this wonderful --
2 Husband, I'm still working. I'll call you right
3 back.

4 So at this point, Commissioners, thank you so much.
5 Thank you so much to all of our staff, to everybody.
6 It's too late to call names. Thank you, everybody, for
7 being here, a concentrated effort. We'll be back
8 tomorrow bright and early.

9 We still have one hand, Commissioner Akutagawa?

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, sorry. No.

11 CHAIR TURNER: She's just showing up.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: She wants to have the last
13 word.

14 CHAIR TURNER: All right.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: She (indiscernible,
16 simultaneous speech) suggested it.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: What's up for tomorrow?

18 CHAIR TURNER: And so tomorrow we'll start bright
19 and early.

20 Line drawers, do you have any questions for us? Are
21 we good? Jamie, are we good?

22 MR. CLARK: Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: What are we starting with,
24 Chair?

25 CHAIR TURNER: Okay, 9:30 tomorrow morning with

1 Assembly districts tomorrow, 9:30 tomorrow with our VRA
2 districts.

3 Okay, more?

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Are there more VRA districts
5 from -- I thought those are locked in at this point. No?

6 CHAIR TURNER: VRA districts were locked in, I
7 think. I think we were locked in for the VRA. Okay.
8 I'm so excited. More?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Awesome.

10 CHAIR TURNER: More? Commissioner Ahmad?

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Oh. I've just been thinking,
12 we're going back to Assembly?

13 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: So VRA, we did cover in the
15 Assembly.

16 CHAIR TURNER: We're revisiting our Assembly
17 districts.

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Got it.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We want to make sure --

20 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So with that, we are going to
21 recess until tomorrow morning at 9:30.

22 Thank you all. Please enjoy your long night.

23 (Recessed at 11:49 p.m.)
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