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Bynette Mote, City of Big Bear Lake

Alton Wang, West San Gabriel Valley  
Michael Perry, Big Bear Lake  
Alan Flora, City of Clear Lake, Yolo Lake  
Jan O'Brien, CD North Coast  
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**PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)**

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Armen Kurdian, North San Diego County  
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 Monday, November 17, 2021 3:00 p.m.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Welcome, California. It is 3:00 p.m.  
4 Wednesday, November 17th, 2021. And I call this  
5 California Citizens Redistricting Commission, Public Map  
6 Input Session to order. I hope everyone is well and  
7 excited about redistricting and our path towards final  
8 maps.

9 My name is Derric Taylor, and I am the rotating  
10 chair for this cycle of meetings, and along with Vice  
11 Chair, Pedro Toledo, we will be helping to facilitate  
12 today's sessions.

13 Today we are offering LanguageLines for Spanish  
14 language speakers to listen to the meeting in their  
15 native language.

16 Could I please have the Spanish interpreters provide  
17 our language line number so the public can listen to  
18 today -- listen to today's meeting in Spanish?

19 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, Commissioner. Thank you.

20 (In Spanish, not translated)

21 Thank you, Commissioner.

22 CHAIR TAYLOR: Gracias. Thank you very much.

23 Ravi, can we go to roll call, please?

24 MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair.

25 Commissioner Toledo.

1 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Here.  
2 Commissioner Turner.  
3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.  
4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner VAZQUEZ.  
5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.  
6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee.  
7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.  
8 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad.  
9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.  
10 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa.  
11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.  
12 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen.  
13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.  
14 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez.  
15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.  
16 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.  
17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.  
18 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.  
19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.  
20 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.  
21 Commissioner Sadhwani?  
22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.  
23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay.  
24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.  
25 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Taylor.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: I am present. Thank you very much.

2 MR. SINGH: Your welcome, Chair.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Here's a little bit of  
4 background about the Commission before we begin. Every  
5 ten years after the Federal Government publishes updated  
6 census information, California must redraw the boundaries  
7 of its Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and  
8 State Board of Equalization Districts so that the  
9 districts correctly reflect the state's population.

10 The fourteen-member Commission is made up of five  
11 Republicans, five Democrats, and four not affiliated with  
12 either of those two parties. The Commission must draw  
13 the district lines in conformity with strict, nonpartisan  
14 rules designed to create districts of relatively equal  
15 population that will provide fair representation for all  
16 Californians.

17 More information can be found at

18 [www.WeDrawTheLinesca.org](http://www.WeDrawTheLinesca.org).

19 Here's an overview of this group of this group of --  
20 of this group of meetings, or our overview for this week:  
21 Today's session, Wednesday, November 17th from 3 p.m. to  
22 8 p.m., will focus our Congressional District feedback.  
23 Tomorrow, November 18th, Thursday, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
24 will be feedback related to the Assembly Districts.

25 Friday, November 19th, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. we will

1 be taking feedback for the Senate Districts. Saturday,  
2 November 20th, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. we'll be accepting  
3 feedback for Board of Equalization districts during  
4 session one only; and any district feedback for sessions  
5 two and three.

6 On Monday, November 22nd from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. we'll  
7 be accepting feedback for any district. And again, on  
8 Tuesday, November 23rd, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. any  
9 district feedback is requested.

10 The Draft Map Input Sessions is an opportunity for  
11 the public to provide feedback on the draft maps that  
12 were released on November 10th, 2021.

13 Participating in these meetings from November 17th  
14 to 23rd is not the only way to submit input on the draft  
15 maps to the Commission. Please use our Draft Map  
16 Feedback form, which provides real-time input to the  
17 Commission.

18 The link is available on the live stream landing  
19 page and on our website, [www.WeDrawTheLinesca.org](http://www.WeDrawTheLinesca.org). Also,  
20 the statewide database has created DrawMyCaDistricts, an  
21 online tool for creating district maps, and DrawMyCa, a  
22 free-to-use plug in for the open-source GIS platform, the  
23 QGIS where you can submit maps to the Commission. You  
24 can see more information at [DrawMyCalifornia.org](http://DrawMyCalifornia.org).

25 Now, a few housekeeping rules: The Commission will

1 be enforcing a two-and-a-half-minute time limit for  
2 appointments and will provide a warning at thirty and  
3 fifteen seconds remaining, when you start your input,  
4 please identify which district plan and region you will  
5 be providing input for so that the mappers can bring up  
6 the map.

7       We will open the lines at the end of the day when we  
8 reach our public comment session. The number to provide  
9 public comment is listed on the live stream landing page.  
10 If you are calling without an appointment, please do not  
11 hang up, as you will lose your place in line.

12       It is my hope that during these meetings that we are  
13 thoughtful, considerate, and consider all of California  
14 in our deliberations. Session one of today's meeting  
15 will last until approximately 4:30, at which time we will  
16 take a fifteen-minute break. Upon our return, we will  
17 have a thirty-minute dinner break at 6:45 before  
18 returning to complete our evening in taking public  
19 comments.

20       With that, I pass it over to Katy to go over  
21 directions, and read instructions to start the  
22 appointment session.

23       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.

24       Welcome to the Draft Map, Public Input Meeting,  
25 Session 1. If you have not done so already and your

1 unique ID number ends in 001 through 037, please use the  
2 raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen. You  
3 will be identified by your assigned unique ID number  
4 received with your invite for this session.

5       When it is your turn to speak I will be promoting  
6 you to have the ability to enable your own audio and/or  
7 video, you will be -- which will be located in the lower-  
8 left corner of your screen once you are promoted.

9       Public input time limit is two minutes and thirty  
10 seconds. You will receive a verbal warning at thirty  
11 seconds remaining and fifteen seconds remaining in your  
12 speaking time. There will also be active timer on the  
13 screen for your convenience. When your start time --  
14 when you start your input, please identify which district  
15 plan and region you will be providing input on.

16       And please one more time, use the raise hand button  
17 at the bottom of your screen if your unique ID number  
18 ends in 001 through 037, for session 1.

19       Up first we will have unique ID number 011. And up  
20 next after that will be unique ID number 005.

21       011, I will be promoting you now. Unique ID 011,  
22 you can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left  
23 corner of your screen. And if you will please let the  
24 mappers know what region you will be speaking about. The  
25 floor is yours.

1 MR. ROTHSTEIN: Thank you very much. This comment  
2 regards the Yolo Lake Congressional District draft. I'm  
3 Matthew Rothstein, deputy county administrative officer  
4 and public information officer for the County of Lake.

5 On behalf of Lake County, thank you, Commissioners,  
6 for including our county as a whole in the Yolo Lake  
7 draft Congressional District, along with Napa and  
8 portions of Sonoma County.

9 As you have recognized with this draft, all of Lake  
10 County shares common interests with our wine county  
11 neighbors to the South, and whether it's partnering to  
12 advocate for agricultural or agritourism-focused business  
13 interests, we're fighting to ensure the costs of global  
14 climate change are not disproportionately borne by those  
15 already struggling from its immediate effects.

16 Lake County's federal priorities are frequently most  
17 effectively articulated as one voice with Napa and Sonoma  
18 Counties. We want to celebrate your Commission for  
19 hearing Lake County's leaders and for honoring our  
20 concerns with your most recent maps. Thank you very  
21 much.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
23 right now we will have unique ID 005. And up next after  
24 that will be 001.

25 Unique ID 005, I will be promoting you now. Unique

1 ID 005, you can now enable your audio and video in the  
2 lower left corner of your screen. And if you'll please  
3 remind the mapper of what region and district plan you  
4 will be referencing. The floor is yours.

5 MS. O'CONNOR: Yes. Northern Sherman Oaks, POSO,  
6 part of Sherman Oaks.

7 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

8 MS. O'CONNOR: Yes. Thank you, Commissioners. My  
9 name is Ann O'Connor, and I'm with POSO, part of Sherman  
10 Oaks, and we were renamed in -- to Sherman Oaks in 2009.  
11 The Commission's draft maps do not have the correct  
12 Northern POSO boundaries. The Northern boundary of POSO  
13 is straight along Oxnard Street from the 405 Freeway to  
14 Hazeltine. This is the boundary used for our current  
15 L.A. City Council District 4, and proposed by the 2021  
16 L.A. City Council Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee.

17 The draft Senate District Northern Coastal boundary  
18 may be Oxnard, but we are not sure. The draft  
19 Congressional and Assembly District Northern Coastal  
20 boundaries are South of Oxnard and have a strange cutout  
21 instead of a straight boundary that cuts out 200  
22 homeowners and renters.

23 We feel all three maps should look alike and the  
24 same straight line, Northern coastal boundary along  
25 Oxnard Street, yet all three are different. Our Western

1 boundary is the 405 Freeway and should have no cutouts of  
2 businesses along the Sepulveda Boulevard. The businesses  
3 also want to be represented by Sherman Oaks office  
4 holders.

5 At your meeting last week, I heard Jamie or Kennedy  
6 say there was a debate about the POSO borders. And so I  
7 would like to answer any of those questions, if I can  
8 now.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: The Commission is not taking -- we're  
10 not answering any questions. But however, we will take  
11 your input.

12 MS. O'CONNOR: Oh. Okay. So that really completes  
13 my remarks. I did have a reservation for tomorrow also  
14 to speak on the Assembly and the State map -- Senate map  
15 on Friday.

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We welcome your -- your  
17 comments.

18 MS. O'CONNOR: Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
20 have unique 001, and up next after that will be 023.

21 001, I will be promoting you now. Unique ID 001,  
22 you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left  
23 corner of your screen. And if you'll please remind the  
24 mapper of what region and district plan you would be  
25 referencing. The floor is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon, Chair and  
2 Commissioners. I am calling today about Congressional  
3 District draft map STH 60, and this is in the East San  
4 Gabriel Valley area of Los Angeles County. I'm calling  
5 today to testify about the growing Asian-American and  
6 Pacific Islander community that's identifiable in the  
7 East San Gabriel Valley area by many retail plazas with  
8 AAPI businesses, churches, temples, and language schools.

9 In the East San Gabriel Valley the communities of  
10 Hacienda Heights, Walnut, Rowland Heights, and Diamond  
11 Bar are currently in a district with thirty-three percent  
12 AAPI population. In the draft maps they would be put  
13 into a district with the Gateway cities and this would  
14 reduce the AAPI population down to twenty-one percent,  
15 diluting AAPI representation.

16 These communities need to remain in a district with  
17 neighborhoods that reflect similar economic conditions  
18 that may cross county lines into North Orange County,  
19 West of the 57 Freeway. I'll say that again,  
20 specifically crossing county lines into North Orange  
21 County to the West of the 57 Freeway, to respect the AAPI  
22 populations, and potentially into San Bernardino for  
23 population size.

24 Thank you for the opportunity today to testify, and  
25 for all your good work.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And now we have unique ID  
3 023. And up next after that will be 028.

4 023, I will be promoting you now. And unique ID  
5 023, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower  
6 left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the  
7 mapper of what region and district plan you will be  
8 speaking about today. The floor is yours.

9 MS. MOTE: Thank you very much. I will be speaking  
10 towards mapping High Desert SB. Thank you.

11 Honorable Commissioners, thank you very much for  
12 taking public comment, and for all the work you've done  
13 so far. My name is Bynette Mote. I'm a City Council  
14 Member for the City of Big Bear Lake. In my elected  
15 role, I also serve on the Transportation, Communication  
16 and Public Works Committee for Cassidy's Desert Mountain  
17 Division, the Big Bear Fire Authority, and more. I  
18 mentioned this for two reasons.

19 First, our mountain and desert communities work very  
20 well with each other, and with San Bernardino County to  
21 address the transit needs of our residents across these  
22 very unique rural areas since they all have similar  
23 challenges. For this reason, I very much support the  
24 draft map Congressional High Desert SB, because it keeps  
25 the rural mountain and desert community of our county

1 together to better advocate for transportation needs.

2       Additionally, as the director of the Big Bear Fire  
3 Authority, I help oversee the fire protection services  
4 for all the communities in the Big Bear Valley. Our  
5 agency works closely with the National Forest Service,  
6 San Bernardino County Fire and Cal Fire to respond to  
7 major wildfire incidents.

8       Our firefighters have an MOU which allows us to aid  
9 in fires outside our jurisdiction, and often you'll see  
10 our men and women working hand-in-hand with firefighters  
11 across national forest to protect rural communities, like  
12 Yucaipa, Highland, Lake Arrowhead, and more.

13       It's vital to keep our community -- it's vital to  
14 our community that we have good partnerships with these  
15 agencies, which is why I, again, support this draft map,  
16 High Desert SB, to keep the rural, mountain, and desert  
17 communities tied together to act as one in these vital  
18 public safety matters.

19       I appreciate you continuing to give us a voice as  
20 you move forward in the process. I'll be participating  
21 in the Assembly map comments as well. The City of Big  
22 Bear Lake is also currently undergoing the redistricting  
23 process. And I appreciate your time, the dedication, and  
24 just for stepping up to serve. Have a great day.

25       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. You as well.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have  
2 unique ID 028. And up next after that will be 021.

3 Unique ID 028, I'll be promoting you now. 028, you  
4 can now enable your audio and video. If you'll please  
5 remind the mapper what region and district plan you'll be  
6 referencing. The floor is yours.

7 MR. WANG: Thank you. I'll be discussing CD210 in  
8 the L.A. County region. Thank you.

9 Good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank you for all  
10 the work that you have done so far. My name is Alton  
11 Wang, and I'm a resident of the West San Gabriel Valley  
12 in L.A. County. The existing West San Gabriel Valley 210  
13 Corridor in this region unites the San Gabriel National  
14 Monument with the very communities that help establish  
15 it, and indeed the communities that use it the most.

16 Recent studies by the National Park Service suggest  
17 that roughly half of the visitors at the San Gabriel  
18 National Monument are Asian-American. This current map  
19 divides the historic West San Gabriel Valley Corridor  
20 from the 210 District that is anchored by Pasadena. And  
21 it is that district that ultimately elects the Federal  
22 Steward of the West San Gabriel National Monument, which  
23 separates the forest from the communities of color that  
24 use it the most in this current draft map, a  
25 disconnection that these communities have long fought to

1 bridge.

2       Additionally, by dividing the West San Gabriel  
3 Valley in this fashion, you are breaking up one of the  
4 largest Asian-American communities in the country, the  
5 fourth such largest in the Continental United States. By  
6 breaking up the Asian-American community in the West San  
7 Gabriel Valley, you're depriving our communities of being  
8 able to elect candidates of choice. And as Asian-  
9 American communities remain underrepresented throughout  
10 elected government, we cannot move backwards in this  
11 fashion.

12       Keeping Asian-American communities in the West San  
13 Gabriel Valley together has not only delivered us the San  
14 Gabriel National Monument, but also has brought federal  
15 momentum on addressing the rise in hate violence against  
16 our communities, and addressing the immense visa backlog  
17 that disproportionately impacts Asian immigrant  
18 communities, especially in these communities.

19       We hope that you'll include the entirety of the  
20 existing Assembly District 49 to be included in the  
21 Congressional district with Pasadena and the West San  
22 Gabriel National Monument, much like the way it is today,  
23 which includes the heavily Asian-American populated  
24 Cities of Monterey Park, Alhambra, Rosemead, San Gabriel,  
25 Arcadia, and Temple City unified with the West San

1 Gabriel National Monument.

2 Thank you so much for your time today.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now -- right  
5 now we will have Unique ID 021. And up next after that  
6 will be 016.

7 021, I will be promoting you now. 021, you can now  
8 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
9 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper what  
10 district plan and region you'll be speaking about. The  
11 floor is yours.

12 MR. PERRY: Thank you. Michael Perry here from Big  
13 Bear Lake, Congressional District, High Desert S Sam B as  
14 in boy. Hello, Commissioners. Thank you for your  
15 dedication and time. I know this is an incredible effort  
16 for you.

17 I'm a thirty-eight year resident of Big Bear, I work  
18 for our Visitors Bureau, and I wanted to comment on  
19 Congressional map High Desert SB. Our community is  
20 extremely rural and working class, and we really thank  
21 you for listening to us, and keeping us connected to our  
22 brother rural communities in the desert, in the High  
23 Desert and San Bernardino County here.

24 Being also in the National Forest, we are greatly  
25 affected by the Federal Government policies, and we need

1 a representative that will advocate for us, just like our  
2 desert brothers, our desert communities in San Diego  
3 County, in the High Desert that is surrounded by  
4 government land, a lot of BLM land out there, and they  
5 also need a strong voice in Washington to fight for their  
6 needs, just like ours up in the forest.

7 Our communities also, both in the Desert and in Big  
8 Bear deal with a lot of rural, transit, and  
9 infrastructure issues, and the High Desert SB District  
10 gives us a strong voice to advocate for these issues,  
11 both in Washington, and then the Assembly map, VVHD (ph.)  
12 also helps us, you know, in Sacramento.

13 So please keep us included with the High Desert, as  
14 you have, and as is recommended. And thank you for  
15 listening to us, and letting -- letting our voices be  
16 heard. Have a great day.

17 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. You as well.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
19 have 016. And up next after that will be 003.

20 016, I will be promoting you now. 016, you can now  
21 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
22 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of  
23 what district plan and region you'll be speaking about.  
24 The floor is yours.

25 MR. FLORA: Good afternoon, this is in reference to

1 the Yolo Lake District. So good afternoon, Chair Taylor  
2 and Commissioners. I'm Alan Flora. I'm city manager for  
3 the City of Clear Lake in Lake County.

4 The City Council has submitted a comment at various  
5 stages through this process. We have had concerns about  
6 each version of the visualization maps that have been  
7 shared. But the draft maps which are in place now before  
8 you we believe place Clear Lake and Lake County right  
9 where we belong, not only in the Congressional District,  
10 but also the Assembly and Senate Districts.

11 Lake County has been split over the last ten years,  
12 Congressionally, and we believe our representation has  
13 suffered as a result of that. So I just want to say  
14 thank you for listening to our concerns, and the  
15 community's concerns. We fully support the draft maps  
16 that are in place now, and Lake County's placement in  
17 them. We request you adopt them with no further changes  
18 for Lake County.

19 So with that, thank you for your work on this  
20 difficult but very important task.

21 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And now we'll have 003.  
23 And up next after that will be 018.

24 003, I will be promoting you now. 003, you can now  
25 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of

1 your screen. And the floor is yours.

2 MS. O'BRIEN: Good afternoon. My name is Jan  
3 O'Brien, and I'm responding to the CD North Coast draft.  
4 I'm an architect, and the mother of two children that we  
5 raised in Marin, attending public schools. My husband  
6 and I have lived here for over twenty-five years. I'm  
7 also an active Methodist and serve as trustee in the Mill  
8 Valley Church. My husband and I purchased a beautiful  
9 rural property in Sonoma County fifteen years ago for our  
10 retirement.

11 We built our dream house there three years ago, but  
12 nearly lost it in the Painted Cave Fire. That fire raced  
13 from the Russian River through our Oakwood winds with  
14 over 70-mile-per-hour winds torching everything in its  
15 path. Fortunately, the firefighters who drove up  
16 declared our house defensible and saved it.

17 We are forever grateful for their efforts on our  
18 behalf. We also credit its defense to the fact our house  
19 was built to current fire codes, and that the evacuation  
20 was very well handled.

21 Good government provides this leadership in high  
22 risk areas. I think that governments that face these  
23 dangers together can coordinate their efforts and be most  
24 effective. Back in Marin, it's clear to me that aspects  
25 of the North coast that we love, such as plentiful open

1 space, and dramatic mountain terrain, are part of the  
2 ever-growing fire mitigation challenge.

3         We need Marin to learn from Sonoma, and vice versa.  
4 I also know that having Highway 101 and the SMART Train  
5 improved to serve for evacuations is vital since fire can  
6 start anywhere. In your work to configure communities of  
7 interest within electoral districts, I would like to ask  
8 for my family and the thousands of people harmed by  
9 wildfire -- wildfire that you keep high-risk areas  
10 together.

11         I thank you for grounding your work and listening to  
12 community. The draft maps are excellent. As you  
13 approach drawing final maps, I urge you to double down on  
14 your solutions-oriented approach.

15         One area that could need attention is Santa Rosa,  
16 which may need to be split for population purposes, in  
17 order to keep the highest fire-risk area together, please  
18 consider splitting Santa Rosa along the Northern and  
19 Eastern portions of the city, which have been repeatedly  
20 devastated by wildfire in the past few years.

21         These Northeast portions along and above Highway 12  
22 will be best represented in the North Coast District.  
23 This is because our neighbors to the North share our  
24 great wildfire risk. Lake and Mendocino Counties are  
25 actively working with Sonoma County on innovative

1 mitigations and --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MS. O'BRIEN: -- receiving grants to do so. Thank  
4 you so much for your work. Thank you especially for  
5 ensuring effective representation by keeping these  
6 coastal communities that are so deeply impacted by fire  
7 together. Thanks.

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have  
10 018. And up next after will be 017.

11 018, I will be promoting you now; 018, you can now  
12 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
13 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper what  
14 district plan and region you'll be speaking about. The  
15 floor is yours.

16 MR. NORTON: Good evening, Commissioners. I would  
17 like to speak about the Cupertino of Central Santa Clara,  
18 San Benito District. My name is -- my name is Wayne  
19 Norton. Thanks for bringing that up. My name is Wayne  
20 Norton, and I live in San Benito County.

21 And first of all, I want to thank you, the  
22 Commissioners, for all the work that you've done. I know  
23 this has been a difficult task and -- and hard work.  
24 And -- and I truly appreciate your -- your work.

25 My particular concern is the Southern portion of

1 that district, of the Cupertino District, because it --  
2 it actually -- it separates a very important community of  
3 interest. You know, the San Benito County and the  
4 Salinas Valley are actually more -- are considered to be  
5 part of the Monterey Bay area. That's where we get all  
6 of our regional planning, the water, the traffic, all  
7 the -- the housing considerations. It all comes from the  
8 Monterey and not from Santa Clara County.

9       And I'm particularly concerned about how this  
10 district has the potential to split Latino votes,  
11 especially when you go South in that district down  
12 towards King City, and it splits the -- it splits our  
13 district away from Salinas. And Salinas is one of the  
14 largest agricultural markets in the -- in the world, and  
15 this area South of the Santa Clara County line is very  
16 much -- the district is called Cupertino.

17       I know the mappers are having a little -- a  
18 difficult time finding it. But ironically, because  
19 Cupertino is not in that district, I don't believe. But  
20 I mean, it splits our very agricultural-based communities  
21 away from the major market. And in our part of the  
22 world, Salinas is more than just an AG center, it's also  
23 the place of a lot of cultural interest, religious  
24 interest, there's a lot of communities of interest  
25 that -- that revolve around there.

1           And so Salinas, and the Salinas Valley, and San  
2 Benito County ought to be connected no matter how you  
3 draw that district they ought to be connected.

4           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5           MR. NORTON: And one point I want to make is, there  
6 is no media outlet, print or -- or on the air that covers  
7 San Benito County or Salinas -- in Santa Clara County  
8 that covers us as their main area. All of our news  
9 coverage, all the information --

10          MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

11          MR. NORTON: -- we get, comes from -- from Salinas  
12 print and electronic media. Thank you.

13          CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you very much for your  
14 comments.

15          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
16 017. And up next after that will be 008.

17          017, I will be promoting you now. 017, it appears  
18 that there may be a slight connectivity with promoting  
19 you to the audio and video option. I will be attempting  
20 the audio-only option at this time with the -- allowed to  
21 talk, please unmute. The floor is yours.

22          UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name's Alyssa  
23 (ph.), I will be speaking toward the Fresno/Tulare  
24 Congressional District. I am calling to make a comment  
25 on communities of interest as a resident of rural Kings

1 County I feel the City of Fresno does not belong with the  
2 current draft for a Fresno/Tulare Congressional District,  
3 because its urban population doesn't reflect the  
4 overarching communities of interest within this district.

5 I believe the City of Fresno would be better  
6 incorporated by a neighboring district such as the  
7 STANFRESNO draft district, which shared communities as  
8 locally represented by the Fresno County Board of  
9 Supervisors, and Fresno City Council. The Fresno/Tulare  
10 Congressional should, instead, include a larger portion  
11 of Kings County, which would preserve the rural roots of  
12 the district's communities of interest. Thank you.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
15 have 008. And up next after that will be 033.

16 008, if you will please -- or no -- I will -- I will  
17 be promoting you now; and 008, similar to our previous  
18 caller, there appears to be a slight connectivity issue  
19 with promoting you to the audio and video option. I will  
20 be doing the audio-only option at this time, if you'll  
21 please follow the prompts to unmute on your screen.

22 008, you should be able to unmute at this time. And  
23 one more time, unique ID 008 there should be a big prompt  
24 in the middle of your screen that says, please unmute at  
25 this time. I do apologize for the issues, 008. I will

1 come back to you. You can also leave and rejoin, that  
2 may help with the connectivity. And reraise your hand.

3 At this time I'll be going to 033. And up next  
4 after that will be 024.

5 033, I will be promoting you now. 033, you can now  
6 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
7 your screen. And if you will, please remind the mapper  
8 of what district plan and region you will be speaking  
9 about. The floor is yours.

10 MR. PAINTER: Good afternoon, Chair and  
11 Commissioners. I'm going to be talking about CD  
12 Sacramento -- Sacramento CD map. My name is Noah Painter  
13 and I am a resident of the City of Sacramento, and a  
14 member of the Pocket-Greenhaven Community Association.  
15 It's a neighborhood organization in the Southwest area of  
16 the City of Sacramento.

17 I'd like to thank the Commissioners for your  
18 recognition that the City of Sacramento should be kept  
19 together before you made and issued the latest draft  
20 maps. But I do express some deep disappointment that the  
21 draft Congressional map, as presented, cuts Sacramento  
22 right down the middle of Downtown and Midtown Sacramento.

23 The City of Sacramento shares common cultural and  
24 economic interests, values, and priorities. These draft  
25 maps split Sacramento's LG -- LGBTQ and African-American

1 communities, which should be kept together. From  
2 Natomas, which is at the Northern boundary of the City of  
3 Sacramento to East Sacramento along the American River,  
4 to the Pocket area where I live, our neighborhoods share  
5 much in common.

6 We're located along two great rivers. And many of  
7 us have spent a better part of our last two decades  
8 pushing for federal funding to protect our communities  
9 levees. It's critical that our communities not be split  
10 as currently designed, because this will dilute the  
11 collective voice and reduce our ability to advocate  
12 when -- when trying to mitigate the impact of flood risk  
13 in the City of Sacramento.

14 I respectfully urge the Commission to revise the  
15 draft map, to make adjustments to CD Sacramento to  
16 include all of Downtown and Midtown, and keep Sacramento  
17 whole. This can be accomplished by moving the Northern  
18 portion of downtown and midtown Sacramento up to the  
19 American River in the CD Sacramento map. Thank you for  
20 taking my comment.

21 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
23 024. And up next after that will be 026.

24 024, I will be promoting you now. 024, you can now  
25 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of

1 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of  
2 what district plan and region you will be speaking about.  
3 The floor is yours.

4 MR. BURNETTE: Good afternoon. I'll be speaking to  
5 the Kings, Tulare, Kern VRA district, and the Fresno/Kern  
6 District, and specifically, if you could zoom in on the  
7 Stockdale Highway region of Bakersfield, that would be  
8 helpful.

9 I'm asking that the Commission please take Stockdale  
10 Estates, Stockdale Country Club, Sunningdale Country  
11 Club, and Seven Oaks Country Club out of the Kings/Tulare  
12 VRA District. These are predominantly White, affluent  
13 communities that do not have any connection to the rural  
14 Latino communities of Delano, Wasco, or Arvin, or Kings  
15 County.

16 Most of these areas are well over sixty percent  
17 White CVAP, and many of them are more than seventy-five  
18 percent White CVAP. Given the current population makeup  
19 and the rapid ongoing development of these areas, keeping  
20 them in the Kings, Tulare, VRA District will virtually  
21 guarantee that Latino voters will not be able to elect  
22 the candidate of their choice for more than one or two  
23 election cycles.

24 The Commission has already recognized that Stockdale  
25 States did not belong in the Kings/Tulare VRA district

1 and removed it from the corresponding Assembly district  
2 last week, and I'm asking that you make the same changes  
3 to the Congressional maps.

4 In addition, last week, Commissioner Fornaciari  
5 pointed out that the current Congressional Districts in  
6 Bakersfield are separated by Highway 99 to the East, and  
7 Taft Highway to the South; the Gingles VRA maps that were  
8 provided by Mr. Becker showed the same boundaries, and  
9 those submissions matched the Dolores Huerta Foundation's  
10 recommendations. Those boundaries do make sense for this  
11 community. They protect the voting power of these  
12 Bakersfield, Delano, Wasco, and Arvin Latino communities.

13 The ripple effects of this change will be limited  
14 because the Commission can simply take the City of  
15 Visalia and put it in the Kings/Tulare VRA district.  
16 There is a higher Latino CVAP in that area, and they  
17 would be removing a lot of White -- White CVAP as a  
18 result.

19 Additionally, I'd like to point out to the  
20 Commission that the existing Congressional District that  
21 covers West Bakersfield and East Kern currently covers  
22 part of Lancaster. If the Commission opts to decouple  
23 Fresno and Bakersfield in these maps, expanding the  
24 districts that we're --

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 MR. BURNETTE: -- into Lancaster makes a lot of  
2 sense because we are connected through Edwards Air Force  
3 Base and China Lake Naval Weapons Lab, that connection  
4 between West-Southwest, Bakersfield, East Kern, and  
5 Lancaster had existed in these Congressional Districts  
6 for at least the last twenty years, I believe, and it's  
7 worked out quite well. So something to consider. I  
8 really appreciate you taking the time. Thank you.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
11 have a unique ID 026. And up next after that will be  
12 002.

13 026, I will be promoting you now. 026, you can now  
14 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
15 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of  
16 what region and district plan you'll be referencing. The  
17 floor is yours.

18 MR. BERNSTEIN: Thanks very much. I will be  
19 referencing the North Coast District. My name is Richard  
20 Bernstein, and I've lived in Marin County, North of San  
21 Francisco for the past forty-five years.

22 I have a long history of volunteer involvement  
23 directed towards kids and community. I've managed three  
24 overnight camps for children with disabilities, was a  
25 court-appointed special advocate working with foster

1 children for fourteen years. And I'm currently the vice  
2 chair of the Board for the Federation of San Rafael  
3 Neighborhoods in Marin.

4 I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for  
5 listening to the communities of interest in the North Bay  
6 and our -- and our North Coast neighbors. I truly want  
7 to commend you, as a group, for your ability to balance  
8 the competing interests that are -- that are appealing to  
9 you. This is no easy feat.

10 Your thoughtfulness, attention to detail, and  
11 service to all Californians is appreciated. Your maps  
12 reflect the needs of a wide array of individuals and  
13 communities. You have managed to keep the North Coast  
14 whole while also respecting the request from tribal  
15 communities in the farther North to ensure that their  
16 lands were not divided.

17 Your maps also reflect how we in the North Bay  
18 recognize and value our natural separations. For  
19 example, the integrity of our coast, though the Highway  
20 101 and smart train, and Freeway Transportation  
21 Corridors, and recognizing the Golden Gate Bridge as our  
22 logical Southern boundary.

23 Keeping Marin County whole and extending into  
24 Southern Sonoma County just makes good sense. Thank you  
25 so much for recognizing that. I appreciate your effort.

1 And I appreciate the opportunity to offer these comments.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now will have  
5 002. And up next after that will be 029.

6 002, I will be promoting you now. 002, you can now  
7 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
8 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
9 region and district plan you'll be referencing. The  
10 floor is yours.

11 MS. RAMOS: Good afternoon. My name is Belia Ramos,  
12 and I am referring to CD Yolo Lake District. I'm a  
13 supervisor for the County of Napa, which includes the  
14 City of American Canyon. I'm incredibly grateful of the  
15 Commission's efforts in redrawing districts with  
16 communities of interest at the forefront of all decision  
17 making process.

18 The Yolo Lake District map is mindful of the  
19 importance of keeping Napa County whole, and likewise our  
20 neighbor Lake County whole. I thank you for recognizing  
21 the importance of having an agriculturally based wine  
22 growing region represented at the Congressional level.  
23 These values are shared with our neighbor wine growing  
24 regions of Sonoma and Lake Counties.

25 I also want to thank you, as the prior caller

1 stated, for listening to us by placing Marin and Napa  
2 counties in separate Congressional Districts, the  
3 agricultural regions are different from coastal regions.  
4 And I thank you for that recognition.

5       Last week during a visualizations public hearing,  
6 the Commission discussed moving -- potentially moving the  
7 City of American Canyon into the North Coast District  
8 draft. As the second largest city in Napa County,  
9 American Canyon's population of 21,800, its industries,  
10 and geographical placement are an integral part of Napa  
11 County's agricultural, and agritourism industry.

12       The County of Napa and its respective jurisdictions  
13 work collaboratively to advocate for the unique standing  
14 of our county as the preeminent wine region in California  
15 and the United States. Since 2017, fifty percent of Napa  
16 County has burned and we have been the unfortunate  
17 recipient of seven federally declared disasters during  
18 that time.

19       We have learned through these disasters that we are  
20 better together. Our resiliency and our advocacy is  
21 effective at the state and federal level because we, the  
22 county and its jurisdiction, speak with one voice. Our  
23 county being wholly contained within one Congressional  
24 District is vital to our weathering the storms of the  
25 past, and what is coming our way.

1           Thank you in advance for not using American Canyon  
2 as a way to make other districts work, the Southern  
3 portion of Napa County the City --

4           MR. MANOFF:   Thirty seconds.

5           MS. RAMOS:   -- of American Canyon is worthy of  
6 remaining within our greater community of interest, in  
7 keeping Napa County whole in the CD Yolo Lake District.  
8 Thank you for your time.

9           CHAIR TAYLOR:   Thank you.

10          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR:   Thank you so much.   All  
11 right, now you'll have 029.   And up next after that will  
12 be 022.   I would like to invite those that have a unique  
13 idea between 001 and 037, to please use the raised hand  
14 button at the bottom of your screen, as you have an  
15 appointment during this session.   That is 001 through  
16 037 -- oops, I apologize, through 038. Right now we will  
17 have 029.   And up next will be 022.

18          029, I will be promoting you now.   029, you can now  
19 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
20 your screen.   If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
21 district plan and region you'll be speaking about.   The  
22 floor is yours.

23          MR. WALDMAN:   Thank you.   The San Fernando Valley --  
24 close enough.   Thank you.   Stuart Waldman from VICA.   I  
25 want to thank you so much for all you've done.   And as

1 I've said before, if these are the maps, we're happy. We  
2 would accept these. You've done a great job. You've  
3 listened. It's been tremendous.

4       However, things are going to change, minds are going  
5 to shift, and things may happen. So there is a small  
6 suggestion that we'd like to make that would make some  
7 changes. I know that Santa Monica somehow ended up in a  
8 San Fernando Valley District, they don't want to be with  
9 us, we don't really want to be with them. But if we have  
10 to, we'll take it.

11       So one of the solutions that we came up with is a  
12 four-district swap, we wanted to make it easy, and we'll  
13 send this information, that will connect Santa Monica  
14 with the coast to the South in the appropriately named  
15 Shoreline District. The SFDC would give its part of  
16 Northridge to the Malibu SFDC, and would gain to Tujunga  
17 from Glendale to VA (ph.) Glendale to VA would give  
18 Studio City, Toluca Lake, North Hollywood to the Malibu  
19 SFDC, and would gain the previously divided West  
20 Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Westwood, West Side  
21 Neighborhood Council from the Shoreline seat.

22       The Shoreline seat would gain Santa Monica, and  
23 Southern Brentwood, and Palisades from Malibu SFB. This  
24 benefit, it would have more than ninety-two percent of  
25 the Malibu SFBC population would be North of Mulholland

1 Drive, which us, and quite a few people have said we're  
2 hoping for, it would protect valley communities,  
3 Northridge would be unified in one district. Tujunga  
4 would no longer be with West Hollywood, would rather be  
5 in a valley seat, along with Rural Valley  
6 neighborhoods --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MR. WALDMAN: -- Studio City would be in a pure in a  
9 pure valley seat. And then another benefit is West  
10 Hollywood would be unified and connected with neighboring  
11 West Side communities, like Beverly Hills, and the other  
12 West Side areas, which are all part of the --

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

14 MR. WALDMAN: -- West Side Council of Governments.  
15 So I know that was a little confusing. I'll submit it  
16 with the shape file. And as I said before, thank you,  
17 and we're happy with what you've done so far.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And now we will have 022.  
20 And up next after that will be 012.

21 022, I will be promoting you now. 022, you can now  
22 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
23 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of  
24 what district plan and region you'll be speaking about.  
25 The floor is yours.

1 MS. PESANTE: Good afternoon. I would like to look  
2 at the Congressional Districts in the Central Valley,  
3 specifically Kern -- Kings, Tulare, Kern and Fresno.

4 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

5 MS. PESANTE: My name is Lori Pesante. And I have  
6 been directing the redistricting efforts at all levels of  
7 government for the Dolores Huerta Foundation. We have  
8 consolidated a Central Valley Equitable Maps Coalition  
9 consisting of individuals and organizations that are  
10 extremely interested in ensuring that Voting Rights Act  
11 communities are prioritized in this process.

12 It has been very difficult for underserved VRA  
13 populations in our valley to participate at the state  
14 level. We have submitted proposed maps for Kern, Fresno,  
15 Kings, and Tulare counties prioritizing these VRA  
16 communities. And as Central Valley residents we know  
17 that CVAP and other metrics have to be very high for VRA  
18 districts to actually be effective. It's not packing.

19 There's very little White-crossover voting. And  
20 indeed there have been Proud Boys at every one of the  
21 redistricting hearings I've been participating in at the  
22 local level. And there simply isn't enough coalition  
23 voting to justify lowering the thresholds.

24 Please use our Central Valley Equitable Maps  
25 Coalition submissions as examples of what these

1 thresholds should look like in the Central Valley. We  
2 believe that since we are looking at the Latino  
3 population, in particular, in most cases, that the  
4 population should be at least sixty-five percent, CVAP at  
5 least fifty-five percent, voting registration at least  
6 hitting the fifty percent mark.

7       Therefore, Central Valley Latino effectiveness  
8 metrics must be very high to not be perpetually outvoted  
9 by Non-Voting Rights Act communities. Your current draft  
10 maps at all levels do not meet these effectiveness  
11 metrics, and we fear that you are creating districts that  
12 will completely disenfranchise our Latino populations and  
13 other communities of color for the next ten years.

14       Please note that the following, in particular under  
15 Congressional maps, should not be in a VRA district.  
16 Here, in the City of Bakersfield, the following census  
17 tracts should not be in a VRA district: 32.21, 32.12,  
18 28.11, 28.22, 28.23, 28.18 --

19       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20       MS. PESANTE: -- 28.07, and 28.04. These are in the  
21 Bakersfield area, and should in no way, shape or form be  
22 included in a VRA district. Making this adjustment at  
23 all levels will be tremendously --

24       MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

25       MS. PESANTE: -- beneficial for your effectiveness

1 thresholds. Thank you very much for the opportunity, and  
2 for listening to Central Valley residents.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, now you will  
5 012. And up next after that will be 004.

6 012, I will be promoting you now. 012, you can now  
7 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
8 your screen, and if you will, please remind the mapper of  
9 what district plan and region you'll be discussing. The  
10 floor is yours.

11 MS. LUBIN: I will be addressing concerns in the  
12 25th District map.

13 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

14 MS. LUBIN: Thank you. Good afternoon,  
15 Commissioners. My name is Kathleen Lubin. And it's  
16 great to speak with you today and address some concerns  
17 over the 25th District Map, primarily because Simi Valley  
18 is leaving us in exchange for the San Fernando Valley,  
19 which is part of the City of Los Angeles.

20 I've lived in Santa Clarita for a long time, and I  
21 can tell you that the San Fernando Valley is very, very  
22 different than Santa Clarita, and does not share the same  
23 issues that we face. Both Simi Valley and Santa Clarita  
24 are very prone to wildfires, and every summer and fall we  
25 have to worry about the dangers that these catastrophic

1 wildfires do to our communities.

2       Personally, in 2000 -- in 2019, the Tick Fire burned  
3 right through our neighborhood and it was terrifying.  
4 Moreover, the City of Los Angeles, which is part -- which  
5 the San Fernando Valley is part of, uses the Department  
6 of Water and Power while we run on Southern California  
7 Edison. A totally different utility company that our  
8 representatives should be fighting to regulate to prevent  
9 any kind of public safety power shutoff like the one  
10 Santa Clarita and Simi Valley have to endure.

11       They can't get entangled with a totally different  
12 department, like that of the water and power, while  
13 shaping public policy that helps our community, and the  
14 San Fernando Valley doesn't have to endure.

15       So I urge you, Commissioners, please, keep the San  
16 Fernando Valley with its respective districts, and Santa  
17 Clarita and Simi Valley together when making the next  
18 map. Thank you for listening. Have a good day.

19       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

20       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have  
21 004. And up next after that will be 025.

22       004, I will be promoting you now. 004, you can now  
23 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
24 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of  
25 what district plan and region you will be addressing.

1 The floor is yours.

2 MR. ANDALON: Hi. Yes, I will be using the audio  
3 option only. Then I will be addressing CDNELA (sic), or  
4 N-E-L-A.

5 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead please.

6 MR. ANDALON: Good evening, everyone. My name is  
7 Daniel Andalon. I am cofounder and president of  
8 Neighborhoods Rise Coalition. We're a coalition that  
9 came together during the pandemic to work hand-in-hand,  
10 to engage hearts to reach communities about COVID-19  
11 vaccines and mutual aid opportunities. We have grown to  
12 expand our engagement to other community issues currently  
13 redistricting.

14 We have followed, commented, and submitted feedback  
15 to the Commission, the Commission's visualizations, and  
16 we are happy to say that CDNELA (sic) is very, very to  
17 what we have been advocating for. We believe that  
18 although there have been changes in demographics in the  
19 Northern portion of this geographic area, communities  
20 like Eagle Rock that's part of the City of Los Angeles  
21 must remain with this district when final lines are  
22 drawn, as it offers a balance of diversity to the greater  
23 East side, not to mention the historical connections.

24 Further, Eagle Rock shares municipal services,  
25 utilities, school districts, as well as municipal, and

1 even natural boundaries with its Los Angeles  
2 neighborhoods. Let's make our district whole.

3 Finally, we ask that you use similar logic and  
4 philosophy to keep these communities together for the  
5 state boundaries as you move ahead. Thank you again for  
6 your work, and look forward to speaking with you again  
7 soon.

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
10 have 025. And up next after that will be 031.

11 025, I will be promoting you now. 025, you can now  
12 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
13 your screen. And if you please remind the mapper which  
14 district plan and region you'll be addressing. The floor  
15 is yours.

16 MR. TRAN: I will be addressing the San Diego  
17 region. So hi Commissioners. My name is Jean-Huy Tran,  
18 and I am the president of the nonprofit, Home Viet Vote,  
19 we focusing on voting education for the AAPI community  
20 and now specifically the Vietnamese community here in San  
21 Diego.

22 I am involved in a lot of redistricting organizing  
23 in the San Diego County, and the CD Commission processes  
24 that are going on right now. And I want to share my  
25 thoughts about how that work can assist in what you're

1 doing at the State and Congressional levels.

2 The AAPI community had come together to advocate for  
3 community of interest within San Diego that was -- that  
4 should be reflected in all the maps at every level of the  
5 government. This community of interest includes Mira  
6 Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Carmel Valley, University City,  
7 and the UCSB Campus, Linda Vista, and the Convoy Business  
8 District.

9 Mira Mesa had been a long time Filipino's community,  
10 as well as a Vietnamese community there. Rancho  
11 Penasquitos and Carmel Valley have been around a long  
12 time, they have grown very fast since the 56th Freeway  
13 was completed. The Northern part of the University City  
14 is called, UTC, and has been basically an extension of  
15 the UCSB Campus.

16 So please don't try to divide this community with  
17 the 5 Freeway, the way some of the City Commissioner  
18 have. We have a lot of students who have been mobilizing  
19 around this area that I would really appreciate it, if  
20 you can listen to their advocacy at that point.

21 Also when it basically because it's come to the  
22 situation of student housing at UCSB, many of the  
23 students actually live in Mira Mesa because it's more  
24 affordable, and La Jolla is not affordable for the  
25 student. And the Convoy Business District right off the

1 Freeway 52, between the 163 and the 805 at the center of  
2 the AAPI --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 MR. TRAN: -- group and (audio interference). Every  
5 one (audio interference) communities collaborates and  
6 map, and we organized for at the city level, and the  
7 draft map --

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

9 MR. TRAN: -- (indiscernible) our community has  
10 adopted where we in the San Diego County we deserve  
11 respect. Please keep it together for the Congress,  
12 Assembly, and Senate. Thank you.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
15 have 031. And up next after that will be 030.

16 031, I will be promoting you now. 031, you can now  
17 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
18 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of  
19 what district plan and region you'll be addressing. The  
20 floor is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm a resident of Yorba  
22 Linda, and I wanted to comment on the lines of North  
23 Orange County district. I notice that the recent draft  
24 maps have split North Orange County into three different  
25 Congressional Districts, but if you live in Yorba Linda,

1 Brea, Anaheim Hills, you will know how similar these  
2 cities are.

3 If the goal is to keep the similar communities  
4 together, then any map should have these cities in one  
5 Congressional district, we deserve one representative  
6 that can fight for improved highways, affordable housing,  
7 and our economic priorities. Thank you.

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now you'll have  
10 030. And up next after that will be 009.

11 030, I will be promoting you now. 030, you can now  
12 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
13 your screen. If you'll please let the mapper know what  
14 district plan and region you would like to address today.  
15 The floor is yours.

16 030, it would appear that you are either still on  
17 mute on your phone, or your speaker -- your microphone  
18 is -- is not selected correctly. We are not hearing you.  
19 But you are unmuted in the meeting. It would be a  
20 microphone selection on your device, in your audio  
21 settings, the little caret next to the microphone.

22 We see you connecting the audio. Are you talking?

23 030, I do apologize for the audio issues. It appears  
24 that your microphone is not coming through in the  
25 meeting. I would suggest calling -- oh, wait. There you

1 are. We'll try one more time. I would suggest calling  
2 in. We do have your phone number and we will be able to  
3 identify you. We are not hearing you here. It appears  
4 there's some connectivity issues as well.

5 All right; one moment, one moment, all right. Right  
6 now we have 009. And up next after that it will be 019.

7 009, I will be promoting you now. 009, you can now  
8 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
9 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
10 district plan and region you would like to address today.  
11 The floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Good afternoon,  
13 Commissioners. Thank you very much. I am joining you  
14 today to address San Benito County -- San Benito County  
15 and the Monterey County region. And specifically, it's  
16 titled VCD Cupertino, and VCD Midcoast.

17 Thanks so much. I know that this must be very  
18 difficult work. So thank you for this. I've been tuning  
19 in and it's both fascinating and exhausting. I have been  
20 a lifelong resident of San Benito County. I care deeply  
21 about our community, which is why I sought this  
22 appointment. I also serve on the California Coastal  
23 Commission.

24 My family immigrated to San Benito County from  
25 Mexico in search of a better life in the 1960s. They

1 joined tens of thousands of other Latinos, similar to  
2 them, who moved to this area in search of opportunity for  
3 themselves and for their children. It's an incredible  
4 region.

5       The communities in the San Benito and Monterey  
6 County region have opened the door to opportunity to  
7 hundreds of thousands of immigrants. We're all really  
8 proud to call this area home. Immigrants like my family  
9 that have really benefited from being represented by the  
10 same member of Congress. For decades our representatives  
11 have heard our unified voice, and have acted in the best  
12 interests of our region, where our rural towns and cities  
13 have so much in common.

14       Not only do we share one of the largest populations  
15 of farm workers in the United States, but we also share  
16 so much more. Our rural communities are linked by  
17 critical rail, by roads, by waterways. We have joint  
18 government authority that oversees our transportation  
19 infrastructure. We have so many -- so many interests, I  
20 can spend the entire day telling you why it makes sense  
21 for these communities to be joined together.

22       The current district lines do not take into  
23 consideration the fact that these communities are  
24 communities of interest and share so much in common. You  
25 dilute our voice by splitting San Benito County away from

1 Salinas and into a district with San Jose.

2 San Diego County should not be nested with Silicon  
3 Valley and the City of San Jose. While we love our  
4 neighbors -- neighbors to the North, we believe we share  
5 more in common with our own agricultural region. That's  
6 the Salinas Valley. So I ask you to consider --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- uniting Salinas and the  
9 San Benito County, which is Hollister and San Juan  
10 Bautista, with their natural neighbors just a few miles  
11 away from them. The Salinas -- the City of Salinas and  
12 the Salinas Valley, in a previous visualization --

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- that you published on  
15 November 2nd did just that. So I ask you to go back to  
16 that. It just makes sense to unite those two  
17 communities. It's what I know many people in our  
18 communities are talking to you about today. It's really  
19 meaningful to us. So thank you very much for your  
20 service, and for your time.

21 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And you described the  
22 process on the notes. Thanks again.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
24 have 019. And up next, after that will be 035.

25 019, I'll be promoting you now. 019, you can now

1 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
2 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of  
3 what district plan and region you'll be addressing. The  
4 floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right, yes. Good  
6 afternoon, Commissioners. I hope you're all having a  
7 beautiful day. I'm calling from Santa Clarita, which is  
8 CA-25 District. And it's regarding the most recent map,  
9 adding the San Fernando Valley with our district and  
10 removing Simi Valley from it; not a good idea.

11 Simi Valley has always been attached to our  
12 community due to the fact that we are both suburban  
13 cities outside of Los Angeles, and we want -- like  
14 outside of Los Angeles, and a lot of the workers working  
15 in the Antelope Valley's awesome aerospace industry.

16 So I understand, some people think the San Fernando  
17 Valley wants to be in the district because sometimes  
18 people drive on the freeway there. But ultimately, the  
19 San Fernando Valley is so vast, and it's very unique  
20 since it is part of the City of Los Angeles. Adding them  
21 to the 25th District instead of Simi Valley does not  
22 allow for the San Fernando Valley to be properly  
23 represented, especially when the North part of the  
24 district, like Lancaster, is an hour away.

25 Many more Simi Valley residents pass through Santa

1 Clarita and work in Santa Clarita or in the Antelope  
2 Valley than in San Fernando. So I'm really asking to  
3 keep Simi Valley with Santa Clarita and the Antelope  
4 Valley in order to properly have the representatives  
5 who -- who'll fight for our issues, just like we want the  
6 San Fernando Valley, they deserve someone who will fight  
7 to represent them and their communities in Washington,  
8 D.C. Thank you all so much for your time. Really  
9 appreciate it.

10 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
12 right now we have 035. And up next after that will be  
13 036.

14 And caller with the last four 6271, which would be  
15 unique ID 030, if you will, please press star nine, this  
16 will raise your hand, and I will be coming to you  
17 shortly.

18 035, I'll be promoting you now. 035, you can now  
19 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
20 your screen. And please remind the mapper of what  
21 district plan and region you would like to address. The  
22 floor is yours.

23 MR. GARCIA: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name  
24 is Leon Garcia. I'm the Mayor of the City of American  
25 Canyon, located in South Napa County. I appreciate your

1 interest and discussion on keeping communities of  
2 interest together.

3 We are an integral part and an essential part of the  
4 wine industry. American Canon is the logistics center  
5 for warehousing and distribution. Warehouses as large as  
6 650,000 square feet, that's about eleven football fields  
7 I'm told, are located in America Canyon to take advantage  
8 of our proximity to major highways, and railroad access  
9 to markets as far away as the East Coast.

10 With our neighboring Cities of Vallejo and Benicia,  
11 Solano County, we share transportation infrastructure  
12 needs for moving goods and workforce to essential and  
13 local regional economic vitality. I'm requesting that  
14 you keep us together in the same Congressional district  
15 that includes these boundaries. This would best serve  
16 the needs of our communities of interest, and with  
17 respect to assuring economic vitality. I thank you for  
18 your appreciation and consideration of this matter.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
21 unique ID 036 (sic). And up next, after that will be  
22 unique ID 030, as caller 6721, I believe. Right now we  
23 will have -- I will promote 036. 038, you can now enable  
24 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your  
25 screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what

1 district plan and what region you would like to address.

2 The floor is yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Yes, I'm 038. And  
4 I'm from Mono County in the little Town of Bridgeport,  
5 which is the county seat, and I had spoken previously at  
6 the earlier time when you were doing the redistricting.  
7 And I really appreciate that you -- of all the work  
8 you've done. And also that you have taken us out of the  
9 High Desert region, which really doesn't have the same  
10 communities of interest as we do.

11 And I did want to note that the biggest division in  
12 our district should be the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the  
13 top of the mountains, and we are on the Eastern side.  
14 And everything of -- of concern in our community of  
15 interests is the wilderness, and the federal lands, and  
16 tourism, and small business, and better health care, and  
17 also the broadband.

18 And I notice everything is great, except you have  
19 dipped into Modesto, which is not contiguous at all to us  
20 in the winter, because all the passes are closed and so  
21 you can't get there. So we travel North as much as  
22 possible in the winter to get health care and other --  
23 other services.

24 So I know that population numbers are important to  
25 you, so we would really appreciate if we would be

1 included North to Placerville -- Placer County, rather, a  
2 little bit to Roseville, or include us in Nevada County,  
3 because that continues to be on the Eastern side of the  
4 Sierra Nevada. And that's our main concern because we  
5 really do have the same communities of interest. But  
6 that's kind of what I'd like to say. And I really  
7 appreciate all the hard work. I can't imagine all the  
8 work you do. So thank you so much.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will be  
11 going to unique ID 030. And up next after that we will  
12 do 036; it looks like their hand actually got lowered  
13 right -- as they've been promoted before.

14 Unique ID 030, if you will please follow the prompts  
15 to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

16 MS. PRATT: Yes.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

18 MS. PRATT: Hello, hello. Hello, can you hear me  
19 this time?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

21 MS. PRATT: Great. Thank you. Sorry for the  
22 technical difficulties. I'm out in the field. My name  
23 is Beth Pratt, and I am the regional executive director  
24 for the National Wildlife Federation. And I am speaking  
25 today on behalf of the Ventura map.

1           We, as the National Wildlife Federation, work on a  
2 number of conservation issues for both wildlife and  
3 people nationwide with about six million supporters. My  
4 role is to manage California, but the biggest project we  
5 work on is within the Santa Monica Mountains to  
6 facilitate wildlife movements across landscapes, and  
7 putting in wildlife crossings, and improving  
8 connectivity.

9           The Santa Monica Mountains is one such area that we  
10 look at from a very regional perspective. And the City  
11 of Agoura Hills, which is under the proposed mapping,  
12 taken out of the Santa Monica Mountains ecologically  
13 would create a number of issues, especially for the  
14 various land management agencies here about this  
15 ecological connectivity.

16           Just a bit about the Santa Monica Mountains; it is a  
17 unique ecosystem, it is one of -- located in one of just  
18 two biodiversity worldwide hotspots within the United  
19 States. It's home to almost fifty mammal species, nearly  
20 400 species of birds, 35 species of reptiles and  
21 amphibians, and over 1,000 plant species, and within  
22 those, more than 50 species are threatened and  
23 endangered. And that's among the highest concentrations  
24 of such in the country.

25           So managing this ecosystem and the totality, and

1 having it split among Congressional districts would be  
2 tough from a conservation and biological perspective. So  
3 we thank you for listening. We do have, again, species  
4 who are threatened, like the mountain lion within this  
5 region, and we really urge you to reconnect the City of  
6 Agoura and others to the Santa Monica Mountains, which is  
7 not being reflected in the Ventura County map.

8 Thank you for your time in allowing us to give  
9 public comment.

10 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
12 have 036. And up next after that will be 008.

13 036, I will be promoting you now. 036, you can now  
14 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
15 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of  
16 what district plan and region you would like to address.  
17 The floor is yours.

18 MR. KURDIAN: Well, good morning, ladies and  
19 gentlemen of the Commission. Thank you so much. My name  
20 is Armen Kurdian. I'm a Navy veteran, a Vista resident  
21 for over five years, and I'm calling regarding North San  
22 Diego County map, SOCTACNSD (ph.), which encompasses the  
23 North Saint -- North -- cities up here in the North  
24 County.

25 I want to thank the Commission for listening to

1 public's input on this matter, and unifying the cities --  
2 the Tri-City community of Oceanside, Vista, and Carlsbad  
3 into one Congressional district in your draft map.

4       And my call today is to basically continue to  
5 reinforce that -- that unification; because these are  
6 draft maps and things can change. We three cities, we  
7 share the same hospital district. They're all served by  
8 the Tri-City health care district, which --which is in  
9 Oceanside, the hospital. It provides essential medical  
10 care, community emergency services for residents all over  
11 the Tri-City area, including my home City of Vista which  
12 we rely on when we all need the help.

13       Also, our local School District of Vista Unified,  
14 ties North County communities, District 1 has Vista and  
15 Oceanside, we're all kind of tied together. District 2  
16 can cover Vista and San Marcos residents, and parts of  
17 the San Marcos unified the School District include  
18 Carlsbad neighborhoods.

19       And I can tell you, as a member of the Vista Chamber  
20 of Commerce, the number of business owners who either  
21 reside in San Marcos and have a business here in Vista,  
22 or reside in Vista and have a business in San Marcos, or  
23 Carlsbad are -- are quite numerous. We all share a lot  
24 of common bonds, including a common transit corridor out  
25 of 78, which cuts across -- cuts across all of our

1 cities.

2       So I want to thank you for keeping it all together,  
3 but by extension, I would like this same consideration to  
4 be given to, and I'll also try to call in again tomorrow  
5 or in the near future, regarding the draft Assembly maps,  
6 which have our cities divided; because our cities -- our  
7 four cities share much more in common than -- than, say,  
8 our North County cities do with, say, Laguna Niguel, or  
9 Vista does with the City of Bonsall, or the City of  
10 Carlsbad does with -- with Coronado.

11       So I would like to again, thank you for keeping the  
12 cities together. Please consider keeping our three  
13 cities or even four cities --

14       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15       MR. KURDIAN: -- together in a -- in a single,  
16 unified district. Continue your good -- good work. And  
17 wish you all the best. Thanks for your time and  
18 consideration.

19       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

20       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
21 have 008. And up next after that it'll be 032.

22       008, I'll be promoting you now. 008, you can now  
23 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
24 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
25 district plan and region you would like to address. The

1 floor is yours.

2 MS. BUBSER: Good afternoon, Commissioners. I would  
3 like to address CDECA (ph.) draft this afternoon.

4 MR. MANOFF: Thank you, go ahead.

5 MS. BUBSER: Good afternoon. My name is Chris  
6 Bubser, and I'm a resident of Mammoth Lakes in Mono  
7 County in the Eastern Sierra. Citizens across the Sierra  
8 Nevada have attended multiple meetings and we gave oral  
9 and written comments about why we need a Sierra District.  
10 Visualizations we saw throughout the process seemed  
11 to be heading in the right direction. So when the draft  
12 maps were released we were shocked when we learned that a  
13 few Commissioners redrew the maps with significant  
14 impacts on our area. On the day the draft maps were  
15 approved, it felt like it had no regard for all the  
16 effort we put in.

17 While this had an impact beyond our area, we can  
18 only speak of what we know. We know that our part of  
19 California is literally caught between a rock and a hard  
20 place. The rock is the ridge of the Sierra Nevada which  
21 has no road across it. The hard place is the Nevada  
22 State border. There's no option for our district except  
23 to go North or South because we have physical boundaries.  
24 And the only reasonable community of interest is the rest  
25 of the Sierra Nevada heading North.

1           In order to comply with the five criteria for  
2 redistricting, maps simply cannot be drawn by starting  
3 with one county in the center of the state and thereby  
4 letting the ripple effects make districts that don't  
5 comply with the regulations for redistricting. This will  
6 result in endless lawsuits, and we'll make the 2020  
7 Election untenable.

8           So hastily redrawing the maps broke the principle of  
9 contiguity. CDECA as a draft as it stands is untenable.  
10 A small example of why is that a trip from Mammoth Lakes  
11 to Fresno County which is seventy-nine miles as the crow  
12 flies, is a 379-mile greater than five-hour trip by car.  
13 So in no way can Fresno and Mono Counties be considered  
14 contiguous.

15           We've said this repeatedly and it seemed like --  
16 like everyone had heard us. You also added the City of  
17 Modesto, something that has never been contemplated in  
18 any prior visualization throughout this entire process.

19           One of the Commissioners said it best: Modesto is a  
20 total Central Valley city. We've also discussed the fact  
21 that each travel --

22           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23           MS. BUBSER: -- we travel North on 395 to routes 350  
24 and 80 (ph.) to access the rest of California. We  
25 understand that achieving the population target for

1 Sierra District presents a challenge, but it can be  
2 achieved by going East in Placer County towards  
3 Roseville.

4 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

5 MS. BUSBER: Please hear what we are saying. Thank  
6 you for your time. We'll be so grateful.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
9 have unique ID 032, I will be promoting you now. 032,  
10 you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left  
11 corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the  
12 mapper of what district plan and region you would like to  
13 address. The floor is yours.

14 MS. FAIRBANKS: Hi. My name is Nancy Fairbanks, and  
15 I am referring to Santa Clarita CDAVSCD (ph.). The City  
16 of San -- Santa Clarita is an independent city with a  
17 population of almost 220,000. Your current draft map  
18 shows it connected with San Fernando, which is a part of  
19 the City of Los Angeles, which is the -- which is  
20 connected to the second-largest city in America with a  
21 population of almost four million.

22 Santa Clarita Valley is similar to Simi Valley in  
23 regards to its community. The original for the last many  
24 years, we've always been attached to the Simi Valley.  
25 Simi Valley and Santa Clarita are both (indiscernible)

1 communities for people that work in Los Angeles,  
2 particularly public sector workers like police, fire  
3 fighters and teachers.

4 San Fernando Valley is a denser population, and if  
5 it is merged with Santa Clarita Valley, then we cannot be  
6 properly represented because we are so different. The  
7 safety of Santa Clarita is served by the County of Los  
8 Angeles Sheriff and Fire. San Fernando Valley is served  
9 by their own municipality, the Los Angeles Police  
10 Department, and Fire Department.

11 With the increase of crime, a representative would  
12 have to understand both ordinances of the L.A. County and  
13 City of Los Angeles. A representative would naturally  
14 focus to San Fernando Valley since it is part of such a  
15 large city. Again, almost four million, while Santa  
16 Clarita Valley is only a smaller population of 220,000  
17 and our voices will be diluted.

18 Santa Clarita's power is fueled by -- we're powered  
19 by Southern California Edison. We rely on the public  
20 safety power shutoffs to prevent wildfires, which we  
21 battled multiple times a year, especially during the  
22 summer. Santa Clarita has its own water system, the  
23 Santa Clarita Valley Water, the San Fernando Valley uses  
24 Los Angeles Department of Water and Power in the  
25 municipality. Santa Clarita, again, is more prone to

1 wildfires, and we need a representative --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MS. FAIRBANKS: -- that can focus on wildfire  
4 preventions without having to worry about LADWP's  
5 regulations. It's important San Fernando remains with  
6 the -- its own sister city, Van Nuys, Pacoima, Arleta,  
7 Panorama City --

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

9 MS. FAIRBANKS: -- Sylmar, part of the Sun Valley  
10 and North Hollywood, again with the City of Los Angeles,  
11 and allow Santa Clarita to remain in the Simi Valley.  
12 Thank you so much for all you do.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And Katy, with that, we  
14 will go into our break. We will return at 4:45 p.m.

15 Callers, don't hang up. We are eagerly awaiting  
16 your -- your comments. Thank you.

17 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:31 p.m.  
18 until 4:45 p.m.)

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Welcome back, California, to today's  
20 Congressional Map Feedback Session.

21 Before we proceed, I need to correct times that were  
22 given for the following sessions: Saturday the 20th  
23 session will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Monday and  
24 Tuesday of next week, the 22nd and 23rd, those meetings  
25 will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 -- to 2:30 p.m.

1           So perhaps it was my desire to sleep in a little bit  
2 later. But we have an earlier start for those meetings.

3           I now give you back to the capable hands of Katy,  
4 our comment moderator.

5           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

6           Welcome to the Congressional Map Feedback Session.  
7 If you have not done so already, please use the raised  
8 hand button at the bottom of your screen, if your unique  
9 ID ends in 039 through 081, for session two.

10           You will be identified by your assigned unique ID  
11 number received in your invite for this session. When it  
12 is your turn to speak, I will be promoting you to have  
13 the ability to enable your own audio and/or video which  
14 will be located in the lower left corner of your screen  
15 once you have been promoted.

16           Public in the -- public input time limit is two  
17 minutes and thirty seconds. You will receive a verbal  
18 warning at thirty seconds remaining, and fifteen seconds  
19 remaining in your speaking time. There will also be an  
20 active timer on the screen for your convenience. When  
21 you start your input, please identify which district plan  
22 and region you will be providing input on. And please  
23 one more time, use the raised hand button at the bottom  
24 of your screen if your unique ID ends in 039 through 081.

25           And it looks like 034 -- are you still here? It

1 appears they have left, unfortunately.

2 Right now we will have 039 -- oops, I apologize.  
3 Wait, hold on, I'm getting assistance. 034, ah, I see  
4 you. 034, you will be going first. And up next after  
5 that will be 039.

6 034, I will be promoting you now. 034, you can now  
7 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
8 your screen. And if you'll please remind mapper of what  
9 region -- district plan and what region you will be  
10 addressing. The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Can everyone hear  
12 me?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Sarah  
15 (ph.) and I am representing the Central Valley region. I  
16 just want to start off by saying, I'm from Bakersfield,  
17 and that I'm sure that you've heard our comments and  
18 testimony for my community over the past weeks and  
19 months. And I just wanted to say that I'm sure balancing  
20 the needs of the entire state must be incredibly  
21 complicated, but that I appreciate the fact that you're  
22 listening to my community in Kern, and the Central Valley  
23 more broadly.

24 Anyways, I just want to appreciate and uplift you  
25 guys because you're hearing the concerns of my community.

1 The Central Valley is a special place with the special  
2 needs that are different from the rest of California.  
3 And it seems like the Commission is doing a great job of  
4 balancing our needs with the needs of the rest of the  
5 state.

6 Thank you for your time and keep up the good work.  
7 I appreciate everything you guys have done, and  
8 hearing -- hearing our voices.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
12 have 039. And up next after that will be 066.

13 039, I will be promoting you now. 039, you can now  
14 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
15 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
16 district plan and region you'll be addressing. The floor  
17 is yours.

18 MS. DEW: Thank you. I am addressing North Contra  
19 Costa, Solano County map. Thank you, Commissioners, for  
20 your time and participation on this effort. My name is  
21 Pippin Dew, I'm Council Member for the City of Vallejo.  
22 And I just wanted to reshare a letter that the City sent  
23 to the Commission prior to this current draft,  
24 Congressional district map being released, as it does  
25 still pertain today.

1           And dated August 5th, and the letter states, "On  
2 July 27, 2021, the City of Vallejo adopted a resolution  
3 articulating the City's position on California  
4 redistricting efforts. The City Council of the City of  
5 Vallejo strongly encourages and respectfully requests  
6 that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
7 keep the City of Vallejo in the State Senate district,  
8 Congressional district, and State Assembly district that  
9 includes other Solano County cities in order for the city  
10 to be represented effectively.

11           "The current district profiles of State Senate  
12 District 3 and Congressional District 5, represents the  
13 city's communities of interest, as it includes other  
14 Solano County cities, and the neighboring City of  
15 American Canyon. However, the Council feels the current  
16 State Assembly district does not accurately represent the  
17 city's interests. State Assembly District 3 includes the  
18 Cities of Vallejo and Benicia, in addition to Contra  
19 Costa County.

20           "The City of Vallejo is separated from Contra Costa  
21 County by a bridge and represents a population different  
22 than that of Vallejo, because of the physical boundary  
23 and difference in communities of interest, the City of  
24 Vallejo respectfully requests that we be kept within the  
25 same State Assembly districts as neighboring cities in

1 Solano and Napa County. Please feel free to contact the  
2 city if there are any other questions."

3 And I would also, from a personal voice, say that in  
4 addition to the body of water and the bridges that  
5 separate us, there are bridge tolls on both of the  
6 bridges that separate us as well. So there is a  
7 financial burden present --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MS. DEW: -- in that separation. That's all today.  
10 Thank you so much. Appreciate your time.

11 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
13 have 066. And up next after that will be 063.

14 066, I will be promoting you now. 066, you can now  
15 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
16 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of  
17 what district plan and region you'll be addressing? The  
18 floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I'll be  
20 addressing the Mid Coast Maps, specifically San Luis  
21 Obispo. To be blunt, I'm not really thrilled with the  
22 draft maps. You've split our county in all three plans,  
23 sometimes in ways that don't even make sense. And  
24 clearly San Luis Obispo is getting the short end of the  
25 stick in this redistricting.

1 Well, that being said, that being the case, we do  
2 have some requests to serve our community better. And I  
3 will be speaking about the Assembly Senate because I  
4 don't have time to address on the other day. So at least  
5 with the Assembly and the Senate, if you do continue to  
6 split our county, please do so using the same lines.  
7 That way, at least everyone will know who is going North  
8 and who is going South.

9 And being stuck in no man's land is between going in  
10 different directions for state legislative representation  
11 can leave people effectively with no representation.  
12 With regards to the Congressional it's always, of course,  
13 preferable to us not to split us. But if you're going to  
14 be splitting us, at least make the lines similar to  
15 the -- to the other districts. And continue to keep us  
16 out of the inland area, doesn't make any sense to put us  
17 in with Kern County we have -- we share nothing with them  
18 whatsoever.

19 So the only thing that I can say that's good about  
20 these maps right now is that you at least keep us along  
21 the coastal lines with Monterey or -- and/or Santa  
22 Barbara. And I do continue to see these maps from other  
23 groups and other individuals who have nothing connected  
24 with San Luis Obispo, and they keep trying to draw us  
25 into Kern County. So please stay away from that.

1           And with that, I thank you. And conclude my  
2 remarks.

3           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

4           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
5 have 063. And up next after that will be 053.

6           Unique ID 063, I will be promoting you now. Unique  
7 ID 06 -- oops, there it goes. It just decided to (audio  
8 interference).

9           Unique ID 063, you can now enable your audio and  
10 video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you  
11 will please remind the mapper of what district plan you  
12 would like to address, and region. The floor is yours.

13          MR. PERRY: Thank you for the promotion. I get to  
14 tell my wife about it. Can you hear me?

15          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. And you  
16 sure can.

17          MR. PERRY: Great. I am talking about the San  
18 Bernardino or High Desert -- I'm sorry, San Bernardino  
19 area. I live in Big Bear. That's it. Thank you guys  
20 very much for the input, and taking all the time to hear  
21 everybody speak, it's very appreciated, as everybody else  
22 has said.

23          My name is Mason Perry. I'm a thirty-seven year  
24 resident of Big Bear. And I wanted to provide my  
25 perspective as a business owner and a member of the Big

1 Bear Chamber of Commerce on the draft maps that are  
2 affecting us. One of the unique things about our  
3 community is how isolated we appear. However, our  
4 businesses are very closely tied to other rural  
5 communities. Our transit corridors are able to link us  
6 to those communities.

7         And the three routes to get off the mountain from  
8 Big Bear, which is similar to other mountain communities,  
9 can become -- can become congested during the winter  
10 season. So the fastest route and the best way off of the  
11 mountain is by taking Highway 18 down into the desert  
12 through Lucerne. Oftentimes Highway 330 will be blocked  
13 due to snow or even landslides, depending on weather,  
14 this also means that supplies and travel is often  
15 directed through Highway 38, that's on the East end of  
16 the Valley into Yucaipa, or Highway 18 from the High  
17 Desert.

18         In times of crisis, these transit corridors also  
19 allow -- vital to our safety and of our community, to let  
20 us get off the hill if we need to egress. During  
21 wildfires we need these transit corridors open for  
22 evacuations or to bring other resources up to the  
23 community, this one thing that we have in common with  
24 businesses and communities throughout the rural parts of  
25 San Bernardino County.

1           And what I want to say is this is why I support the  
2 draft Congressional map, High Desert SD the way that it's  
3 drawn, because my community and other rural communities  
4 like it, are connected --

5           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6           MR. PERRY: -- to this map. And you can see the  
7 Commission has really taken the time to address our  
8 concerns, and make sure that they have taken them  
9 seriously. And we really appreciate that. I want to  
10 encourage you to keep this map similar as you move  
11 forward with your amendments.

12          MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

13          MR. PERRY: And I know that you cannot make  
14 everybody happy, but we really appreciate the ability to  
15 give input, and that you guys have listened to us so far.  
16 And I get to tell my wife that I got a promotion. So  
17 thank you very much.

18          CHAIR TAYLOR: Congratulations. And thank you.

19          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now we will  
20 have a unique ID 053. And up next after that will be  
21 078. Unique ID 053, as you have called in, if you'll  
22 please follow the prompts to unmuted by pressing star  
23 six. The floor is yours.

24          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I'd like to  
25 reference the Fresno/Tulare Congressional District.

1 Hello, Commissioners. Thank you for your time and for  
2 all the work you've been doing with Congressional maps.  
3 I'd like to comment on the Fresno/Tulare Congressional  
4 draft.

5 It is my belief that the City of Fresno should be  
6 removed from the Fresno/Tulare draft Congressional  
7 district because the district's communities of interest  
8 are overwhelmingly rural, and Fresno is not. Fresno's  
9 urban population should be included in a district that  
10 shares local representation on the Fresno County Board of  
11 Supervisors, and Fresno City Council, such as STANFRESNO.

12 As a resident of rural Tulare County and the  
13 proposed Fresno/Tulare Congressional district, I feel the  
14 Fresno/Tulare District should rather incorporate more of  
15 rural Tulare County to maintain the rural nature of the  
16 district. Please take this into consideration. Thank  
17 you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
19 right now, we will have 078. And up next after that will  
20 be 051.

21 078, I'll be promoting you now. 078, you can now  
22 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
23 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of  
24 what district plan and region you'd like to address. The  
25 floor is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Madam Chair, and  
2 Commissioners. Tonight I want to discuss the  
3 redistricting efforts in Orange County, particularly  
4 around the Coast of Orange County. But first I want to  
5 express my gratitude to each of you for taking on the  
6 mission of listening to all residents of Orange County  
7 and California. You have been challenged with the  
8 difficult task, and your willingness to step up and take  
9 it on demonstrates a true commitment to your communities.

10 Living in Huntington Beach, California. I want to  
11 achieve two things with my comments this evening. First,  
12 I would like to argue that that the lines, as they are  
13 currently drafted, do not provide satisfactory  
14 representation to the different communities along the  
15 Coast of Orange County. And I do mean "communities"  
16 plural, as the Orange County coast is not a singular  
17 being.

18 Each city has its own feel, its own vibe, and its  
19 own community of interests that penetrate inland. There  
20 are lively and unique differences among coastal  
21 communities that make it difficult to incorporate it into  
22 one district, and expect an elected official to provide  
23 adequate constituency services.

24 I can tell you that Huntington Beach shares much  
25 more in common with surrounding inland areas such as

1 Westminster and Fountain Valley than it does really with  
2 Laguna Beach. For instance, the Huntington Beach Union  
3 High School District covers the Cities of Huntington  
4 Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster.

5 This School District goes inland, not along the  
6 coast, because it recognizes that the need of the coast  
7 differ, but Ocean View School District, Fountain Valley  
8 School District, and the Huntington Beach City School  
9 District are three more examples of Huntington Beach  
10 being grouped with inland areas and communities, not the  
11 coastal community.

12 At the beginning of my comments I thanked you for  
13 being -- for taking on this role to provide  
14 representation to all Californians and all residents of  
15 Orange County; the fact of the matter is that the current  
16 maps do not fulfill your responsibilities to make sure  
17 everyone has a representative who represents their  
18 interests.

19 I want to close on this message. Please do not  
20 place the entire Orange County coastline under one  
21 district. I know it's easy to do, but it's not what is  
22 right. Thank you.

23 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
25 have 051. And up next after that will be 074.

1           051, I'll be promoting you now. 051, you can now  
2 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
3 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of  
4 what district plan and region you'd like to address. The  
5 floor is yours.

6           MR. MULLER: Thank you very much. I'm actually  
7 calling about Orange County as well as the South County  
8 District from Dana Point. My name is Joe Muller.

9           And Commissioners, I would like to draw your  
10 attention to public comment number 24650, which is  
11 distressing to our community, as it shows up out-of-town  
12 partisan interests are attempting to gerrymander OC, and  
13 split our communities of interest for their own personal  
14 political gains.

15           And the comment: It is clear that the -- that the  
16 attempts to divide the OC Coast are specifically  
17 engineered to protect the political power of San Diego  
18 area of political interests. You have heard overwhelming  
19 testimony that the OC Coast should be kept together. Yet  
20 it seems that the Commission is more interested in  
21 listening to a small minority of public testimony that  
22 has come explicitly from partisan sources.

23           Respectfully, it would do great damage to the  
24 integrity of the California Independent Citizens  
25 Redistricting Commission if these partisan political

1 interests were able to prevail over the needs of the  
2 overwhelming majority of the community members you  
3 receive.

4 Dana Point shares very little in common with  
5 Oceanside. We have an entire marine base, the largest  
6 marine base in the world, separating our city from the  
7 next -- the next contiguous city in our district. We  
8 share far more in common with Laguna Beach, Newport  
9 Beach, and even Huntington Beach, regardless of what the  
10 previous speaker said. And I do understand that the  
11 issue that they -- it does need to reach inland as well,  
12 because we do have communities of interest that are as  
13 important to us inland as our coastal partners.

14 However, if you split Orange County into multiple  
15 districts and add Southern Orange County into San Diego,  
16 you're doing a great disservice to the constituency in  
17 North or South Orange County.

18 I appreciate your time. And I respect the tough --  
19 the tough work you have in front of you. It's hard to  
20 help everybody reach their -- their goals. And I respect  
21 all the work you're doing. And I hope you can take this  
22 into consideration. Thank you.

23 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
25 have 074. And up next after that would be 049.

1           074, I'll be promoting you now. 074, you can now  
2 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
3 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper what  
4 district and region you'd like to discuss. The floor is  
5 yours.

6           MS. WARNER: great. Thank you so much. Commission,  
7 My name is Karen Warner, and I live in Modesto in  
8 Stanislaus County. I'm calling today about the Central  
9 Valley Congressional and Senate draft maps.

10           I strongly urge you to return to the November 2nd  
11 visualizations for both the Senate and Congress in  
12 Stanislaus and Merced Counties. I was born and raised in  
13 Stanislaus County, and I'm now raising my family here.  
14 As you have heard from many other Valley residents, we do  
15 not share common interests with Sierra Mountain County.  
16 It is completely illogical to put these two deeply  
17 distinct regions in any districts together.

18           Your November 2nd visualizations showed that this  
19 Commission understood and respected that dynamic. But  
20 the most recent draft maps split Stanislaus in both the  
21 Senate and Congressional plans. You have drawn a  
22 majority of my community out of the valley and thrown us  
23 in with an enormous mountain region that we do not  
24 identify with.

25           Our interests and our voices in the Modesto area

1 have been gutted in these new maps. We have become  
2 collateral damage to keep San Joaquin County whole,  
3 despite sharing far deeper connections with the Cities of  
4 Tracy and Manteca than with far-flung regions like Tahoe  
5 and Death Valley.

6 Stanislaus and Merced Counties should not be treated  
7 as an afterthought. Our families and our communities, as  
8 you know, should not be treated as collateral damage.  
9 Stanislaus and Merced have next to nothing in common with  
10 mountain counties and cities. We are valley people,  
11 richly diverse communities grounded in an agricultural  
12 economy.

13 Our local economy, our commuter dynamics, and  
14 infrastructure needs are water interests, and the day-to-  
15 day routines of where we socialize, shop, and get medical  
16 care, and live our lives, is concentrated very squarely  
17 in Stanislaus, Merced, and San Joaquin counties. We are  
18 not part of the mountains. As a Modesto resident whose  
19 family lives and works here, I also want to encourage you  
20 to keep the deeply interconnected Tracy, Manteca, and  
21 Modesto communities united as you did in the November 2nd  
22 visualizations.

23 Again, your November 2nd maps for Congress and  
24 Senate were far better for the hundreds of one thousands  
25 of residents of the Northern San Joaquin Valley. We are

1 unique, and cohesive, economic, and social regions --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MS. WARNER: -- San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced  
4 counties. I really urge the Commission as you balance  
5 the many priorities you face, especially the two Central  
6 Valley Commissioners, to stand up for our communities and  
7 do better for the Northern San Joaquin --

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

9 MS. WARNER: -- Valley. Thank you so much for your  
10 time.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
12 have 049. And up next after that will be 055.

13 049, I'll be promoting you now. 049, you can now  
14 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
15 your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of  
16 what district plan and region you'd like to discuss. The  
17 floor is yours.

18 MR. KOSMICKI: Hi. My name is Kollin Kosmicki, I'm  
19 addressing the Cupertino and Mid coast Regions. I'm the  
20 District 2 supervisor on the San Benito County Board, and  
21 I'm speaking in opposition of placing San Benito County  
22 into the Cupertino map for a variety of important  
23 reasons.

24 First off, I must say there's a widespread  
25 opposition to this change in San Benito County, which

1 historically has been a mainstay as part of the Central  
2 Coast Congressional District.

3       Currently District 20, represented by Jimmy Panetta,  
4 and formerly under representation of former Congressmen  
5 Sam Farr and Leon Panetta. Frankly, I've heard numerous  
6 concerns about this dramatic shift, and have not heard  
7 one person locally who is in favor of such a radical  
8 move.

9       I also want to note that I supported a letter of  
10 opposition against this dramatic change as a member of  
11 the County Board. And today I'm speaking as an  
12 individual and representative of District 2, largely  
13 comprised of the Western portion of our county, which is  
14 largely agricultural.

15       And here's why I oppose the change. We've  
16 historically been associated with this Central Coast  
17 region that fits in line with our demographics. I can  
18 tell you, firsthand, San Bernardino County residents  
19 absolutely don't want to be lumped in as an afterthought  
20 as part of the Silicon Valley region.

21       Many people, in fact, moved to San Benito County to  
22 escape from Silicon Valley culture. And we're really  
23 proud of our agricultural heritage, and agricultural  
24 identity. We truly are an agricultural community, or a  
25 blue-collar community with a largely Latino population.

1 We're not part of Silicon Valley in any way other than  
2 the fact that we border this region.

3       Additionally, San Benito is strongly tied to other  
4 Central Coast communities in countless other ways, and  
5 this move would greatly diminished generations of  
6 relationships and associations, and would lead to a  
7 cultural and political identity crisis for our community.  
8 In other words, San Benito County residents tend to think  
9 of Monterey and Santa Cruz as true neighbors and  
10 partners. The same cannot be said, necessarily, of Santa  
11 Clara County and Silicon Valley.

12       That said, I strongly believe our county is a  
13 community of interest in its own right. When you  
14 consider our largely Hispanic population, our  
15 demographics in general, our geography, and other areas  
16 of interest as they relate to the Central Coast, and  
17 we're a community of interest whose influence in  
18 Washington, D.C. would be vastly degraded under the  
19 proposed changes.

20       Mind you, we already face significant disadvantages  
21 as a small rural community that must scrap every bit of  
22 political clout we can muster, which tends to be very  
23 little. Please don't quell our voice --

24       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25       MR. KOSMICKI: -- any further by lumping us in with

1 a much more urbanized and big-city culture. Please keep  
2 San Benito County as part of the Central Coast  
3 Congressional District so we can maintain some semblance  
4 of a voice in national politics. Thank you.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have  
7 055. And up next after that would be 042.

8 055, I'll be promoting you now. 055, you can now  
9 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
10 your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of  
11 what area -- what district map -- what district plan you  
12 will be discussing, and region. The floor is yours.

13 MS. HASLETT: Thank you very much, Commissioners,  
14 for listening to me. My name is Marjorie Haslett. I've  
15 lived in the Antelope Valley for forty years. I am a  
16 strong supporter of veterans. We do much business with  
17 the Antelope Valley, which includes Santa Clarita and  
18 Simi Valley.

19 I do want to thank you all for -- I do thank you all  
20 for extending the border up to the Kern County line,  
21 because there was a little section of the Antelope Valley  
22 that was in the other district. Thank you for doing  
23 that, but then we've also lost some of Simi Valley.  
24 Would you please include that again into this district?

25 The Antelope Valley, as I learned last week at a

1 Veterans Day event, when the county people were speaking,  
2 that they thought the veterans were well served  
3 throughout the county. And they said, no, the Antelope  
4 Valley is the most supportive community. I know Simi  
5 Valley also has a strong veteran community, veterans  
6 cross all socioeconomic and ethnic boundaries. I would  
7 like to see Simi Valley brought back into this district.

8 And what was put into San Fernando Valley District,  
9 please remove us from that section because we really do  
10 not -- we do not have that much in common with San  
11 Fernando. It is more with Simi Valley. I would like to  
12 see that reinstated into this district. And again, thank  
13 you for the extension of the little section of the  
14 Antelope Valley that was in the other district.

15 With that, thank you. Please support our veterans  
16 by making this a stronger veteran district. It wasn't --  
17 it was before and now with this draft it is not. I would  
18 like to see that again. Thank you so much. Have a great  
19 day.

20 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
22 042. And up next after that will be 062.

23 042, I'll be promoting you now. 042, you can now  
24 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
25 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what

1 district plan and region you will be addressing. The  
2 floor is yours.

3 MS. DIRKS: Hello. I'm going to be talking about  
4 San Bernardino County and Monterey County, and  
5 specifically the map that was published on November 7th.

6 Thank you, Commissioners. It's an honor to join you  
7 to share my perspective, and the perspective of the  
8 many -- many of my constituents that call San Benito  
9 County home. My name is Betsy Dirks, and I currently  
10 serve as a member of the San Benito County Board of  
11 Supervisors. I've never engaged in the redistricting  
12 process, but after receiving many calls from my  
13 constituents, regarding the most recent Congressional  
14 maps, I felt compelled to speak today.

15 We support the Congressional maps released on  
16 November 2nd, which keep Eastern Monterey County,  
17 Salinas, the Salinas Valley, Watsonville, and San Benito  
18 County in the same Congressional district. These are all  
19 similar communities that face similar issues. We do not,  
20 however, support the current maps, which tear us apart  
21 from our neighbors, which we have much in common with.

22 We share similar government agencies, county  
23 alliances, transportation corridors, media markets, and a  
24 large Latino community; which has benefited from being  
25 represented by similar officials at the state and federal

1 level.

2 In fact, San Benito County and Monterey County are  
3 home to one of the largest farmworker communities in the  
4 country. And these communities should be kept whole.

5 The maps introduced November 7th removes San Benito  
6 County from our rural neighbors in Monterey County and  
7 add us into a Congressional district that includes  
8 Silicon Valley, and the City of San Jose, an area which  
9 we do not have anything in common with.

10 We are strongly against the current lines as  
11 proposed. The current lines will do a tremendous  
12 disservice to our community and would dilute our voice at  
13 all levels of government.

14 I have seen firsthand the direct benefit of working  
15 with our neighbors in Salinas, Watsonville, and the  
16 Salinas Valley. I ask you to please reconsider these  
17 lines and join San Benito County and Monterey County in  
18 the same Congressional district. This is the right thing  
19 to do, and will ensure that our local residents receive  
20 the best possible representation.

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 MS. DIRKS: I appreciate your time and your service  
23 to our state. Thank you.

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will

1 have 062, and up next after that will be 080.

2 062, I will be promoting you now. 062, you can now  
3 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
4 your screen. And if you will please remind the macro of  
5 what district, plan, and region you would like to  
6 address, the floor is yours.

7 MR. CREFFIELD: Good evening, Commissioners. This  
8 is Mark Creffield, president and CEO of the Greater High  
9 Desert Chamber of Commerce. I wanted to say that I  
10 served on our San Bernadino County Redistricting  
11 Commission, and I have a great deal of respect for your  
12 work. I wanted to comment on the draft Congressional  
13 maps, San Bernadino High Desert. Our organization sent a  
14 letter last week, and I felt it was essential to follow  
15 up. While this is not the map we presented to the  
16 Commission, we feel this does do an excellent job of  
17 keeping San Bernadino County high desert whole and  
18 connected. We think this is very important for several  
19 reasons.

20 Still, one that doesn't get talked about much is how  
21 rural communities in the San Bernadino County high desert  
22 and mountains depend on federal lands. Over 80 percent  
23 of the San Bernadino County high desert lands are owned  
24 by the military, national parks, or the Bureau of Land  
25 Management. From the Morongo Basin to Phelan, our local

1 economy is directly affected by the preservation and  
2 protection of these lands to help bring tourism and  
3 livable wage jobs to the desert. This is not true of  
4 communities around us in Los Angeles or the valley. That  
5 is why we support Congressional map San Bernadino high  
6 desert because it gives rural communities affected by  
7 federal lands in the mountains and desert a direct say in  
8 who represents them and will be a voice to advocate for  
9 those communities.

10 Also, the map combines several rural communities  
11 that have critical infrastructural needs. Whether you  
12 are in the mountains or high desert, storms, flashfloods,  
13 or wildfires can shut down small, rural transit arteries  
14 like highway 18. From Big Bear, Apple Valley, highway  
15 247 from Yucca Valley to Kern Valley, or highway 38 from  
16 Big Bear to Yucaipa, that connects our rural communities.

17 We need a voice in insuring we have the  
18 infrastructure community unity need, which is why we  
19 support both the San Bernardino County high desert  
20 Congressional map, and the Victor Valley high desert  
21 Assembly map.

22 The only suggested change we have is to include  
23 Wrightwood, with the rest of the tri-communities of  
24 Leland and Pinon Hills. This also balances both  
25 Congressional map San Bernadino High Desert as well CD

1 210.

2 Thank you, and please see our letter for more  
3 information. Have a great evening.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
6 080, and up next after that will be 048.

7 080, I'll be promoting you now. 080, you can now  
8 enable your audio and video in the lower left corners of  
9 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of  
10 what district, plan, and region you would like to  
11 address, the floor is yours.

12 MS. YAP: Hi. I'm looking to address the San  
13 Gabriel Valley around CD-210.

14 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

15 MS. YAP: Great. My name is Nancy Yap, and I'm the  
16 executive direction of the Center for Asian-Americans  
17 United for Self-Empowerment. I represent over a hundred  
18 community leaders and 34 organizations serving the San  
19 Gabriel Valley today, a community that is both iconically  
20 LA and iconically Asian-American. From social media  
21 influencers to foodie blogs, San Gabriel Valley is known  
22 for the businesses and neighborhoods that are home to one  
23 of the largest Asian-American populations in the United  
24 States.

25 Gathering community input, we heard passionate

1 stories about the cities on these maps. Stories about  
2 churches, nonprofit services, family homes, and  
3 businesses, all within a few steps of each other and  
4 across multiple city lines. Stories about Asian-American  
5 elected officials who came from these communities, some  
6 of the first Asian-Americans to represent us locally and  
7 nationally. Yet here we are, still fighting for the  
8 right to be recognized. We may not be 50 percent of the  
9 population in our district, but as a minority community  
10 we should also be protected as we grow, build coalitions,  
11 amplify our voice, and bring leadership that has brought  
12 our positive impact.

13 In West San Gabriel Valley, the cities of Monterey  
14 Park, Alhambra, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Temple  
15 City, and Arcadia, have Asian-American and Pacific  
16 Islander majority, and should be in the same  
17 Congressional district. All but San Marino are in the  
18 same Assembly and state Senate districts in the draft  
19 maps, yet the cities are split at the Congressional level  
20 in a way that dilutes the political power of the Asian-  
21 American community. The Asian-American community in the  
22 East San Gabriel Valley is also identifiable by retail  
23 plazas, churches, temples, and language schools. The  
24 communities of Hacienda Heights, Walnut, Rowland Heights,  
25 and Diamond Bar, should remain together in a district

1 with neighborhoods that reflect similar economic  
2 conditions, which may cross county lines into North  
3 Orange County and San Bernardino.

4 We ask the Commission to take these Asian-American  
5 communities into consideration, moving forward. They are  
6 both niche communities that are growing, and diluting the  
7 community in either area will set back organizing efforts  
8 by decades.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MS. YAP: Thank you. Thank you, all, for your time  
11 and your service.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
14 048, and up next after that will be 040.

15 048, I'll be promoting you now. 048, you can now  
16 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
17 your screen, and the floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I need to get to my speech --  
19 okay. Dear Commissioners, thank you, all, for your  
20 thoughtful work. I'm from Joshua Tree, and I am a  
21 teacher, wife, and a mom to an eleven year old. For  
22 weeks, the visualizations you created -- I'm sorry. I'm  
23 doing MORCOA. Yes. In the Eastern San Bernardino. For  
24 weeks, the visualizations you created appropriately  
25 placed the Morongo Basin the Banning Pass in Western

1 Coachella region. Hence the name, VCD\_MORCOA. However,  
2 on November 10th, the draft was drastically changed from  
3 the November 7th map, to place the Morongo Basin back  
4 into a Congressional district with the Victor Valley  
5 area. I strongly disagree with this, and asking you to  
6 please return to the November 7th maps, connecting the  
7 Morongo Basin with Coachella Valley.

8       The Morongo Basin, of about 60,000, represents the  
9 Northern border of the Joshua Tree National Park gateway  
10 communities, including Yucca Valley, Twentynine Palms,  
11 Joshua Tree, and the Morongo Valley. An area where,  
12 incidentally, Commissioner Ray Kennedy lives, and I'm  
13 sure understands firsthand how closely the Morongo  
14 Basin's economic, organizational, and social structures  
15 are tied to the Palm Springs, Coachella Valley region.  
16 We don't even have a movie theatre for the general public  
17 or an animal hospital. We work, use the hospitals,  
18 nursing facilities, schools, restaurants, and stores in  
19 the Coachella Valley Banning pass. We also have a shared  
20 LGBTQ community that will be disenfranchised. We share  
21 an Assembly district with the Coachella Valley. And  
22 gratefully, I appreciate the new state Senate drafts that  
23 finally bring the Morongo Basin into a district not based  
24 in Bakersfield.

25       To my knowledge, the Morongo Basin has few links to

1 the Victor Valley area in terms of shared needs,  
2 organizing, demography, or resources at the federal  
3 level. Though the Morongo Basin and the Joshua Tree  
4 National Park bring in millions to the federal parks  
5 system, we often do not get representation at the federal  
6 level for issues related to the park, as demonstrated  
7 with the recent disastrous park closures and attempts at  
8 privatizing our waters and lands. Additionally, Joshua  
9 Tree has lost almost ten percent of its CVAP in the last  
10 year, due to Air B&B and other short term rentals. I ask  
11 the Commission to please consider giving the Morongo  
12 Basin --

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 MS. YAP: -- and the Joshua Tree National Park  
15 proper representation for the next ten years. Please  
16 change the CD\_MORCOA draft to return the Morongo Basin to  
17 at least the Western cities in the Coachella Valley, if  
18 not the entire gateway city community. Too address  
19 population and VRA issues, I'm sure ones with higher  
20 pay --

21 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

22 MS. YAP: -- can figure it out. But I suggest  
23 either adding more Colton population to the VICVAL high  
24 desert map, or returning to the VICVAL MORCOA maps of  
25 November 7th.

1 Thank you, again, for you thoughtful (audio  
2 interference) --

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
5 040, and up next after that will be 064.

6 040, I will be promoting you now. 040, you can now  
7 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
8 your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of  
9 what district, plan, and region you would like to  
10 address, the floor is yours.

11 MS. DIAZ: Hi. Good evening, Commissioners. I'm  
12 going to be focusing on SEALBREA. The -- in Orange  
13 County. And later I'll be shifting to ABSCV. So again,  
14 good evening, Commissioners. My name's Karen Diaz, and  
15 I'm the electoral fill manager for the Coalition for  
16 Humane Immigrant Rights, CHIRLA, for 35 years. It's been  
17 our mission at CHIRLA to achieve a just society, fully  
18 inclusive, for immigrants. CHIRLA has been one of the  
19 largest and most effective advocates for immigrants,  
20 organizing and educating different immigrant refugees in  
21 the streets, and in the courts, and in the house of  
22 power.

23 Today I'm providing feedback on draft maps SEALBREA  
24 for Orange County and Los Angeles County draft map ABSCV.  
25 I want to start by saying that we appreciate the

1 Commission that has drawn in adjacent district North and  
2 West of the VRAC that allows for the important immigrant  
3 communities of interest remain whole. Including the  
4 Garden Brook, Westminster, COI. (Indiscernible) COI is  
5 spanning to South Buena Park, La Palma, Cypress, in  
6 Orange County; and Cerritos, and Artesia in Los Angeles  
7 County. And the Korean-American COI in North Buena Park  
8 and North Fullerton.

9 In particular, the districts at Los Stamens COI to  
10 be held in Orange County based districts. Something that  
11 we consistently heard that was important to community  
12 leaders.

13 Now shifting away from Orange County and then North  
14 Los Angeles County, in the region of the Antelope Valley.  
15 The region where I lived ever since I moved to the United  
16 States from El Salvador in 2006. It's something that's  
17 really important to me, so I want to uplift the  
18 configuration draft APSAP. This draft map does a really  
19 good job in including both Lancaster, which is something  
20 that's been really important to my community. And it  
21 does great by removing the portions of Scenic Valley,  
22 which belong in Ventura County, and Porta Ranch, which  
23 does not have anything in common with our community. It  
24 has more in common with the more wealthier communities in  
25 West San Bernardino valley.

1           One problem that we have identified in this draft  
2 map is it includes the City of Selma, which does not  
3 belong with our community, but is more part of the lower  
4 income immigrant communities in the East San Bernardino  
5 Valley. We suggest a configuration that can be extended  
6 instead --

7           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8           MS. DIAZ: -- to California City. Antelope Valley  
9 is a community of interest that shares a lot in common  
10 with the school district, transportation system,  
11 freeways, and a lot of commute times as well as the need  
12 for access to healthcare for immigrant communities.

13          MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

14          MS. DIAZ: And while we don't have any non-private  
15 hospitals. Again, thank you so much for the process. We  
16 have been working with a lot of community members.  
17 Engaging them in the census, regardless of their  
18 immigration status. And now we continue to  
19 (indiscernible) redistricting process by uplifting the  
20 testimonies of (audio interference) --

21          CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

22          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
23 have 064, and up next after that will be 050.

24          064, I will be promoting you now. 064, you can now  
25 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of

1 your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of  
2 what district, plan, and region you would like to  
3 address, the floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Yes. I am talking on  
5 the Sacramento region.

6 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, hello. As a resident  
8 from Natomas and North Sacramento County, I wanted to  
9 call and thank the Commission for the work last week in  
10 the Sacramento region, to keep our Congressional district  
11 within Sacramento and not Placer County. Previous maps  
12 have combined Sac County with Placer, and we are  
13 concerned, because Sacramento is one of the most diverse  
14 cities in the state. And Placer does not really share  
15 that, or celebrate that, the way that Sacramento does.

16 My family and I spend most of our time in  
17 Sacramento. My children go to the school in the Natomas  
18 Unified school district. We go to South Sac for  
19 restaurants to eat out on the weekends. Downtown and  
20 West Sac area for entertainment like the Kings and  
21 Rivercats. Sacramento welcomes culture and it's  
22 reflected in our communities here. Sacramento is very  
23 different from those rural foothill towns and suburbs in  
24 Placer and El Dorado Counties. I hope you can prevent  
25 Roseville and Placer from being put into Sacramento --

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: It would appear that she  
2 lost her connectivity. I will keep an eye out for her  
3 unique idea.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katie.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will be  
6 going to 050, and up next after that will be 041. 050, I  
7 will be promoting you now.

8 050, you can now enable your audio and video in the  
9 lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please  
10 remind the mapper of what district, plan, and region you  
11 would like to address, the floor is yours.

12 MR. JOINER: All right. Thank you, so much. Can  
13 you hear me?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

15 MR. JOINER: Great. My name is Paul Joiner. I'm a  
16 city councilman in the City of Lincoln. I'm the chair of  
17 the Placer County transportation planning agency, and I  
18 serve on the boards of the Sacramento Area Council of  
19 Governments and the California Council of Governments.  
20 I'd like to address the Congressional district map for  
21 PLACERSAC. And even though we've lost our last  
22 commenter, I think that I will probably have the flipside  
23 of the coin on her comments. I do want to say, however,  
24 before I get started. While waiting in the queue and  
25 listening to the comments, it's become really clear what

1 a herculean effort all of you have agreed to take on. So  
2 on behalf of all of us, thank you, and -- and good luck.

3 I'd also like to thank you for listening to Placer  
4 County and the many citizens who spoke up about keeping  
5 Placer largely whole with its neighboring counties of  
6 Nevada and El Dorado. We should be kept out of any  
7 Sacramento County map entirely. We are an entirely  
8 different county with very different needs. Western  
9 Placer's a rapidly growing area with the needs of a  
10 growing community that are not similar to those of a  
11 well-established Sacramento County.

12 One area, however, that does need to be addressed, I  
13 think, is the Tahoe Basin. It should be kept together in  
14 any district, and I believe that includes the town of  
15 Truckee. Also taking a look at CD\_NORCA map, I think  
16 Lassen may be better suited with Plumas and Placer County  
17 map, and more of Yuba could go with the central district.  
18 And looking at the Northern -- looking at Northern  
19 California, I think there are three distinct areas. The  
20 coast; the North valley, meaning Siskiyou to Yuba  
21 Stutter; and then the mountain counties along Nevada.

22 The Assembly map needs the most work of any of  
23 these, and the Senate is largely correct. Placer and El  
24 Dorado Counties should make up an entire Assembly  
25 district. Having this weird East/West district doesn't

1 make a lot of sense. I think you -- you need to have the  
2 three counties, Nevada, Placer, and El Dorado together.  
3 They are so similar. Yuba and Sutter need to be together  
4 with the other farming communities, as well, in the North  
5 valley. So again, thank you for being willing to take on  
6 this task, and thank you for listening.

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we do have the unique  
10 ID, 064, rejoin us. I will be re-promoting you. And up  
11 next after that will be 041. 064, I will be promoting  
12 you again. 064, you can now enable your audio and video  
13 again. And please continue.

14 MR. JOINER: I apologize for my service, but I'm  
15 almost done.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: It's okay.

17 MR. JOINER: Sacramento is very different from those  
18 rural hill towns and suburbs in Placer and El Dorado  
19 Counties. I hope you can prevent Roseville and Placer  
20 from being put into Sacramento's Assembly and Senate  
21 district as well. If you have to connect them, I believe  
22 that Fulson is the closest, but the rest of Sacramento  
23 should stay together so that we can have good  
24 representatives that appreciate our diversity and our  
25 values. And thank you again for taking my call today.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Thank you for calling  
2 back.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
4 have 041, and up next after that we will have 075.

5 041, I'll be promoting you now. 041, you can now  
6 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
7 your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of  
8 what district, plan, and region you'll be addressing, the  
9 floor is yours.

10 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. I will be providing  
11 feedback on Congressional draft maps for Orange County.  
12 My name is Soila Rodriguez, and I work with the Coalition  
13 for Humane Immigrant Rights CHIRLA. Our mission is to  
14 achieve a just society fully inclusive to immigrants. We  
15 have been working with the immigrant community in Orange  
16 County since 1997, and in 2019 we opened our office in  
17 San Juan Capistrano.

18 In addition, we are a member of the People's  
19 Redistricting Alliance. A coalition of sixteen community  
20 based organizations established to promote a greater  
21 community voice in statewide and local redistricting  
22 processes here in Orange County. CHIRLA has engaged and  
23 empowered immigrant communities' voices through our  
24 redistricting campaign called Ponnos En El Mapa (ph.) or  
25 Put Us On The Map.

1           Since March of 2021, we have posted nineteen  
2 redistricting workshops and virtual in-person communities  
3 of interest presentations. We've had 388 attendees from  
4 CHIRLA's high school component, (indiscernible) the  
5 California Dream Network, and immigrant families and  
6 workers. A total of sixteen community members delivered  
7 their COI testimony statewide. Additionally, during the  
8 summer of 2021, CHIRLA launched a multi-pronged effort to  
9 capture testimonials and mapping submissions across  
10 various communities of interest for the redistricting  
11 process. Over 1,000 residents of various communities  
12 across LA County and Orange County had their say about  
13 what defines their community. The results create a vivid  
14 pictures of residents in this area, their experiences,  
15 and what they share in common in the communities they  
16 call home.

17           We truly appreciate the Commission's recent shift to  
18 maintaining a federal born in rights ACT district, for  
19 the Latino communities in the draft cities, Santa Ana,  
20 the draft the South Fullerton and West Anaheim  
21 communities of interest together with the allying Santa  
22 Ana communities of interest. We'll be proposing minor  
23 tweaks to the district by bringing the South Fullerton  
24 West of Richmond Avenue. But I'm really happy with the  
25 direction you are taking.

1           The one major problem we have identified is in the  
2 draft maps City NOC coast, and City NMOC, with the  
3 division of Arvin, Costa Mesa, and Tuseu COI. You've  
4 heard from alliance members about the importance of  
5 keeping this proportionally immigrant communities  
6 whole --

7           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8           MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- and together. Especially as one  
9 of the fastest growing major cities in the state is  
10 coming on its own. We are exploring alternatives to keep  
11 the COI together in a district, but recognize that  
12 keeping these communities whole may require more drawing  
13 into coastal districts.

14          MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

15          MS. RODRIGUEZ: We want to emphasize that any  
16 changes to the Arvin area should be made without major  
17 changes to either of the City Santa Ana and City  
18 (indiscernible) drafts you've drawn so far.

19          Thank you, again, for your hard work on these  
20 districts. It's paying off.

21          CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

22          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
23 have 075, and up next after that will be 081.

24          075, I'll be promoting you now. 075, you can now  
25 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of

1 your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of  
2 what district, plan, and region you'd like to address,  
3 the floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. I'm addressing  
5 Orange County. My name is Jill, and I've been a resident  
6 for 11 years. Do you want me to start?

7 MR. MANOFF: Yes. Go ahead, please.

8 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you, to  
9 the Commissioners for continuing to listen to New Park  
10 Beach, Orange County, and California residents. I'm also  
11 here to thank you for resisting the commenters who have  
12 insisted that you, the Orange County coast, is one-sided  
13 and must be in a single Assembly Senate and Congressional  
14 district. The Orange -- the OC coast is an important  
15 consideration, but it's important to note that our  
16 coastal interests expand beyond Orange County to Long  
17 Beach and the San Diego County. The Orange County coast  
18 is also incredibly large. For example, the recent oil  
19 spill sent tar balls from Huntington Beach as far down  
20 the coast as Encinitas. We must also look at ties within  
21 Orange County. For example, my home in New Port Beach is  
22 in the same school district as our inland neighbors of  
23 Costa Mesa. Irvine and Laguna Beach have several  
24 community of interest ties with each other, through the  
25 Laguna Canyon corridor, a major natural resource and fire

1 hazard for both communities. Whether it is Little Saigon  
2 extending into Huntington Beach, or Irvine down to  
3 Laguna, we have an incredible -- we have incredible ties  
4 between our coastal and inland communities. Orange  
5 County is not divided by our coast and our inland  
6 communities. Levels of our government, including our  
7 board of supervisor districts, and school districts,  
8 stretch from the coast to inland communities. The  
9 Huntington Beach, Union High School District stretches  
10 from the coast to Westminster and Ponton Valley, for  
11 example. I mentioned New Port Mesa Unified School  
12 District, earlier, which goes from inland from the coast,  
13 crossing the 405 freeway.

14 The current lines are not perfect, but we must  
15 recognize our communities of interest that divide Orange  
16 County -- that divide Orange County up.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Not by the coast, or not the coast,  
19 but rather by our North, West, central, and South  
20 regions. As you fix current maps, please do not draw  
21 monolithic Orange County coast. Please look at how we  
22 live in --

23 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

24 MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- Orange County. Thank you.

25 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thanks to you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
2 have 081, and up next after that will be 059.

3 081, I'll be promoting you now. Unique ID 081,  
4 there appears to be some connectivity issues with  
5 promoting you to the audio and video option. I will be  
6 doing the audio only option at this time, and asking you  
7 to unmute.

8 MS. MARTIN: Oh. Sorry. Sorry for that. I didn't  
9 realize it was my ID. Hi. My name is Allison Martin,  
10 and I'll be talking about North Orange County.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. The floor is  
12 yours.

13 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Hi. I have lived in North Orange  
14 County for over thirty years, and everyone knows that  
15 it's an interconnected community. Particularly, I've  
16 lived in the City of Orange for over thirty years, and  
17 the other surrounding areas like Anaheim Hills, Brea, and  
18 Yorba Linda face really similar issues. The traffic that  
19 we have, and we have major infrastructures concerns. We  
20 live in Orange, but we go to Brea, Anaheim Hills, Yorba  
21 Linda, to dine, shop, see our friends and family. North  
22 Orange County shares a similar economy based on small  
23 businesses, retail, and I believe it makes our area a  
24 community of interest. And North Orange County should  
25 have one member of Congress that tackles all of our

1 issues, especially our major infrastructure issue where  
2 the 55 and the 91 meet. Thank you.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
5 have 059, and up next after that will be 065. 059, I'll  
6 be promoting you now. 059, you can now enable your audio  
7 and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If  
8 you will please remind the mapper of what district, plan,  
9 and region you would like to address, the floor is yours.

10 MR. MALDONADO: Thank you. I'm looking at the  
11 Antelope Valley, Santa Credo Valley map.

12 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

13 MR. MALDONADO: Thank you. Good afternoon. My name  
14 is Tony Maldonado and I live in Santa Clarita. Thank you  
15 for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinions at  
16 such an important juncture. I'm certain that this has  
17 been quite an arduous event. Regarding the map for Santa  
18 Clarita, I recognize the difficulty in balancing the  
19 boundaries based on populations, as both L.A. and Ventura  
20 County suffer population losses. However, I'm  
21 recommending changes to our map to include with Simi  
22 Valley and to remove the San Fernando Valley due to the  
23 following: one, the Santa Clarita, Simi, and Antelope  
24 Valleys, which I shall refer to as the Tri-Valley, share  
25 infrastructure, housing, transportation, education

1 allocation, fire hazard, water resources, and a joint  
2 aerospace industry.

3       Together, the Tri-Valley has dealt with the pandemic  
4 similarly, has combined resources effectively in order to  
5 address natural disasters and the wild -- wildfire  
6 threats in our shared national forests, and is serviced  
7 by Southern California Edison for its electricity needs,  
8 whereas the City of Los Angeles San Fernando Valley, is  
9 serviced by the Los Angeles Department of Water and  
10 Power.

11       Two, the Tri-Valley are suburbs, exurban and rural  
12 communities that complement one another and have  
13 integrated relationships due to the shared geography,  
14 demographics, culture, and community. Whilst the San  
15 Fernando Valley is part of the City of Los Angeles, they  
16 have nothing in common with us. Therefore, the balance  
17 that has existed historically would be quickly unraveled  
18 and create large dissatisfaction.

19       Three, further, the San Fernando Valley shares  
20 different concerns and issues than the Tri-Valley. It's  
21 extremely important to highlight the fact that the area  
22 of the San Fernando Valley placed on our map has, one, a  
23 large, lower-income Latino community that would be  
24 entirely divorced from the City of Los Angeles Greater  
25 San Fernando Valley, which has a historically strong,

1 well-connected Latino community that have worked  
2 tirelessly to having their needs and issues, including  
3 that of immigration, addressed for quite a long time.

4 And two, a large homeless population equal to other  
5 parts of the City of Los Angeles who have specific needs  
6 that differ greatly from the more affluent Tri-Valley who  
7 have experienced very little homelessness.

8 In conclusion, I believe that it would be completely  
9 unjustified and a large disservice to the residents of  
10 the San Fernando Valley --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MR. MALDONADO: -- to tie it with Santa Clarita  
13 Valley as that will create large disparities of wealth as  
14 this area of the San Fernando Valley would not be able to  
15 effectively compete for federal resources if included  
16 with Santa Clarita Valley. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
19 have 065. And up next after that will be 057.

20 065, I'll be promoting you now. 065, you can enable  
21 your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your  
22 screen, and you'll please remind the mapper of what  
23 district plan and region you'd like to address. The  
24 floor is yours.

25 MS. VILLANOSA: Hi. I'm going to be addressing the

1 Senate map in the Central Valley. This is the only time  
2 I was able to get an appointment, so sorry for the  
3 overlap.

4 My name is Virginia Villanosa (ph.), and I live in  
5 Fresno. I grew up in East Bakersfield, and I currently  
6 work in Fresno, and I went to UC Merced, so I know the  
7 valley. In the South Valley, from Merced to Fresno to  
8 Bakersfield, I encourage you to follow the law and draw  
9 strong and effective Latino VAR (sic) districts for the  
10 Assembly, Senate, and Congress.

11 You have and will continue to hear a lot of  
12 conflicting public comment, especially here in the  
13 Valley, but your number one obligation must be creating  
14 strong and effective Latino VAR (sic) districts. I urge  
15 you to do so without hesitation and with full confidence  
16 that you're doing right by the overwhelming Latino  
17 majority in the Valley.

18 You also have an obligation to keep communities of  
19 interest together, but the draft maps miss the mark. In  
20 the Senate draft map, you have moved -- removed Merced  
21 County from a strong Latino VRA district and even removed  
22 the county from the Valley, throwing it into a district  
23 with the Sierra region counties of Inyo, Mono, Calaveras,  
24 and Tuolumne.

25 As a UC Merced alum, I was pretty shocked to see

1 that, and I would urge you to bring Merced County back  
2 into the Valley district. UC Merced is a Hispanic-  
3 serving institution and the Valley fought so hard to  
4 secure a UC campus. UC Merced and Merced County need to  
5 be in a district with fellow Valley communities and not  
6 the Sierras.

7 I strongly urge the Commission, in particular the  
8 two Valley commissioners, to work towards creating  
9 stronger Latino VAR (sic) districts and keep our Valley  
10 communities out of district with the Sierras. Look back  
11 at your November 2nd visualizations as better options for  
12 the Valley. Thank you so much.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
15 have 057. And up next after that is 068.

16 057, I'll be promoting you now. 057, you can now  
17 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
18 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
19 district plan and region you would like to address. The  
20 floor is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I'm  
22 representing the 25th District, Santa Clarita.

23 Good evening, Commissioners. It is wonderful to  
24 have the opportunity to speak today to all of you on the  
25 issue of the 25th Congressional District losing Simi

1 Valley and being replaced with the San Fernando Valley  
2 instead. Our sister City of Simi Valley has lots of  
3 people living in their retirement due to the lower cost  
4 of living and suburban city instead of the higher density  
5 of the San Fernando Valley where millions of people live.

6 What makes the 25th Congressional District unique is  
7 the fact that we are a district on the outskirts of Los  
8 Angeles with beautiful suburban cities like Santa  
9 Clarita, Simi Valley, Lancaster, and Palmdale. We want  
10 to remain away from the large hustle and bustle that Los  
11 Angeles represents, so it does not make sense for our  
12 district to be lumped into Los Angeles.

13 Additionally, we need a representative who will  
14 fight to keep our communities safe from the threat of  
15 wildfires and prevent any further public safety power  
16 shutoffs that the San Fernando Valley doesn't face. I  
17 ask you all to please keep Simi Valley with Santa Clarita  
18 in the next district map and keep San Fernando with the  
19 rest of the San Fernando Valley. It makes sense for  
20 them, and it makes sense for us. Thank you all so much  
21 for listening.

22 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will  
24 have 068. And up next after that will be 047.

25 068, I'll be promoting you now. 068, you can now

1 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
2 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
3 district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor  
4 is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Please show  
6 Central Valley. Good evening. I assume most  
7 Commissioners are familiar with the movie Transformers.  
8 The Transformers are robots in disguise, and your Central  
9 Valley lines are getting hijacked by Congressional  
10 Republicans in disguise.

11 Some of those attempts to manipulate are less than  
12 subtle. I hope Commissioners could see through this  
13 suddenly deluge of testimony from the South Valley that  
14 was radically different from anything you've heard  
15 before, that it was about -- that it was less about  
16 communities and more about incumbents realizing what was  
17 happening to districts they -- they consider their  
18 personal property.

19 But please don't ignore the more subtle and longer  
20 planned attempts to manipulate your process. They are no  
21 less corruptive. On June 8th, Chair of the San Joaquin  
22 Board of Supervisors Tom Patti pushed a \$380,000  
23 consulting contract to hire the "San Joaquin  
24 Redistricting Coalition" to provide "expertise  
25 Congressional redistricting." In July, that contract was

1 scrapped after it was revealed that the Coalition had  
2 hired a campaign consultant for both Patti -- both the  
3 supervisor campaigns to lead the effort.

4       Regrouping, Patti joined other supervisors in voting  
5 to create their own advisory group to prepare submissions  
6 for Congress, Senate, and Assembly. When asked about a  
7 conflict of interest based on rumors of Congressional  
8 run, Patti responded, "It really is interesting to me  
9 that through line that everyone says I'm running for  
10 Congress when I don't know any of these people. There is  
11 no public announcement that I'm running. I don't have a  
12 plan to run." However, by October 2nd, Patti was holding  
13 an exploratory Congressional fundraiser with boxer Mike  
14 Tyson.

15       The rumor now open fact didn't stop Patti. On  
16 October 7th, he not only voted on the San Joaquin  
17 Assembly, Senate, and Congressional map submissions you  
18 are familiar with, he chaired the meeting. Nor did it  
19 stop him from personally submitting written testimony on  
20 November 3rd and the Commission --

21       MR. MANOFF: Thirty second.

22       UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and judge, the Commission,  
23 itself, you voted on the maps on December 10th, and  
24 yesterday Tom Patti formally announced his run for  
25 Congress. Thank you.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will  
3 have 047. And up next after that will be 071.

4 047, I'll be promoting you now. 047, you can now  
5 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
6 your screen. If you please remind the mapper of what  
7 district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor  
8 is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. I'd  
10 like to see the Fresno-Tulare map. The City of Fresno  
11 does not belong in the Fresno-Tulare Congressional  
12 District draft. As a resident of rural Fresno County, I  
13 understand how different the city's urban population is  
14 from the rest of the district's rural communities.

15 The City of Fresno should be included in a district  
16 like STANFRESNO where it will share representation from  
17 the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and the Fresno  
18 City Council and not disrupt the Fresno-Tulare district's  
19 rural communities of interest. Instead, the Fresno-  
20 Tulare district include -- instead, the Fresno-Tulare  
21 district should include more of rural Kings or Tulare  
22 Counties, which are far more similar to the rural  
23 communities in Fresno like mine. Thank you very much.

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will

1 have 071. And up next after that will be 046.

2 071, I'll be promoting you now. 071, you can now  
3 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
4 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
5 district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor  
6 is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, I'd like to address  
8 NELA, please. So Northeast Los Angeles. Okay.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Go ahead.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. So good evening,  
11 Commissioners. I wanted to give you two pieces of credit  
12 and one strong critique.

13 First, in the recent weeks, I want to thank you for  
14 recognizing that despite -- despite any recent trends,  
15 communities like Eagle Rock, Highland Park, Lincoln  
16 Heights, and El Sereno is an historic and important  
17 foundations to Los Angeles' Latino community.

18 Second, I want to congratulate you on the Senate  
19 district that -- excuse me, Senate district that  
20 recognized -- the recognition that led you to create the  
21 current district. While there are steps you can take to  
22 further strengthen the seat, your -- your SD\_NELA  
23 preserves an existing opportunity for Latinos to elect  
24 the candidate of their choice.

25 Which leads me to my criticism. In an area where

1 you drew a forty per -- a forty-seven percent Latino CDOT  
2 Senate district you should at least be able to draw one  
3 Latino majority district and a Latino opportunity  
4 district. It's not two Latino majority districts. But  
5 instead, you have drawn a sixty-two percent Latino  
6 Assembly seat and nothing. Two neighboring Assembly  
7 districts to the North and West have twenty-four percent,  
8 thirty-three percent, and forty-one percent Latino CVAP.

9       This is a textbook cracking drawing one Latino  
10 district where you can and should draw two. If your  
11 justification is Council's conclusion that all three  
12 Gingles tests are not met, Commissioners should take  
13 control of their Commission and refuse to vote for a plan  
14 until the foundation of that conclusion is laid bare for  
15 public scrutiny.

16       Otherwise, you need to go back and revisit your  
17 plans. You need to break up your N-10 district where you  
18 are inextricably drawing a new opportunity district for  
19 white voters. I will be submitting a map using QGIS, but  
20 as just one example of how this could be done if you give  
21 Koreatown to NELA while giving the remaining areas North  
22 of Olympic to GLEN\_LA and South to 110\_LA you would free  
23 up areas like Eagle Rock to the North and Central Alameda  
24 to NELA. This would then --

25       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- give you enough people to  
2 draw two Latino majority districts while still drawing  
3 your Glendale and African-American districts. You can  
4 restore a Latino majority district in Los Angeles using  
5 your existing architecture. Please, please don't let  
6 this go by. Thank you.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will  
9 have 046. And up next after that is 052. I'd like to  
10 invite unique ID 056, 069, 071, 077 to please use the  
11 raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen as  
12 you have a slot during this session, number 2.

13 All right. Now 046, I'll be promoting you. 046,  
14 you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left  
15 corner of your screen. If you please remind the member  
16 of what district and region you'd like to address, the  
17 floor is yours.

18 MS. GONZALES: Good evening. I'll be addressing the  
19 Cupertino draft as well as the mid-coast draft. Dear  
20 members of the redistricting commission. I wanted to  
21 voice my discontent of the boundaries as drawn in the  
22 Cupertino draft -- Congressional district for the  
23 Cupertino map as pertaining to San Benito County.

24 My name is Bea Gonzales, and I'm a resident of  
25 Hollister San Benito County. I am also a supervisor for

1 the Board of Supervisors for San Benito County District  
2 5.

3 I want to echo my concerns of speaker 049 and 042.  
4 I thank you for your diligent work, but I ask that you go  
5 back to the drawing board and protect the communities of  
6 interest as required by law. These new boundaries fail  
7 to keep the communities of interest intact, thereby  
8 creating a bias and unfairness to the region South,  
9 namely San Benito County.

10 These newly drawn maps ignore the historic nature of  
11 our rural and agricultural community that we have in  
12 common with Monterey County. The new map places us dead  
13 center with an urban community of Santa Clara County, a  
14 region that we have very little in common. These new  
15 boundaries will create undue bias against San Benito  
16 County, and it will dilute our voice and our concern from  
17 our rural communities.

18 It must be noted that we are predominantly  
19 agricultural base. I feel like you -- like you have not  
20 listened to our community and you are not looking at the  
21 totality of circumstances. We are connected to Monterey  
22 County by associations like AMBAG, RCRC, and the 3c  
23 Power. We have historic relationships that will be  
24 jeopardized if you -- if they are -- if these newly drawn  
25 maps are allowed to remain.

1           Though we share a transportation corridor of U.S.  
2 Highway 101 with Santa Clara County, we are an  
3 agricultural-based community and we are more akin to  
4 Monterey County than we can ever be with Santa Clara.

5           Please continue to keep our rural communities of  
6 Monterey County and San Benito County intact where our  
7 political, cultural, rural, and legal voice has been  
8 protected in the past. I urge you to go back to the  
9 drawing board and protect our communities of interest.  
10 Thank you.

11           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

12           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will  
13 have 052. And up next after that will be 079.

14           052, I'll be promoting you now. 052, you can now  
15 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
16 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
17 district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor  
18 is yours.

19           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can you hear me?

20           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

21           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So I live in the San  
22 Fernando Valley community. I attend college there. And  
23 I was wanting to talk to you guys about the District 25  
24 and District 30. Thanks for letting me speak my  
25 community -- for my community, and I'm working to help

1 you guys work so hard throughout this process. I know  
2 this must be a really long process for you guys and --  
3 and great job for listening.

4 I know you guys have to balance out all the  
5 populations correctly and draw lines, but those lines  
6 have to be drawn correctly because, after all, they're  
7 not just lines. They're also communities and connections  
8 that people have and certain priorities that people have.

9 So I live in the San Fernando Valley, and I saw the  
10 recent Congressional map where the 25th District would  
11 replace Simi Valley with the rest of my community. My  
12 community is currently split between the 30th District  
13 and I think the 27th District, and they better serve our  
14 community because we are -- share similar values such as  
15 home -- trying to solve the problem of homelessness and  
16 crime that we share within our community and putting --  
17 lumping us together with the rest of Santa Clarita,  
18 Palmdale, and Lancaster would not serve our priorities  
19 correctly.

20 They are more -- they are less densely packed. They  
21 share different values than us. And I would prefer that  
22 we be kept in the San Fernale (sic) -- San Fernando  
23 Valley as a whole. And the -- I think Palmdale is about  
24 an hour away from me, and the only value I share with  
25 them is maybe they're Dodger fans. So I don't think that

1 we would be very well-served keeping my community in the  
2 25th District.

3 So I please plead with you guys that you guys keep  
4 Santa Clarita, Simi Valley, Antelope Valley all together  
5 and keep the San Fernando Valley in our own district.  
6 Thank you.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will  
9 have 079. And up next after that will be 069. 079, I'll  
10 be promoting you now. 079, it would appear there'd be a  
11 connectivity issue for the audio and video option. We  
12 will be doing the audio only option at this time. If  
13 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh. Okay. Sorry.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: It's okay.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. If you'll  
18 please remind the mapper of what district --

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- plan and region you'd  
21 like to address, the floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you so  
23 much. I apologize for that.

24 Hello, Commission. I'm going to speak on the  
25 Assembly drafts for the Central Valley. My name is

1 Jessica, and I live in the City of Fresno. The Assembly  
2 drafts splits the City of Fresno into three districts in  
3 a way that does not make sense for our community.  
4 Merced-Fresno draft separates a piece of Northwest Fresno  
5 on the other side of Highway 99 away from the rest of the  
6 city. This area already feels neglected by the city and  
7 putting them in another district only furthers that  
8 sentiment.

9 The CALAINYO draft has a population base in North  
10 Fresno in Clovis, but the name of the district doesn't  
11 even reference Fresno or Clovis because it is so big and  
12 sprawling. In this draft, you put us in the huge  
13 mountain districts with Alpine, Tuolumne, Inyo, and Mono.  
14 I assure you that Fresno has little in common with Inyo  
15 and Mono Counties -- Mono Counties.

16 The Fresno draft is actually the biggest problem,  
17 and if you fix it, this will be the key to fixing other  
18 districts. This draft takes in too many competing  
19 communities of interest, and it also includes the wealthy  
20 county islands of Old Fig Garden and Sunnyside.

21 Take a harder and larger look at these demographics  
22 and the median home prices of Old Fig Garden and  
23 Sunnyside. You will see that they do not belong in a  
24 South district with working class and rural residents. I  
25 strongly encourage you to go back to the November 2nd

1 visualizations because -- because they did a much better  
2 job of creating strong and cohesive districts for the  
3 Fresno area and the Valley overall.

4       The South Fresno District from November 2nd had a  
5 strong fifty-five percent Latino VRA with diverse urban  
6 and rural communities. You must prioritize the Latino  
7 VRA and work to get the fifty-three percent back to  
8 fifty-five. To do this, it means you're going to have to  
9 exclude some communities of interest from the district.  
10 It's time for hard choices.

11       The East Fresno District from November 2nd has  
12 compact and cohesive -- was cohesive in putting North  
13 Fresno and Clovis in --

14       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15       UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- the district with  
16 the Eastern parts of Fresno County stopping at our county  
17 border. This makes sense because North Fresno and Clovis  
18 share a school district, and many families in the area  
19 have second homes in Shaver Lake and Huntington Lake  
20 areas. Thank you --

21       MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

22       UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- for your work and I  
23 urge you to do better for the Central Valley. Please go  
24 back to the November 2nd visualizations and make it your  
25 number one priority to create a strong Latino VRA

1 district because the Latino community is the majority in  
2 Fresno. Thank you so much. Appreciate it.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now will be  
5 zero -- it looks like unique ID 077 and unique ID 079, if  
6 you didn't mean to lower your hand. Or I'm sorry. 077,  
7 if you did not mean to lower your hand, if you will  
8 please use the raise your hand button again. There we  
9 are.

10 All right. Now we will have 077. And up next will  
11 be 069. Unique ID 077, you can now enable your audio and  
12 video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you  
13 will please remind the mapper of what district plan and  
14 region you would like to address, the floor is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Hello,  
16 Commissioners. I would like to talk about Modesto today.  
17 The Commission is proposing separating Modesto from the  
18 Valley in both the Congressional and Senate maps, and I  
19 really hope you fix it. It's even more disappointing  
20 that Modesto, a disadvantaged community, was split in  
21 half so there's a part in the district that goes all the  
22 way to the Nevada border with Tahoe, inclusive of Death  
23 Valley.

24 Modesto is a disadvantaged community, and it needs a  
25 stronger voice to get the services we need. Ideally, we

1 would be part of a district with other disadvantaged  
2 cities that need investment in critical services like  
3 childcare, drug intervention, juvenile justice, and child  
4 welfare.

5 I'm a social worker residing in San Joaquin County,  
6 but I work and have many years in Stanislaus County. I  
7 don't think we're going to get attention when half of our  
8 city is put -- half of Modesto is put into a district  
9 that goes all the way to the Sierras.

10 Those are small towns. Modesto is like a big city  
11 compared to them. We have different priorities, and  
12 frankly, we're going to be ignored if that happens.  
13 Please keep Modesto with other cities in the Central  
14 Valley on the Valley floor and take us out of the Sierras  
15 District. Thank you.

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
18 have unique ID 069. I'll be promoting you now. 069, you  
19 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left  
20 corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the  
21 mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to  
22 address, the floor is yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. San Diego County,  
24 please. I'm a community organizer in San Diego County,  
25 and I'd like to talk about the communities of color that

1 I've worked with as an organizer for about a decade and a  
2 half and how the draft maps -- your draft maps -- draft  
3 Congressional maps could best reflect these.

4       Locally, the AAPI community has come together to  
5 advocate for communities of interest within San Diego  
6 that should be reflected in all the maps at every level  
7 of government. The communities -- the community of  
8 interest includes Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Carmel  
9 Valley, University City, UCSD campus, and the Convoy  
10 Business District.

11       Two important pieces that I'd like to lift up are  
12 the UCSD campus and Convoy. First, please don't try to  
13 divide the UCSB community with the 5 freeway the way some  
14 Commissioners did in the city's redistricting plan.

15       Also, when it comes to the student housing at UCSD,  
16 many live in Mira Mesa and UTC because they are more  
17 affordable than, like, the La Hoyas and the surrounding  
18 area -- some of the surrounding areas.

19       And the Convoy Business District right off the 52  
20 between the 163 and the 805 is the center of AAPI  
21 culture, food, entertainment, heritage. So basically  
22 everyone from these other communities North of the 52  
23 rely on Convoy for this.

24       And the next issue I would like to address is the  
25 SESDC district, which dilutes the communities of color in

1 City Heights, La Mesa, and Rancho Penasquitos. The rural  
2 East county areas from SESDC should be put back into the  
3 SWRIVNSD district. They're more rural, contain tribal  
4 lands and mountains, deserts, very different than City  
5 Heights.

6 SESDC washes out City Heights' voice when it should  
7 be in an urban district with other San Diego and South  
8 Bay communities. So please connect the AAPI community  
9 along the 56 corridor like in the city's Communities  
10 Collaboration Plan, and please combine the very rural  
11 parts of SESDC and SWRIVNSD to power tribal lands while  
12 not drowning out City Heights. Thank you.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'd like to invite unique  
15 ID 056 to please use the raise your hand button at the  
16 bottom of your screen. I will be promoting you now.  
17 056, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower  
18 left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the  
19 mapper of what region and -- region you'd like to  
20 address, and district plan, the floor is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: (Audio interference) -  
22 -

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 056, if you could get a  
24 little closer to your microphone.

25 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Yeah. Yeah. I'm

1 trying to start my video, but it's not letting me (audio  
2 interference). So my comments had to do with statewide,  
3 and I was trying to show you a map that I had printed out  
4 that but I'll just keep talking until I run out of time  
5 because I have a lot to say.

6       So I had the pleasure of presenting to you October  
7 23rd. And the first thing I wanted to say is that  
8 because the district regions on your draft plan are so  
9 large that when we tried to guide them to zero, you're  
10 going to encounter a lot of issues. So I want to  
11 highlight a couple of things that you're going to run  
12 into.

13       The first is that I know there's a desire not to  
14 split Sacramento County into more than three districts.  
15 However, if you don't, then I think you're going to find  
16 that you'll be forced into very strange and inappropriate  
17 community of interest pairings, so please keep that in  
18 mind.

19       I have tried to fix up your draft to draw in some of  
20 the Northern California and Central Valley districts to  
21 zero and to come up with some better pairings in  
22 accordance with the COI testimony that you've received.  
23 I tried to fix up some of the bad city splits, which I'll  
24 be submitting more details and written testimony, so  
25 please look for that.

1           This is Margaret (audio interference) speaking. And  
2 one thing to be aware of is that there are various hard  
3 county lines (audio interference) that you seem to have  
4 in your plan, but I think you'll be -- what you'll find  
5 is that you're going to need to cross over from Kern  
6 County into Northern L.A. County. Most likely, you'll --  
7 you'll need to do that. Otherwise -- because there's a  
8 population of about forty -- 37,000 people that you'll --  
9 at the end of the day, you'll up with, or possibly more,  
10 depending on which (audio interference) boundary you  
11 decide to maintain.

12           And then Modesto, I -- I -- I do a district that  
13 pairs --

14           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15           UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- Modesto (audio  
16 interference) Merced. You see very compelling testimony,  
17 I thought, calling for Modesto and Merced to be paired  
18 together. So I drew a district that did that. The one  
19 thing I'm not sure about is that --

20           MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

21           UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- it does not have a  
22 majority Latino CVAP. So if that is a requirement, then  
23 you're going to need to figure -- refigure those lines a  
24 bit. But I hope you will look for my written testimony  
25 which I will be submitting hopefully later tonight.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And Chair, we are up  
2 against our dinner break.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: All right. If we're at time and none  
4 of our registered callers are there, then we will take a  
5 thirty-minute lunch break and return at 6:45. Thank you  
6 for everyone that's called in so far. Hope to see you  
7 when we return.

8 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 6:16 p.m.  
9 until 6:45 p.m.)

10 CHAIR TAYLOR: Good evening, California, and welcome  
11 back to the California Citizens Redistricting --  
12 Redistricting Commission public map input session  
13 regarding our Congressional draft maps. We are going to  
14 return to receiving comments from our registered callers.  
15 And when that's completed, we will take public input --  
16 we'll take public comments. So I will return you to  
17 Katy, our comment moderate.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.  
19 Welcome to the Congressional map feedback session. If  
20 you've not done so already, please use the raised hand  
21 button at the bottom of your screen.

22 If your unique ID ends anywhere from 001 through  
23 104 -- again, that is 001 through 104 -- please use the  
24 raise hand button at the bottom of your screen. You will  
25 be identified by the assigned unique ID number received

1 in your invite for this session.

2       When it is your turn to speak, I will be prompting  
3 you -- I will be promoting you to have the ability to  
4 enable your own video and/or audio which will be located  
5 in the lower left corner of your screen once you are  
6 promoted. Public input time limit is two minutes and  
7 thirty seconds. You will receive a verbal warning at  
8 thirty seconds remaining and fifteen seconds remaining in  
9 your speaking time. There will also be an active timer  
10 on the screen for your convenience.

11       When you start your input, please identify which  
12 district plan and region you will be providing input on.  
13 And one more time, please use the raise your hand button  
14 for those with the unique ID ending from 001 through 104.

15       We'll be starting with 070. And up next after that  
16 will be 099. 070, I'm promoting you now. 070, you can  
17 now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner  
18 of your screen. And if you please remind the mapper of  
19 what district plan and region you will be addressing, the  
20 floor is yours.

21       MS. TOWNSEND: Hi. Can you hear me?

22       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

23       MS. TOWNSEND: All right. I'm addressing the North  
24 coast to North Bay intact for the Assembly draft map.

25       Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Leanne

1 Townsend, and I was born and raised in San Francisco. My  
2 husband and I moved to Marin in 1999 and still reside  
3 here. We raised our children in Mill Valley in public  
4 schools, and we now live in San Rafael.

5 I grew up in low income housing in the city. I  
6 identify as multiracial. Currently I'm employed as a  
7 library aide and a book clerk. All three of my children  
8 work as public front-facing employees. I'm calling to  
9 thank you for keeping the North Coast and North Bay  
10 intact for the Assembly draft map. Thank you for not  
11 dividing our community by crossing the Golden Gate Bridge  
12 into San Francisco.

13 This important choice you made ensures our  
14 communities of interest are kept together and respected.  
15 One issue about which I'm passionate is housing. Based  
16 on the brief history I outlined, I am very concerned  
17 about the future my own grown children have here as  
18 residents.

19 Marin and Sonoma are closely linked in terms of  
20 housing needs and the effort to address the housing needs  
21 for those who work here but cannot afford to live here.  
22 Working together, we can gain traction in addressing  
23 this. Many in our communities have already collaborated  
24 to make the area affordable, safer, and vital.

25 We understand the unique balance necessary to

1 keeping an intact coastline, a vital tourist economy,  
2 humane agriculture, all while trying to house those who  
3 work here. It's an ongoing and important battle which  
4 requires communication and understanding of our shared  
5 history and respect for all the work that has already  
6 been done.

7       This crisis looks very different in Marin and Sonoma  
8 counties and those same issues in dense, urban, and  
9 heavily populated areas like San Francisco. Keeping  
10 these areas separate in legislative districts will ensure  
11 that our representatives can grasp our specific needs and  
12 make real change with the work that has already been done  
13 not have been wasted.

14       In looking at your maps, another thing I noticed was  
15 how you were able to keep our neighboring Napa and Solano  
16 counties whole. I'm sure those communities are also  
17 pleased by this cohesion. And as a matter of fact, I  
18 have relatives who live in Solano and Napa counties as  
19 they also have similar housing, wildfire, and water  
20 needs.

21       I understand that California's public and  
22 transparent redistricting process requires that the maps  
23 evolve based upon --

24       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25       MS. TOWNSEND: -- public input, but I want to assure

1 you that you have already heard from our countless  
2 stakeholders in North Bay, and these maps reflect their  
3 needs. Thus, you have reached a very good point in the  
4 map evolution for Marin, Sonoma, Solano, and Napa  
5 counties. Thanks for your time.

6 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will  
8 have unique ID 103. And up next after that will be 095.

9 103, I'll be promoting you now. 103, you can now  
10 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
11 your screen.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, guys. Can you hear  
13 me all right?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. The floor  
15 is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Okay. Good evening,  
17 Commissioners. My name is Isaac, and I'm calling from  
18 Long Beach. First of all, I just want to thank the  
19 Commission for keeping our city intact during these draft  
20 maps. I know you've all been very busy over the last few  
21 months and you've been hearing comments from all over the  
22 state, but I really appreciate you taking the time to  
23 listen to our concerns and -- and taking them to heart.

24 For the past ten years, Long Beach has been largely  
25 kept whole and are very -- in our -- in our different

1 districts, and it's allowed us to elect strong  
2 representatives from our community that look out for  
3 our -- our interests and our needs in both Sacramento and  
4 in Washington, D.C.

5 We want to continue this kind of representation and  
6 stay together as much as possible and conti -- as you  
7 continue to draw these lines as you continue to have  
8 meetings in the -- the Commission. Thank you again for  
9 all the work you're doing, and please keep Long Beach as  
10 united as possible in the Congressional draft maps.  
11 Thank you very much and have a good evening.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will  
14 be going to 099. And up next after that will be 094.

15 099, I'll be promoting you now. 099, you can now  
16 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
17 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
18 district plan and region you'll be addressing, the floor  
19 is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'd like to speak about the  
21 Congressional District 25, Santa Clarita, Antelope  
22 Valleys.

23 Hello, Commissioners. Thank you for giving me the  
24 opportunity to speak on the 25th Congressional District  
25 map which no longer has Simi Valley in it. Instead, it

1 has the City of Los Angeles. The San Fernando Valley is  
2 part of the City of Los Angeles, the second most  
3 populated city in the United States while Simi Valley,  
4 Santa Clarita and the cities in the Santa -- in the  
5 Antelope Valley in the 25th District are all small urban  
6 areas away from metropolitan Los Angeles.

7 I understand that some people say that the San  
8 Fernando Valley should be part of the district because  
9 people sometimes drive there from our area. The fact of  
10 the matter is that our aerospace industry in the Antelope  
11 Valley is an economic powerhouse to our district all the  
12 way to Simi Valley, and it wouldn't be fair to exclude  
13 them from the 25th district in favor of the City of Los  
14 Angeles.

15 So I ask you that you please keep our suburban  
16 communities away from the City of Los Angeles' San  
17 Fernando Valley. They need their own representation just  
18 like we need ours here in Simi Valley, Santa Clarita, and  
19 the Antelope Valley.

20 Santa Clarita and Simi Valley have similar  
21 demographics in terms of home ownership, home prices,  
22 education both at the high school and college levels, the  
23 numbers of the population in the -- in the workforce,  
24 median income, crime rates, and I could go on. In each  
25 of these areas, both Santa Clarita and Simi Valley are

1 very different from the San Fernando Valley.

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I ask you again, please keep  
4 the cities of Santa Clarita, Simi Valley, and all the  
5 cities in the Antelope Valley together because they are  
6 very similar and very different from those in the Los  
7 Angeles --

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- city, including the San  
10 Fernando Valley. Thank you very much.

11 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will be  
13 going to 094. And up next after that will be 090.

14 094, I'll be promoting you now. 094, you can now  
15 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
16 your screen. And if you will please remind the mapper of  
17 what district plan and region you'd like to address, the  
18 floor is yours.

19 MR. GARDNER: Thank you. My name is Bob Gardner.  
20 I'm the -- I'm on the Mono County Board of Supervisors.  
21 The map would be CDECA draft, the Eastern Sierra area.  
22 Yes, that's it.

23 Over a series of meetings this summer and fall, our  
24 Sierra Nevada citizens attended multiple meetings and  
25 gave comments that said we needed a mountain district.

1 The Commission themselves, as I understand, spent time  
2 talking about how special the Sierra Nevada region is.

3 We've explained that our recreation-based economy  
4 from Inyo County to Sierra County is unique and that  
5 across the Sierra we face the same challenges of being  
6 stewards of wilderness and public federal lands, often  
7 without adequate funding to care for properly. And we  
8 also face the rural challenges of inadequate access to  
9 broadband and other infrastructure.

10 We discussed the fact that we travel North on  
11 Highway 395 to reach Routes 50 and 80 to access the rest  
12 of California, and there is literally no other route. So  
13 a trip to Fresno, which is seventy-nine miles as the crow  
14 flies, is a 379 mile trip by car. A trip to Modesto is  
15 278 miles. In no way can those areas be considered  
16 contiguous. We also travel to Reno for airport access  
17 and healthcare because we don't have it in our small  
18 communities.

19 We understand certainly that achieving the  
20 population target presents a challenge, so we've shown  
21 with the maps we've submitted that we can achieve this by  
22 going further into either Placer County towards Roseville  
23 or into Nevada County. Both of these would best achieve  
24 the goal of maintaining the Sierra character of the  
25 district above all the other options you've considered.

1           Therefore, we were surprised and shocked when we  
2 learned that the maps were redrawn essentially from  
3 scratch with no regard for all the effort we had put in.  
4 We know that our part of California is literally caught  
5 between a rock and a hard place. The rock is the ridge  
6 of the Sierra Nevada which has no road across it, and the  
7 hard place is Nevada state border.

8           There's no option for us in our district except to  
9 go North or South, and the only reasonable community of  
10 interest is the rest of the Sierra. My colleagues have  
11 submitted another map of the district that is tenable and  
12 would be fair for the Sierra Nevada. I hope that the  
13 Commission will reconsider the current maps that we have  
14 seen and go back to --

15           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16           MR. GARDNER: -- EDECA 1102 and VADECA 1107. I  
17 appreciate your thoughtful work and certainly look  
18 forward to seeing the results. Thank you for your time.

19           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

20           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
21 have 090. And up next after that will be 083.

22           090, I'll be promoting you now. 090, you can now  
23 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
24 your screen. If you will please let the mapper know what  
25 district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor

1 is yours.

2 MR. WALKER: Hello. I'd like to address  
3 Congressional district NORCA, in particular Siskiyou  
4 County. Thank you.

5 Hello. My name is Ryan Walker. I am the President  
6 of the Siskiyou County Farm Bureau and Chairman of the  
7 Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District. I'd like  
8 to thank the Commission for keeping Siskiyou County  
9 unified in one inner mountain district in the new draft.

10 Agriculture represents the largest single industry  
11 in Siskiyou County. An earlier draft put the  
12 Congressional redistricting of Siskiyou County to be  
13 split along Interstate 5, separating two primary  
14 agricultural regions, Shasta Valley and Scott Valley.  
15 Such a split would dilute the voice of Siskiyou County  
16 agriculture and prevent Siskiyou County voters from  
17 speaking with a single voice.

18 Under the earlier proposed split, Scott Valley  
19 alfalfa and grass producers would no longer be able to  
20 aggregate their voices with similar growers in Siskiyou,  
21 Modoc, and Lassen counties. Instead, they'd be placed in  
22 a district with virtually no other commercial forage  
23 agricultural ground.

24 Furthermore, the primary issues of concern in  
25 Western Siskiyou County fit better with the concerns of

1 the inner mountain region of California. Most notably,  
2 Western Siskiyou County has been the location of multiple  
3 large wildfires in the past decade. To place Western  
4 Siskiyou County in a coastal Congressional district with  
5 little wildfire risk would severely limit our county's  
6 ability to advocate for wildfire-related public policy.

7 In addition, we are geographically and economically  
8 tied to the Northern Sacramento Valley. Our alfalfa  
9 travels to dairies and compressors in Chico and Woodland.  
10 Our livestock sells in Orland. Many of our medical  
11 providers are located in Redding. The traveling time  
12 from our Yreka to Arcata exceeds four hours each way by a  
13 two-line -- lane winding highway that often closes for  
14 landslides. Such a traveling distance would make in-  
15 person access to our elected representative unreasonably  
16 difficult. It is unlikely that a field office would be  
17 placed in Yreka to service what would be less than two  
18 percent of the district's voters.

19 Finally, any split along Interstate 5 is  
20 particularly egregious because it would split between two  
21 Congressional districts, the communities of Hornbrook,  
22 Yreka, Grenada, Gizelle, Weed, Mt. Shasta and Dunsmuir.  
23 That represents over half the towns --

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MR. WALKER: -- in Siskiyou County. Splitting a

1 rural county as well as most of its municipalities  
2 clearly violates the basic tenets of fair redistricting.  
3 I would also note that there appears to be virtually no  
4 other rural county that is split down the middle on the  
5 draft maps between districts and certainly no other small  
6 rural --

7 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

8 MR. WALKER: -- communities. I request that the  
9 commission keep Siskiyou County and its communities  
10 unified and connected to the inner mountain region.  
11 Thank you for your time.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
14 have 083. And up next after that will be 100.

15 083, I'll be promoting you now. 083, you can now  
16 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
17 your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper what  
18 district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor  
19 is yours.

20 MR. STRESSER: Hello, Commissioners. Thank you very  
21 much. I'm speaking on behalf of Sutter, Butte, and Yuba,  
22 Counties. My name is Andrew Stresser. I'm the general  
23 manager of Levee District 1 in Sutter County.

24 Levee District 1 is the oldest operating, publicly  
25 funded levee district in California, beginning in 1868.

1 For more than 150 years, Levee District 1 is providing  
2 flood protection for Sutter counties by operating and  
3 maintaining levees along the Feather River West levee.

4 I want to talk to you how deeply integrated Sutter  
5 County levee system is with Butte and Yuba counties where  
6 we share the same river system, the Feather River, and  
7 work together on flood control issues. As many of you  
8 know, Yuba and Sutter counties were devastated by floods  
9 during the levee failures of 1955, 1986, and 1997, and  
10 our most recent scare in 2017 when the Oroville Dam  
11 spillway broke apart.

12 This event forced an evacuation of nearly 200,000  
13 people from Butte, Yuba, and Sutter Counties. The  
14 Oroville Dam crisis tested the strength of our levees and  
15 once again had flood managers in the three counties  
16 coordinating efforts to manage the high water. The  
17 coordination between our local communities has proven to  
18 be a successful model for flood fights.

19 After the passage of Prop 1E funds in 2006, Sutter  
20 and Butte County's flood experts got together to form the  
21 Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency, a JPA. The flood  
22 agency worked together to pass an assessment in 2010  
23 where residents in Butte and Sutter Counties pay into a  
24 fund to rehabilitate forty-four miles of levees along the  
25 two counties which is adjacent to the Feather River West

1 levee.

2       This cross-county collaboration was essential in  
3 maximizing construction dollars and ensuring that the  
4 entire region is protected from future flood events.  
5 Moving forward, the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency  
6 continue to operate and is now collaborating on ways to  
7 further enhance flood protection in the area.

8       I believe it is imperative that we have  
9 representatives that will prioritize flood control issues  
10 and who understand the inner workings of how Yuba,  
11 Sutter, and Butte Counties' water system works together.  
12 There's so much at stake and --

13       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14       MR. STRESSER: -- and we need advocates who will --  
15 who will be focused on these valley and river issues.  
16 Unnecessarily placing our rural ag communities in areas  
17 like Granite Bay and the mountain communities will not  
18 bring much effort to our area. I sincerely hope --

19       MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

20       MR. STRESSER: -- you take this into your  
21 consideration. Thank you very much for your time.

22       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

23       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will  
24 have 100. And up next after that will be 095. 100, I  
25 will be promoting you now. 100, you can now enable your

1 audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen.  
2 If you will please remind the mapper of what district  
3 plan and region you'd like to address, the floor is  
4 yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Good evening. My  
6 name is Andy, and I'm calling today about my community of  
7 Long Beach. I know this Commission has heard a lot of  
8 input from my area, and I want to thank you not just for  
9 all of your hard work but for giving residents like  
10 myself a meaning -- meaningful chance to participate in  
11 the process. I'm grateful that you have each heard our  
12 concerns and done your best to incorporate them into  
13 these draft maps.

14 Long Beach has spoken with one voice, and I think  
15 you can see that unity reflected in these proposed  
16 districts. My neighborhood and I have asked that as much  
17 of our city as possible be kept in the same district and  
18 that we share representation with similar communities,  
19 and I'd like to reiterate these priorities this evening.

20 All three of the draft maps for our area accomplish  
21 this, and I want to echo some of the commissioners who  
22 have spoken about crossing the Orange County border in  
23 our district to help keep coastal cities and other  
24 communities on our border with similar neighborhoods in  
25 Long Beach.

1           To face the challenges ahead of us, we need  
2 representatives that understand the issues we face from  
3 housing affordability to environmental protection and the  
4 health of our coastline. We also need leaders that know  
5 what it takes to be a part of the solutions for Long  
6 Beach residents and our surrounding community.

7           I think these maps give us the power to do that, and  
8 I want to respectfully ask the Commission to keep  
9 supporting our needs by uniting as much of Long Beach as  
10 possible in your final drafts. Thank you again for  
11 giving me this opportunity to present to you, and please  
12 continue to keep communities like Long Beach as together  
13 as possible. And thank you for all of your hard work as  
14 a Commission.

15           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

16           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
17 have unique ID 095. And up next after that will be  
18 unique ID 082. I'd also like to invite unique ID 013 and  
19 098 to please use the raise hand button at the bottom of  
20 your screen if you wish to give comment.

21           095, I'll be promoting you now. 095, you can now  
22 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
23 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
24 district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor  
25 is yours. And one more time, unique ID 095, the floor is

1 yours.

2 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Oh, my God.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You are unmuted.

4 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

6 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Oh, wonderful. So  
7 sorry. My name is Deborah, and I'm going to be talking  
8 today about South Orange County and North San Diego  
9 County.

10 Good evening, Commissioners. I find it extremely  
11 difficult to understand why the Commission has  
12 drastically changed the current Congressional district.  
13 What should be a minor tweaking of Congressional borders  
14 has morphed into changes that appear to be gerrymandered.  
15 Please consider the intersexuality (sic) of these cities  
16 in each of the districts. There seems to be more of an  
17 emphasis on keeping the total population equal rather  
18 than make sure the cities in each district have  
19 commonalities.

20 Chino Hills, Yorba Linda, Placentia share very  
21 little interest with Mission Viejo, part of Irvine,  
22 Tustin, North Tustin, and Lake Forest. It's like  
23 comparing apples and oranges. But the cities of Irvine,  
24 Tustin, North Tustin, Lake Forest, it's like comparing  
25 apples and oranges. Laguna -- Laguna Hills, and Laguna

1 Woods do share many of the same commonalities.

2 We attend the same school districts. CIF teams  
3 are -- are with these cities. Youth sports like Little  
4 League and AYSO regions. We go to the same hospital.  
5 And the most overlooked factor is the impact of the  
6 fifty-five and older communities: Laguna Woods,  
7 Palmilla, and Costa del Sol should be together. We shop  
8 at the same malls. We deal with the same amount of  
9 traffic.

10 While the focus on mapping out this district, it is  
11 essential to consider the collective interest and  
12 commonalities. Coastal cities of Laguna Beach to UC San  
13 Diego and the Scripps Institute should also round out the  
14 parts of San Juan Capistrano all the way down to Del Mar  
15 and more. Fallbrook should not be part of this district.

16 The final report in the 2010 Citizens Redistricting  
17 Commission recommended that San Onofre, Camp Pendleton be  
18 with the Northern county beaches. There's a lot of  
19 concern about the nuclear waste, erosion of the beaches.  
20 They all understand the importance of tourism.

21 Commissioner Sinay, not -- not long ago stated that  
22 the inland cities of Encinitas and Fallbrook should not  
23 be part of the same district. I concur with Commissioner  
24 Sinay that the uniqueness of these coastal --

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- cities would be  
2 best served if they stayed together. Thank you for your  
3 service and your efforts to do what's right for all  
4 fifty-two Congressional districts.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
7 have unique ID 082. And up next after that will be 084.

8 082, I'll be promoting you now. 082, you can now  
9 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
10 your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of  
11 what district plan and region you'll be addressing, the  
12 floor is yours.

13 MR. SEDGLEY: Hello. Can you hear me?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

15 MR. SEDGLEY: Thank you very much. My name is Scott  
16 Sedgley. I'm the mayor of Napa. And this is in  
17 reference to the 5th Congressional District on the  
18 11/10/21 maps: Napa Lake, Yolo, and Eastern Sonoma  
19 County.

20 As mayor, I've been involved with two districting  
21 exercises. We had to go from at-large elections in our  
22 City of Napa to districts. We did that prior to the 2020  
23 census. And so now here we find ourselves after the 2020  
24 census doing a similar exercise.

25 But a big part of that is communities of interest.

1 And so, you know, what we did in our -- in our city is  
2 obviously the neighborhoods and those areas that have  
3 those communities of interest are important as this  
4 population. I look at Congressional District 5 the same  
5 way. Napa, Sonoma, Lake, we have a lot in common -- and  
6 Yolo, Eastern Sonoma -- with agriculture, and you know,  
7 that's what keeps our communities, our economic engine  
8 strong and going and healthy.

9 And I want to thank you for the recent map that --  
10 that kept us whole as part of our neighboring counties  
11 that we have so much in common together. So I'm  
12 supporting that -- the -- the latest visualization of  
13 11/10/21. And I want to thank you very much for  
14 considering those communities of interest in keeping us  
15 whole. That's my comments. Thank you so much.

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
18 have 084. And up next after that will be 093.

19 084, I'll be promoting you now. 084, you can now  
20 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
21 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of  
22 what district plan and region you'll be addressing. The  
23 floor is yours.

24 MR. TIFFANY: Thank you and good evening. I'm  
25 speaking this evening in regards to the Congressional

1 Districts of Midcoast and Cupertino. My name is Bob  
2 Tiffany (ph.), and I'm a San Benito County supervisor.  
3 With the November 10th release of the proposed maps, I'm  
4 extremely concerned with your placement of San Benito  
5 County within the Cupertino Congressional district. I'm  
6 calling to strongly urge you to move San Benito County  
7 back into the Midcoast Congressional District.

8       Historically, going back generations, San Benito  
9 County has always been aligned with and in the same  
10 Congressional District as Monterey County and the Central  
11 Coast. In fact, prior to 1874, when it became its own  
12 county, San Benito was part of Monterey County. Instead,  
13 the proposed maps disregard the many overlapping areas  
14 and communities of interest that San Benito and Monterey  
15 County share.

16       First and foremost, it starts with our economic and  
17 cultural base of agriculture. The prime ag areas of the  
18 Salinas Valley, San Juan Valley, and Hollister grow the  
19 same crops and are home to thousands of farm workers. We  
20 have shared regional issues of equity, transportation,  
21 housing, water, and other natural resources. Both  
22 counties are largely rural in character and nature.  
23 Furthermore, our counties and cities work closely  
24 together in the tri-county areas of Monterey, Santa Cruz  
25 and San Benito on joint agency planning issues and

1 projects through regional organizations such as the  
2 Association of Monterey Area Group, or AMBAG, the  
3 Monterey Bay Air Resources District, the Central Coast  
4 Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Monterey  
5 Bay Economic Partnership.

6 And most importantly, in regards to a Congressional  
7 District, we coordinate our efforts to receive critical  
8 federal assistance. Placing San Benito -- placing San  
9 Benito, a small rural county of roughly sixty-five  
10 thousand, in the Cupertino Congressional District would  
11 not only sever these extremely important and historical  
12 ties to the Central Coast, but it would mean that we  
13 would lose our voice, a shared community interest --

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 MR. TIFFANY: -- drowned out by a much more densely  
16 populated and urban area. It will have a devastating  
17 impact on our entire county.

18 Once again, I strongly urge that San Benito County  
19 be moved back into the Midcoast Congressional District.

20 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

22 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
24 have 093, and up next after that will be 101.

25 093, I'll be promoting you now. 093, you can now

1 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
2 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
3 district plan and region you'd like to address. The  
4 floor is yours.

5 MS. SOOMAR: Hi, my name is Naheed Soomar (ph.), and  
6 I am calling about the region in North L.A. County and  
7 Eastern Ventura County. Okay.

8 Good evening, and thank you so much for taking this  
9 difficult task of redistricting. It's not easy to  
10 balance the needs of various diverse communities that  
11 call California home. Wanted to make the general comment  
12 about the area that's AVSCV and FV and Malibu SFV.

13 This is a very diverse area where you have a variety  
14 of community interests at play. What I noticed in your  
15 maps in comparing to our current Congressional Districts  
16 is the current one is much better aligned with the common  
17 interests that these communities have. For example,  
18 Porter Ranch in -- in Northwestern San Fernando Valley  
19 has very little in common with the coastal community of  
20 Malibu. They have different climates, different  
21 demographics, housing prices. One has a coastal concern.  
22 One has an inland fire concern and -- and traffic issues.  
23 So it's going to drown things out.

24 Similarly, what we noticed is Santa Clarita is now  
25 lumped in with Northern San Fernando Valley, Sylmar area

1 and Sylmar, which naturally fits in well and is currently  
2 in the San Fernando Valley Congressional District, is now  
3 lumped in with Santa Clarita. And so you literally could  
4 be walking across the street and be in a different  
5 Congressional District in a highly dense area.

6 I would urge you to keep Santa Clarita and Simi  
7 Valley together. They are both demographically very  
8 similar. They have similar income levels. They are  
9 further in, and they're not as densely populated as the  
10 rest of L.A. County that they're being lumped in with.  
11 And -- and -- and it'll ensure that those communities are  
12 not drowned out by more densely populated areas.

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 MS. SOOMAR: Thank you very much.

15 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
17 have unique I.D. 101, and up next after that will be 102.

18 101, I'll be promoting you now. 101, you can now  
19 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
20 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
21 district plan and what region you'll be addressing. The  
22 floor is yours.\$

23 MR. TAYLOR: Good evening. Can you hear me?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

25 MR. TAYLOR: Excellent. My name is Mark (ph.), and

1 I'm calling about the Long Beach Congressional District  
2 or LB North draft in the most current map. Just want to  
3 start off by thanking the Commission for all your hard  
4 work in this unenviable task, and for -- and for  
5 respecting the wishes of Long Beach community and keeping  
6 our city together for the most part through this  
7 redistricting process. I really appreciate that you've  
8 reunited more of -- reunited more of Long Beach in these  
9 draft Congressional maps. Appreciate that you're  
10 listening to the residents of Long Beach.

11 And I especially want to thank Commissioner Kennedy  
12 in this process.

13 I'm hoping you'll please continue to work with the  
14 residents of our city and keep Long Beach together as  
15 much as possible, especially keeping, you know, our  
16 critical assets, the airport, our ports, our coast,  
17 downtown together with key residential areas.

18 My understanding that this is still -- these maps  
19 are still under development, and so as you refine them  
20 over the next few weeks, please also note that Long Beach  
21 has been well served in the past. In the -- in the  
22 current -- the current maps, which keep Long Beach  
23 together and -- and link it with Northern coastal Orange  
24 County, we share coastal erosion -- coastal erosion  
25 challenges, sea level rise concerns, and a strong

1 interest in preserving wetlands that extend from Bolsa  
2 Chica through Seal Beach and into Long Beach. Especially  
3 since wetlands preservation, coastal erosion, and  
4 flooding, all things under the authority of the Federal  
5 Army Corps of Engineers, it would be great for us to have  
6 a connected representation through Congress as well.

7       So again, I just want to stress that we appreciate  
8 everything that you're doing in working to keep Long  
9 Beach together, and if you do need to shift maps, I just  
10 want to say that we've been well served by the current  
11 arrangement that links Long Beach -- keeps Long Beach  
12 together, but links us with Seal Beach and the Northern  
13 Orange County coastal cities. So thanks again, and have  
14 a good evening.

15       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

16       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
17 have 102, and up next after that will be 096.

18       102, I will be promoting you now. 102, you can  
19 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
20 your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of  
21 what district plan you would like to address and the  
22 region. The floor is yours.

23       MR. WATSON: The region would be Long Beach. My  
24 name is Nevan Watson (ph.), and I'm calling in to  
25 represent Long Beach City College. We'd like to thank

1 the Commission for putting both of our community college  
2 campuses back into a single Congressional District. It  
3 means a lot to us and our 24,000 students.

4 Commissioner -- Commissioners Kennedy, Turner, and  
5 Sadhwani, we want to especially thank you for taking our  
6 feedback into account. We understand all of you have a  
7 lot of decisions to make in the next few weeks. The Long  
8 Beach Community College District respectfully requests  
9 that you keep our college campuses in the same  
10 Congressional District. We depend on a lot of grant  
11 funding, and our students depend on financial aid, and  
12 much of that work is done at the Congressional level of  
13 government, which is why is it important for us to have a  
14 Congressional District that is connected in a way that  
15 makes sense for our students.

16 Thank you for everything that you are doing. We  
17 appreciate each of you, and thank you so much for your  
18 decisions in the upcoming weeks.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
21 have unique I.D. 096, and up next after that will be 086.  
22 Oh. Give me one moment.

23 096, I will be promoting you now. 096, you can now  
24 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
25 your screen. If you would please remind the mapper of

1 what district plan or region you would like to address.

2 The floor is yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Good evening,  
4 everyone. I am interested in addressing Congressional  
5 District CA1 in Northern California, also known as  
6 Siskiyou County. Very top of the state. Yes. So I am a  
7 member of the Shasta Indian Nation, and Siskiyou County,  
8 what's presently known as Siskiyou County, has been the  
9 aboriginal territory and homelands to Shasta people since  
10 time immemorial. We have multiple bands of Shasta-  
11 speaking Indians that live throughout the county. Our  
12 culture is connected. We're all connected through our  
13 culture, through our spiritual practices, and through our  
14 language. We support the current map that was drafted, I  
15 believe it was November 10th. It keeps the county  
16 intact. There was a prior -- a prior version that had  
17 split the county in half, pretty much along the I-5. And  
18 that would cause a significant disruption to -- to our  
19 tribal people. And so I just want to throw that out  
20 there.

21 We are a community that has a lot in common. We're  
22 also a river community. We're also a community from the  
23 valleys. We're not actually a coastal community. A  
24 prior map had moved us to a coastal Congressional  
25 District, and we would -- we would find that really

1 disruptive to our tribal people.

2       So that's really all that I need to say this  
3 evening. Thank you so much for your time, and thank you  
4 again for all the work that you're doing.

5       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

6       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will be  
7 going to 086. I will be promoting you now. 086, you can  
8 now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner  
9 of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of  
10 what district plan and what region you'd like to address.  
11 The floor is yours.

12       UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes. The region I  
13 would like to talk about is the Fresno-Tulare  
14 Congressional District. Hello, Commissioners. My name's  
15 Aleeta (ph.), and it is my belief that the City of Fresno  
16 should be removed from the Fresno-Tulare draft  
17 Congressional District because of the district's  
18 communities of interest are overwhelmingly rural, and  
19 Fresno is not. Fresno's urban population should be  
20 included in a district that shares local representation  
21 of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and Fresno City  
22 Council, such as Stan Fresno. As a resident of rural  
23 Tulare County and the proposal Fresno-Tulare  
24 Congressional District, I feel the Fresno-Tulare district  
25 should rather incorporate more of the rural Tulare County

1 to maintain the rural nature of the district. Thank you.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
4 at this time, we have completed all of our unique I.D.s,  
5 and I will be reading our general public comment  
6 instructions.

7 In order to maximize transparency and public  
8 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be  
9 taking general public comment by phone. To call in, dial  
10 the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It  
11 is 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the meeting I.D.  
12 number provided on the livestream feed, it is 87225431522  
13 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant  
14 I.D., simply press the pound key.

15 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a  
16 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press  
17 star nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator.  
18 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message  
19 that says the host would like you to talk, and to press  
20 star six to speak. If you would like to give your name,  
21 please state and spell it for the record. You are not  
22 required to provide your name to give public comment.

23 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream  
24 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your  
25 call. Whoops. I just lost my place. Please make sure

1 to mute your -- once you are waiting in the queue, be  
2 alert for when is your turn to speak, and again, please  
3 turn down the livestream volume. I apologize.

4 We will be starting with caller 9907.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Can you hang on for a  
6 second?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can I have the Spanish  
9 interpreter read the site translation full call-in  
10 instructions, please?

11 THE INTERPRETER: Hi, this is the Spanish  
12 interpreter, Margarita (ph.), to read the full call-in  
13 instructions in Spanish.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That is correct.

15 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Okay. (In Spanish, not  
16 translated). Thank you.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Gracias. Thank you very  
18 much.

19 Katy, we are back in your hands.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Thank you so much.  
21 I apologize. I had forgotten.

22 Right now, we have caller 9907, and up next after  
23 that will be caller 0209.

24 Caller 9907, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
25 unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller

1 with the last four digits 9907, if you'll please follow  
2 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. I do  
3 apologize, caller 9907. There appears to be some type of  
4 connectivity issue for you at this moment. I do have a  
5 note to retry.

6 Right now, we will be going to caller 0209, and up  
7 next after that will be caller 2902.

8 Caller 0209, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
9 unmute by pressing star six. One more time, caller with  
10 the last four digits 0209, if you will please follow the  
11 prompts to unmute. The floor is yours. Caller 0209, you  
12 are unmuted. You may want to double-check and make sure  
13 your phone is not on mute.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Hello, hi.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good. Good evening,  
19 ladies and gentlemen. My name is David (ph.). I am a  
20 Vietnamese voter and senior citizen. I ask that you keep  
21 Huntington Beach with the cities of Westminster, Garden  
22 Grove, and Fountain Valley in one Congressional District.  
23 Thank you for your time.

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will

1 have caller 2902, and up next after that will be caller  
2 3480.

3 Caller 2902, if you will please follow the prompts  
4 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Good evening. Am I  
6 on?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You sure are.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Good evening. I am a  
9 resident in Westminster, and I want to have to consider  
10 my input that I need to have -- to have Little Saigon to  
11 include the current cities, not the far away North, like  
12 Fullerton. In other words, it should be the way they are  
13 right now, but in to include Huntington Beach and  
14 Fountain Valley when you consider the redistricting.  
15 Thank you.

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will be  
18 going to caller 3480, and up next after that will be  
19 caller 0670.

20 Caller 3480, if you will, please follow the prompts  
21 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

22 MR. LEE: Hello. My name is Richie Lee (ph.). I'm  
23 currently -- currently a resident here. I'd like to  
24 address the Huntington Beach -- Huntington Beach to  
25 Little Saigon District. The Commission has heard

1 consistent and lengthy testimony about keeping Little  
2 Saigon with Huntington Beach, yet we do not see that  
3 happen with these maps. And the Seal Beach/Brea  
4 District, the Commission made, is just, like, all over  
5 the place. I watched as you (audio interference), and  
6 every move was so arbitrary, focusing on compactness  
7 rather than any actual similarities to the communities,  
8 and this district really needs to be revisited. And it  
9 should start with keeping Little Saigon with Huntington  
10 Beach. Thank you for your time.

11 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
13 have caller 0670, and up next after that will be caller  
14 3166.

15 Caller 0670, if you will please follow the prompts  
16 to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time,  
17 caller with the last four digits 0670, if you will please  
18 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The  
19 floor is yours.

20 MR. ANDERSON: Thank you. Good evening. My name is  
21 Eric Anderson (ph.). I live in El Cajon, part of San  
22 Diego County. I've lived here in East County for the  
23 past 33 years, and two sons were born and raised here and  
24 now reside here with their families.

25 I want to thank this commission for the thankless

1 job they have. Volunteer work doesn't pay well, so thank  
2 you tonight for your time.

3 I'm concerned about the new maps for State Senate  
4 District 38. The new map undermines that which makes  
5 East County unique in San Diego, our values. We vote  
6 differently than those in Chula Vista, and North Park,  
7 and Mission Beach. And we can take a look at the values  
8 of the candidates who represent those communities versus  
9 those who represent Santee, Lakeside, and El Cajon in  
10 East County. East County is the last place in San Diego  
11 where we find the majority of families who still hold  
12 traditional values, ethics that were constituted in our  
13 founding documents, self-evident truths, all men created  
14 equal, limited government, individual liberty, property  
15 rights, free speech.

16 I'm afraid that what this new map does in the East  
17 County of San Diego is destroy the last remnant of  
18 traditional values in our city, and I just want to  
19 encourage you to please not allow this new version for  
20 Senate District 38 to continue. Thank you very much for  
21 your time.

22 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
24 have caller 3166, and up next after that will be caller  
25 2211.

1           Caller 3166, if you will please follow the prompts  
2 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

3           MS. SUAREZ: Hello. My name is Griselda Suarez, and  
4 I am a resident of Long Beach, and I'm also the executive  
5 director for the Arts Council for Long Beach.

6           I just want to thank the Commissioners for all you  
7 are doing to ensure our communities are represented and  
8 kept as intact as possible. The Arts Council from Long  
9 Beach has partnered with many other organizations, racial  
10 justice groups, and nonprofits in Long Beach on this  
11 redistricting process. Our coalition of organizations  
12 represents thousands of our supporters across the city.  
13 On behalf of them, thank you. Thank you for hearing and  
14 respecting our voices. As you know, Long Beach is a  
15 unique and tight -- tight-knit city that always puts  
16 community first. We have been proud to be actively  
17 engaged in this redistricting process throughout the  
18 year, and we appreciate being heard from the -- by the  
19 Commissioners, especially Commissioners Kennedy, Yee, and  
20 Sadhwani. Thank you all for that you're doing, and  
21 please continue to represent us as intact as possible and  
22 support our city. Thank you very much. Good night.

23           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

24           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
25 have caller 2211, and up next after that will be caller

1 3981.

2       And I'd again like to invite those that have called  
3 in this evening to please press star nine, as it helps us  
4 in our job in managing the queue for our staff and  
5 myself. Please press star nine if you wish to give  
6 comment this evening. It will raise your hand,  
7 indicating you wish to give comment.

8       Right now we will go to caller 2211. If you will  
9 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.  
10 The floor is yours.

11       MR. BREZNOV: Good evening. Thanks for taking my  
12 call. My name's Daniel Breznov (ph.), and I'm a resident  
13 of the Alamitos Beach neighborhood here in Long Beach. I  
14 wanted to give public testimony tonight in support of  
15 maps that keep my community as together as possible.  
16 Here in Long Beach, we're one of the State's largest  
17 cities, and I really believe that to build the future I  
18 want for my kids and our community, we need a strong,  
19 unified voice at the state and federal level. I want to  
20 be represented by leaders who come from my community and  
21 know what we need to address our particular challenges.

22       As a practical matter, that means keeping as much of  
23 Long Beach intact and in a single district as is  
24 possible. For a city of our size, almost 475,000 people,  
25 maybe a little bit more at this point, I think that's a

1 really reasonable request that makes the best sense for  
2 us in the Assembly, in the Senate, and in the House of  
3 Representatives as well. I know especially for Senate  
4 and Congress, we're going to be part of a larger  
5 district. That just needs to be because the numbers, and  
6 I think the Commission has done a really good job of  
7 looking at ways to consolidate the greater Long Beach  
8 area. It definitely makes sense to put us with Lakewood  
9 and Signal Hill. They're a very important part of the  
10 greater Long Beach community. But I've also heard  
11 Commissioners talking about including parts of Orange  
12 County, like Seal Beach as well.

13 Now, this commission has a lot of things to  
14 consider, and I think that crossing the county line --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MR. BREZNOV: -- to our East might be a good fit --  
17 crossing the county line to our East might be a good fit  
18 if it helps put together a map that best serves more  
19 communities. We do share vital resources like our  
20 coastline with our OC neighbors, and there are a lot of  
21 East Long Beach --

22 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

23 MR. BREZNOV: -- neighborhoods that interact with  
24 those communities regularly, but most importantly, thank  
25 you for overwhelmingly looking to keep our city unified,

1 and I hope you'll continue to do so through this process.

2 Thanks so much. Have a good night.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
5 have caller 3981, and up next after that will be caller  
6 6725.

7 Caller 3981, if you will please follow the prompts  
8 to unmute by pressing star six.

9 MS. LEE: Hello.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

11 MS. LEE: Okay. Hello. My name is Jacqueline Lee  
12 (ph.). I'm a Vietnamese American voter. I appreciate  
13 the Commission for recognizing the vibrant Vietnamese  
14 community in Little Saigon and the importance of keeping  
15 this together in one Congressional district number 48. I  
16 feel like you overlook the fact that this community  
17 really bleeds into Huntington Beach, though, rather than  
18 more inland communities. I think the Commission needs to  
19 rectify that mistake and put Little Saigon with the  
20 coastal community. Thank you, and good night.

21 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have  
23 caller 6725, and up next after that will be caller 7618.

24 Caller 6725, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
25 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

1 MS. HUGGINS: Hi. Good evening, Commissioners.  
2 Thanks for taking comments. My name's Gina Huggins,  
3 G-I-N-A, Huggins, H-U-G-G-I-N-S. I'm from Yucaipa, and I  
4 wanted to thank you for your great work for my community.  
5 On the draft Congressional map, the High Desert SC,  
6 Yucaipa is linked to important communities around us. We  
7 stay with Calimesa, which makes sense because we share a  
8 School District, and we're also tied to Big Bear, which  
9 is important because both Big Bear and Yucaipa touch  
10 national forests and have environmental and public safety  
11 concerns with that forest.

12 Please keep up the good work, and thank you for  
13 listening to the needs of the community. Thanks.

14 MR. MANOFF: Thank (audio interference).

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will be  
16 going to caller 7618, and up next after that will be  
17 caller 8800.

18 Caller 7618, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
19 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Phung  
21 (ph.). I'm a resident in Westminster, and a second  
22 generation Vietnamese American. I'm calling to urge you  
23 to keep the community of Little Saigon attached to the  
24 City of Huntington Beach in our Congressional District.  
25 Huntington Beach is next door to Little Saigon. From my

1 house to Huntington Beach is only a five-minute drive.  
2 It takes me over forty-five minutes to drive from  
3 Westchester to Fullerton. It makes no sense for Little  
4 Saigon to be in the same district as cities so far North  
5 of us like Fullerton. Thank you. Have a good night.

6 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
8 have caller 8800, and up next after that will be caller  
9 5755.

10 Caller 8800, if you will please follow the prompts  
11 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

12 MR. CHAVARIN: Hello. My name is Victor Chavarin  
13 (ph.), and I'm calling regarding the Fresno-Tulare map,  
14 and Kings County as a whole.

15 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

16 MR. CHAVARIN: Sorry. My name is Victor Chavarin.  
17 I am a resident of Armona, within Kings County. I'm  
18 calling to make comment on the communities of interest.  
19 The City of Fresno does not belong in the Fresno-Tulare  
20 Congressional District draft. As a -- as a resident of  
21 Kings County, I understand how different the city's urban  
22 population is with the rest of the district's rural  
23 communities. The City of Fresno should be included in a  
24 district like STANFRESNO, where it will share  
25 representation from Fresno County Board of Supervisors,

1 and the City of Clovis, and not (audio interference) the  
2 Fresno-Tulare District rural communities of interest,  
3 especially Kings County. With Kings County being  
4 divided, it -- it lowers the ability to -- for the county  
5 and its local communities to advocate for each other's  
6 needs. The Kings County has multiple small districts  
7 with the -- community service districts that usually work  
8 together to advocate for special needs that we need at  
9 the federal and state level. By splitting us up, we --  
10 we lose our power and we lose our voice due to the  
11 unincorporated status of a lot of our communities within  
12 the county, and same with Tulare. If we are to be in the  
13 same Congressional District, our voice will only be  
14 increased. So I ask that you remove the City of Fresno  
15 from the Fresno-Tulare district and make Kings County  
16 whole. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
18 right now, we have caller 5755, and up next after that  
19 will be caller 0046.

20 Caller 5755, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
21 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

22 MS. WALKER: Hi. This is Catherine Walker (ph.). I  
23 live in Santa Clarita. I'm calling to comment about two  
24 of the draft maps, CVAVSCV draft, and this SDSVS -- SCSFV  
25 draft. That's a mouthful. In regards to the

1 Congressional map, I think the Commission got this one  
2 right. Exactly right. So well done. The map respects  
3 county lines, our communities of interest, and is  
4 geographically compact. And I understand that there are  
5 callers who want Simi Valley back in the District, but I  
6 just don't think that's a good idea. There's no reason  
7 to add Simi and make this district that big again. We  
8 don't share interests with Simi, and we do with the North  
9 San Fernando Valley, including transit and water  
10 infrastructure.

11 And then, regarding the Senate District map, it's  
12 pretty good, too. I would just suggest to make it look a  
13 little bit more like the Congressional districts, a  
14 little more. Add more of the North San Fernando Valley  
15 like Northridge and Granada Hills, and less of Van Nuys  
16 and North Hollywood. That would make the District more  
17 compact.

18 Thank you so much for volunteering and doing all of  
19 this hard work. And thank you for taking my call.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
21 right now, we will have caller 0046, and up next after  
22 that, we will have unique I.D. 013.

23 Caller 0046, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
24 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

25 MR. LETNER: Good evening. My name is Brad Letner,

1 B-R-A-D, L-E-T-N-E-R, and I'm calling about the draft  
2 map, High Desert SB. I'd like to commend the Commission  
3 for its work in this draft map because I currently work  
4 as a civilian on Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base in  
5 the Morongo Basin in the High Desert, and I retired from  
6 active duty at Fort Irwin, California. And this map  
7 keeps the military bases in the High Desert together,  
8 including the Veteran's Home in Barstow. These bases and  
9 the Veteran's Home provide jobs and are a big resource to  
10 all the communities around them. And it's a major part  
11 of our identity. This map even connects us to the VA  
12 Clinic in Victorville and the VA Hospital in Loma Linda.  
13 And that's important to give veterans an opportunity to  
14 advocate for the resources we need from local agencies.

15 The San Bernardino County, the High Desert is rural  
16 and blue collar, but has a high population of veterans  
17 like myself. We served at Fort Irwin Army Base,  
18 Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base, Barstow Marine Corps  
19 Logistics Base, and several Air Force veterans from the  
20 old George Air Force Base in Victorville. There's a huge  
21 concentration of veterans in our community, and I really  
22 appreciate the Commission's efforts to recognize the  
23 military community and to keep us together and give us a  
24 voice.

25 So please continue your great work, and I'd just

1 like to add, please keep our rural communities of the  
2 High Desert from being mixed in with large urban areas  
3 like Los Angeles County. Thanks very much. Have a good  
4 night.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
6 right now, we will have unique I.D. 013, and up next  
7 after that, we will retry caller 9907.

8 Unique I.D. 013, I will be promoting you now. 013,  
9 you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left  
10 corner of your screen, and if you would please let the  
11 mapper know what district plan and region you'd like to  
12 address. The floor is yours.

13 MR. MADRIGAL: Hello. Can you hear me?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

15 MR. MADRIGAL: Oh, okay. My name is Tony Madrigal.  
16 I'm a city council member in Modesto. I'm calling about  
17 Congressional map -- proposed map EASTEA regarding  
18 Stanislas County. I really want to urge the Commission,  
19 with all due respect, to please not divide up our City of  
20 Modesto. Your current proposed map literally cuts our  
21 city of 220,000 -- approximately 220,00 people, cuts it  
22 in half. We are currently in Congressional District 10.  
23 Our entire city is the county seat and our entire city is  
24 a community of interest. You are dividing our voice in  
25 half. Please don't do that. Please keep us intact with

1 the current configuration the way it is, and with our  
2 neighboring cities of Manteca, Tracy as well. Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
4 right now, we will have caller 9412, and up next after  
5 that will be caller 8499.

6 Caller 9412, if you will please follow the prompts  
7 to unmute. The floor is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Excellent. All right.

11 Good evening, Commissioners. My name is (audio  
12 interference), a resident of Pollock Pines, El Dorado  
13 County, and I will be addressing the Congressional District  
14 PLACERSAC draft.

15 Firstly, I want to commend the commission for  
16 including Nevada County, Sierra County, and Northern Yuba  
17 County without that of Placer and El Dorado County. My  
18 main concern, however, is that in the latest draft, the  
19 voice of the Gold Country cultural and economic region of  
20 the Northern and central Sierra Nevadas would be drowned  
21 out by that of the Northeast Sacramento suburbs, such as  
22 Lincoln, Rosedale, Folsom, and El Dorado Hills. My  
23 suggestion would be instead that the Sierras -- whoops,  
24 my bad -- the Sierra Congressional District be formed  
25 with that -- with the rest of Gold Country, largely

1 following the communities along Highway 49, consisting of  
2 the rest of El Dorado County, Amador County, Calaveras  
3 County, the Tuolumne County, and Mariposa County in order  
4 to cohesively represent the needs of this region in  
5 Congress. And if need be, for population purposes,  
6 Eastern Butte County, Plymouth County, Alpine County,  
7 Eastern Madera County, and Eastern Fresno County could  
8 also be included with the rest of Gold Country because  
9 they share similar bonds to the rest of the central  
10 Sierras.

11       Personally, I am especially concerned about El  
12 Dorado County being split as it is in this proposal, as  
13 I, and Pollock Pines would be divided from most of my  
14 family, friends and community, merely located nine miles  
15 away in Placerville, which would be put into the ECA  
16 Congressional District. Once again, I will urge the  
17 Commission to please consider keeping Gold Country united  
18 and its federal representation. Thank you, and good  
19 night.

20       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And to our listening  
21 public and community members, if your intention is to  
22 provide community public comment tonight, you must do  
23 so -- you must call in before 8:00 p.m., as that's when  
24 our phone lines will close. Again, if your intention is  
25 to provide public comment tonight, please call in prior

1 to 8:00 p.m.

2 Katy?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.

4 And right now, we will have caller 8499, and up next  
5 after that will be caller 6659.

6 Caller 8499, if you will please follow the prompts  
7 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners,  
9 and thank you for giving this additional window to speak.  
10 I think you guys have done a good job at listening to all  
11 voices and not showing preference toward one community  
12 over the other. I'm from Kern County, and I know that I  
13 certainly feel recognized by the Commission as a whole  
14 and by many of the individual Commissioners. I am in awe  
15 of the task that you guys are doing, and I think it's  
16 important that you all hear from some happy callers so  
17 it's not all too negative. Please continue listening to  
18 this perspective of Kern County as you make the final  
19 decisions that you have to make as we move forward  
20 towards our final decision. Thanks, and have a great  
21 rest of your evening.

22 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
24 have caller 6777, and up next after that will be caller  
25 3783.

1           Caller 6777, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
2 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

3           MR. PILCH: Thank you. Hello. My name's Nick  
4 Pilch. I'm a resident of, and former mayor of, and  
5 speaking tonight about the City of Albany, currently  
6 drawn at the bottom of CDNORTHCONT. I'll be speaking of  
7 this district as well as CDOAKLANDMORI, directly to the  
8 South. Thank you for all you do and your good work.  
9 Your process is good and impressive, and I appreciate  
10 your difficult task.

11           My request is to move the City of Albany back into  
12 the CDOAKLANDMORI. Albany is the Northernmost city in  
13 Alameda County, and very much identified with Alameda  
14 County cities and interests. The map has moved Albany  
15 into a district solely made up of Contra Costa County  
16 cities. Albany is small, with about 20,000 residents.  
17 Our interests are not well aligned with these other  
18 cities in this other county, and we're so small as to  
19 perhaps lose our ability to impact our representation  
20 under this scenario. Albany has a much greater affinity  
21 for, and a community of interest with, Berkeley in  
22 Oakland and Piedmont in Emeryville. Albany belongs in CD  
23 OAKLANDMORI. If you're able to zoom in, you'll see that  
24 it looks like a missing puzzle piece from CDOAKLANDMORI  
25 at the -- on the North rather than a part of CDNORTHCONT.

1 Albany and Berkeley are closely knit communities sharing  
2 a major retail corridor that goes through both cities,  
3 Solano Avenue, and we celebrate our combined community  
4 through an annual community events such as the Solano  
5 Street -- Solano Stroll Street Fair, and which is hosted  
6 by both Albany and Berkeley. There you can see the  
7 Albany there -- there showing on the map. We're closely  
8 tied to UC Berkeley as well. Many workers and students  
9 live -- live here in Albany --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 MR. PILCH: -- from UC Berkeley. UC Village -- UC  
12 Village, marriage and family housing for UC Berkeley,  
13 resides in Albany. The top of Alameda County also marks  
14 the top of the Peralta Community College District, which  
15 has schools in Alameda, Oakland, and Berkeley. Note that  
16 this district --

17 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

18 MR. PILCH: -- does not include San Leandro.  
19 Finally, Albany is united with Berkeley in our State  
20 Assembly and State Senate Districts. And once again, the  
21 request is to move the City of Albany back into  
22 CDOAKLANDMORI. Thank you.

23 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll have  
25 caller 3783, and up next after that will be caller 7699.

1           Caller 3783, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
2 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

3           UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Irene  
4 (ph.). Last week, I listened intensely as dozens of  
5 callers from the Asian American community called in to  
6 express support for keeping Little Saigon with Huntington  
7 Beach. With such a strong emphasis on communities of  
8 interest, I don't understand the Commission decided to  
9 ignore this request. Little Saigon is a part of  
10 Huntington Beach, and is just a five-minute drive from  
11 the beach. They should be kept together on both the  
12 federal and state level. Thank you.

13           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

14           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
15 have caller 7699 and up next after that will be caller  
16 3888.

17           Caller 7699, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
18 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

19           MS. FONG: Good evening. My name's Miley Fong  
20 (ph.), and I live in the City of Garden Grove. I would  
21 like the Commissioners to consider to keep the Little  
22 Saigon area together with Huntington Beach. I live in  
23 Garden Grove for most of my life, and all of my activity,  
24 everything, it's related to Little Saigon area with the  
25 Huntington Beach area. It's very close to, you know, my

1 location. And I surprised why, you know, Fullerton is 30  
2 minutes away, and it's really far, and I'm not sure why,  
3 you know, we combine -- the suggestion to combine  
4 Fullerton with the Little Saigon. So if you can, I  
5 really appreciate if you can keep, you know, the Little  
6 Saigon area together with Huntington Beach, Fountain  
7 Valley area. Thank you so much for your support. Thank  
8 you.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll go  
11 to caller 3888, and up next after that will be caller  
12 1740.

13 Caller 3888, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
14 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

15 MR. NGUYEN: Oh. Can you hear me?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

17 MR. NGUYEN: Yes. My name is Tim Nguyen (ph.). I  
18 am a Vietnamese American voter. Little Saigon should be  
19 in a Congressional District with Huntington Beach. The  
20 city expansion of Little Saigon and thousands of  
21 Vietnamese residents live here in this neighboring city  
22 while they are still a part of vibrant Little Saigon  
23 community. It was an arbitrary decision to separate the  
24 two, and the Commission needs to revisit it. Thank you  
25 for your attention. Good night.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we'll be retrying  
3 caller 9907 at this time, as I said earlier, and I  
4 forgot. And the next after that will be caller 1740.

5 Caller 9907, if you will please follow the prompts  
6 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

7 MS. FONG: Hello? Hello, my name is Li Fong (ph.).  
8 Please put Little Saigon with Huntington Beach (audio  
9 interference), no Fullerton. It's too far away.  
10 Vietnamese in Westminster, Garden Grove, Huntington  
11 Beach. Thank you. Good night.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we're  
14 going to caller 1740, and up next after that will be  
15 caller 3746.

16 Caller 1740, if you will please follow the prompts  
17 to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time,  
18 caller -- oh. The floor is yours.

19 MR. LEE: Hello?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello.

21 MR. LEE: Oh. My name is Gung Lee (ph.).

22 (Indiscernible) sleep and work in Westminster, Garden  
23 Grove, and Huntington Beach. Fullerton is too far.  
24 Please don't put Little Saigon together with Fullerton.  
25 Thank you. Good night.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we're  
3 going to caller 3746, and up next after that will be  
4 caller 7082.

5 Caller 3746, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
6 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

7 MS. TONG: Hello. My name is Daisy Tong (ph.), and  
8 I live in Garden Grove. Actually, I grew up -- this is  
9 where my first home is in Garden Grove. And as we grow  
10 older, you know, my parents, they live in Garden Grove,  
11 and we start expanding and doing our business in  
12 Westminster, Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley. We --  
13 now, I take my kids to Huntington Beach almost every  
14 night, so we see the beach, our city, our business, and  
15 we extend towards the coastal area. We don't go towards  
16 Fullerton. So by submissions (sic) drawing the line  
17 toward Fullerton, it really actually kind of divides our  
18 community instead of uniting together, as is intention.

19 So with that having said, I do appreciate the hard  
20 work the Commission is trying to put in, but please  
21 consider that if you have a chance, go visit Little  
22 Saigon and drive from Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley,  
23 Westminster, Garden Grove, you will see how similar it  
24 is. As you drive into Fullerton, it's kind of different.  
25 Our work there is different and we hardly go do anything

1 there. So please keep us together to the coastal.

2 Thank you so much. I appreciate your work. I  
3 appreciate your time, and I hope you'll really consider  
4 keeping our demographic, our voice together. Thank you.  
5 Have a good night.

6 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will go  
8 to caller 7082, and up next after that will be caller  
9 7644.

10 Caller 7082, if you will please follow the prompts  
11 to a unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours,

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Dear Commissioners,  
13 thank you for taking this call. I'm speaking about the  
14 Northern California districts, to some extent, like  
15 NORCOAST -- NORCOAST and SIERRA. First, I feel like this  
16 Commission has not paid much attention to Northern  
17 California during this process. NORCAV was drawn in  
18 about five minutes around 1:30 p.m. -- 11:30 p.m. on  
19 Monday. There was no discussion on community of  
20 interest, no discussion of natural boundaries, and no  
21 reference to any commentary submitted by the public. I  
22 understand that -- that none of you are from the area,  
23 but it -- it was clear that people who live in the North  
24 State were just numbers on a map to you, and any public  
25 comment we had made had been largely ignored. I don't

1 mean to come across as insulting, but if you wanted to  
2 make the people that live here feel ignored, you could  
3 not have picked a better way to do it.

4       Anyway, I live here, so I've tracked the comments.  
5 There are basically four groups, and I'll summarize.  
6 There's the group of comments asking for an ag district  
7 along I-5. Ag community of interest basically means  
8 Republican in this context. There's another group of  
9 comments asking that the Northwest Coast, Trinity, Del  
10 Norte, and Humboldt should be in a coastal community of  
11 interest. Coastal community really means Democrat in  
12 this context. There's literally nothing similar about  
13 Marin and Humboldt except that Humboldt Democrats want to  
14 vote for Bay Area Democratic candidates.

15       I mean, one of the commissioners on Monday night  
16 said that Richmond was too blue collar to be looped with  
17 Marin. You clearly have never been to the North Coast if  
18 you think Humboldt is less blue collar than Richmond.

19       Anyway, there are also two other groups. A third  
20 group wants a rural district that goes from Humboldt to  
21 Plumas, and focuses on tying together forests, state  
22 parks, and the three national parks --

23       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24       UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- North of Sacramento.

25       Group four wants the Karuk and Yurok Tribes of Siskiyou,

1 Humboldt, and Del Norte to be hooked -- kept together.  
2 The Dems from the coast and the Republicans in the valley  
3 love the current maps. You could build a fourth district  
4 by adding Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity to NORCAF --

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- balancing NORCOAST by  
7 adding the rest of Santa Rosa and Rohnert Park, and then  
8 adding Yuba City and Marysville to Yolo Lake.

9 You're the Commission. You draw the districts as  
10 you like. I just ask that you engage with the rural  
11 districts across the state, which seem to be treated as  
12 population sinks because they don't have a commissioner  
13 to --

14 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
16 have caller 7644, and up next after that will be caller  
17 0073.

18 Caller 7644, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
19 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

20 MR. PAYNE: All right. Good evening, Commissioners.  
21 My name is Eric Payne. I'm the executive director of the  
22 Central Valley Urban Institute, and I will be referencing  
23 a few different Congressional maps this evening relative  
24 to Black families here in the Central Valley who have  
25 largely continued to be split and paired with unfavorable

1 communities within their respective jurisdiction.

2       Again, I'd like to reference the California Black  
3 redistricting hub maps to -- so -- to show in how you can  
4 balance and pair our communities here in the Central  
5 Valley. I'll point first to the Tulare County map, where  
6 you've segmented the second largest populous African  
7 American community in Tulare County and the City of  
8 Visalia into Kern County. And -- and so our request was  
9 that you keep both Tulare -- the City of Tulare and the  
10 City of Visalia whole.

11       Next, I'll point to the Fresno maps. Communities  
12 West of 99, those communities include West Park,  
13 Southwest Fresno, and emerging Black communities --

14       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15       MR. PAYNE: - as do Herndon, continue to be  
16 segmented and divided in a separate Congressional  
17 District outside of the urban core district, just simply  
18 across the street --

19       MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

20       MR. PAYNE: -- that -- that divides Elm. So please  
21 keep those community -- communities whole and together.

22       And then finally, I'll close with maintaining the  
23 integrity of Atwater and Chowchilla. You --

24       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

25       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will

1 have caller 0073. If you'll please follow the prompts to  
2 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

3 MR. AI: I'm calling about the Coachella Valley.  
4 Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Mike Ai I am  
5 calling on behalf of Equality California. I want to  
6 reiterate our deep appreciation for the Commission's  
7 commitment to uniting and empowering LGBTQ+ communities  
8 throughout the state, including in the Coachella Valley.  
9 And while we appreciate the Commission's action to unite  
10 our Coachella LGBTQ+ community in the draft Senate maps,  
11 I want to express our deep concern that the draft  
12 Congressional maps would divide the Coachella Valley  
13 LGBTQ+ community in half by separating the City of Palm  
14 Springs from Desert Hot Springs, Cathedral City, and  
15 Thousand Palms. Our Coachella Valley LGBTQ+ community  
16 runs across these cities, which have a long history of  
17 electing candidates of choice. This is important,  
18 especially as so many Coachella LGBTQ+ residents face  
19 unique challenges and needs, especially LGBTQ+ elders and  
20 people living with HIV. In addition to sharing a  
21 geographically connected and united LGBTQ+ community,  
22 Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs, Cathedral City, and  
23 Thousand Palms are all part of the Palm Springs Unified  
24 School District. Please keep our Coachella Valley LGBTQ+  
25 community united, as you have done in the Senate draft

1 maps, and -- and as you have done in the draft Senate  
2 maps. Thank you.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

4 And Katy, I think we have time for one more caller  
5 before break.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I agree. Right now, we  
7 have caller 9131. If you'll please follow the prompts to  
8 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours. Caller  
9 9131, you are unmuted. You may want to double-check your  
10 phone, make sure it is not muted.

11 MS. MENECKER: Thank you for that reminder. Okay.  
12 Perfect. My name is Emily Menecker (ph.), and I'm a  
13 resident of Fullerton. And I think what I'm hearing, or  
14 what I feel, is what a lot of different people are saying  
15 tonight. And basically under the Voting Rights Act, city  
16 boundaries are supposed to be respected, and the maps  
17 that have drawn dilute the power of our city by dividing  
18 us. It splits Fullerton into different counties, which  
19 puts us at risk for not getting fair representative by  
20 someone who knows Fullerton and respects the needs and  
21 the demand of the Fullerton community. I'm asking for  
22 you to keep Fullerton together, so that it gets the  
23 representation and funding it needs and deserves.

24 Thank you so much for your work and your  
25 consideration.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And with that last  
2 caller, we're going to take a fifteen-minute break. We  
3 will return at 8:30. If you've called in, please do not  
4 disconnect, as the phone lines are closed and you will  
5 not be able to call back in. So I will see everyone back  
6 at 8:30. Thank you.

7 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 8:15 p.m.  
8 until 8:30 p.m.)

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Good evening, California, and welcome  
10 back to the public comment portion of our meeting. We  
11 will pick up right where we left off, Katy.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We'll start with caller  
13 5719. Up next after that will be caller 5000.

14 Caller 5719, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
15 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

16 MS. ROSARIO: Thank you very much. I appreciate the  
17 opportunity to address the Commission, and thank you guys  
18 for working late on a Wednesday night. I wanted to  
19 address the maps in the Santa Clarita Valley area for  
20 Congress and Assembly, especially. Specifically, the --  
21 the need to -- to move further North on those maps.  
22 The -- the issue is, is that the Santa Clarita Valley --  
23 oh, and I'm sorry. I didn't introduce myself. My name  
24 is Karen Rosario (ph.), I'm a resident of the Antelope  
25 Valley. And I've done quite a bit of work in the Santa

1 Clarita Valley over the years as well. And those two  
2 areas are -- are just very much linked with one another.

3 In regards to the Congressional District map for the  
4 Antelope Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley, one of the  
5 issues, though, is the fact that it just doesn't go far  
6 enough North. Right now, it -- it cuts off at the L.A.  
7 County line, and I know that there's a desire to remain  
8 within counties when possible, but we -- we do see on  
9 some of the other maps that it -- it does move outside of  
10 L.A. County, and -- and that's as it should be, because  
11 it leads into those more rural areas, some of the  
12 Rosemont area, the California City area, the Mohave area,  
13 all of that is essentially one community, and keeping  
14 that area whole because of just the especially economic  
15 interests, and there's military interests, and just the  
16 fact that the residents consider themselves all one  
17 community within those areas.

18 In terms of the Assembly District map, also that  
19 needs to continue to go further North rather than moving  
20 South into the -- the San Fernando Valley --

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 MS. ROSARIO: -- which is what's happening with that  
23 (audio interference) map. So again, moving -- moving  
24 North, we have the communities of like interest. We have  
25 communities that have a much greater tendency to commute

1 into one another and -- and share those -- those common  
2 interests as well.

3 Appreciate your time. Appreciate the --

4 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- opportunity for you to  
6 hear the constituents' views. And I hope you have a good  
7 rest of your night. Thank you very much.

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, will be  
10 caller 5000. Up next after that will be caller 2887,

11 Caller 5000, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
12 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

13 MR. JOHNSON: Good evening. My name is Gary  
14 Johnson, G-A-R-Y J-O-H-N-S-O-N. I've been a resident of  
15 Orange County for the last twenty-eight years, living  
16 near the coast, and I want to thank you for the  
17 opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed  
18 redistricting for the Orange County coastal cities.

19 The Irvine and Costa Mesa lines make very little  
20 sense. The Assembly lines keep Irvine whole and group it  
21 with Costa Mesa. The Senate lines split Irvine and  
22 exclude Costa Mesa. The Congressional lines split Irvine  
23 and include Costa Mesa. And just saying it out loud  
24 really kind of helps you understand it doesn't make a lot  
25 of sense. And the Commission should revisit this area

1 with the goal of keeping Irvine whole and grouped with  
2 Costa Mesa in all the maps.

3 And I want to thank you for your time.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller  
6 2887, and up next after that is caller 2554.

7 Caller 2887, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
8 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

9 MS. KERR: Thank you. I'm so appreciative of your  
10 time and attention tonight. Hi, my name is Megan Kerr,  
11 I'm calling this evening from Long Beach. I also happen  
12 to be the vice president of the Long Beach Unified School  
13 District Board of Education. And I'm calling to thank  
14 you for the updates to your draft maps of our area that  
15 help unite Long Beach Districts for State Senate,  
16 Assembly, and Congress. Our Board has written to the  
17 communication -- this Commission several times, and I  
18 want to personally thank you for taking our feedback at  
19 heart and making sure that it's reflected in the work  
20 that you've done. I'm lucky enough to help represent  
21 part of an amazing, diverse, and inclusive city that's  
22 deeply united by a strong sense of community. And I know  
23 each of you have gotten a glimpse of that community  
24 through our hearing feedback to this Commission and our  
25 desire to stay united in our State Districts.

1           This is also important to me personally because of  
2 my work with our School District, which serves Lakewood,  
3 Signal Hill, and Avalon, in addition to Long Beach. I  
4 also understand that these four cities alone may not be  
5 enough in population to make up an entire Congressional  
6 District, and so I'd like to extend support for including  
7 in this map cities who are our immediate neighbors and  
8 partners. It's also very important to me as a lifelong  
9 resident, that we share representation with the same  
10 communities that we partner with already on everything  
11 from education and higher education to our environment.

12           Please continue to keep Long Beach as intact as  
13 possible as you go into this last month of this process,  
14 and please support districts that keep us with our  
15 immediate neighbors to our North and East. Thank you so  
16 much for your time and this opportunity to give comment  
17 to you this evening. Have a good rest of your night.

18           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

19           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have  
20 caller 2554, and up next after that will be caller 7677.

21           Caller 2554, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
22 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

23           MS. MCDONALD: Hello. My name is Phyllis McDonald  
24 (ph.). I am calling from Manteca. I am calling about  
25 San Joaquin County and Stanislaus County. I'm very

1 concerned about the draft maps released on November 10th.  
2 Placing Manteca in a district with Stockton will be a  
3 loss for Manteca. Manteca's needs are aligned with  
4 Tracy, Mountain House, and Modesto. We have similar  
5 water issues, similar transportation issues, similar  
6 social issues. Our needs are aligned and would be better  
7 served to be in the same district, which has been the  
8 case for a long time. We have had a history of working  
9 together to solve problems.

10       Also, dividing Modesto into two parts, with one part  
11 being connected to a rural section of California that  
12 stretches as far as Death Valley doesn't make sense. It  
13 doesn't bode well for that section of Modesto having its  
14 needs met by whoever is elected as a representative.  
15 Uniting this economically disadvantaged area with  
16 wealthier ones will dilute their ability to qualify for  
17 federal aid programs, to name one perspective problem.  
18 Please keep Modesto united.

19       I support the November 2nd visualization map as  
20 representing our communities Manteca, Tracy, Mountain  
21 House, and Modesto in a fairer way. Thank you so much.

22       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

23       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have  
24 caller 7677, and up next after that will be caller 9275.

25       Caller 7677, if you'll please follow the prompts to

1 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

2 MR. WIRZ: Good evening, members of the Commission.  
3 My name is Donald Wirz, spelled W-I-R-Z. I'm a resident  
4 in San Benito County, and I am the president of the San  
5 Benito County Farm Bureau. Our organization represents  
6 over 250 small family-owned and medium-sized farming  
7 operations in a rural county in central California. We  
8 are currently in District Number 20. The map that I'm  
9 referencing is the Cupertino draft -- the CDCUPERTINO  
10 draft and CDMIDCOAST draft.

11 Our constituency, our membership, is concerned that  
12 by being aligned or included in a district that stretches  
13 from Cupertino and includes Eastern San Jose, that all  
14 our small rural county will be lost in the shuffle of a  
15 large tech-driven county, as opposed to one that we have  
16 a long working relationship with, that advocates for  
17 family farms and small rural communities.

18 Since the beginning of our county in 1874, our  
19 county has been aligned with Monterey and Santa Cruz  
20 counties on almost every single issue, and we have  
21 excellent working relationships with the Monterey Bay  
22 Area. Most of our regulatory agencies are centered in  
23 the Monterey Bay Area, and being moved to Cupertino and  
24 San Jose will adversely --

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 MR. WIRZ: -- affect this relationship.

2 I'll also point out that -- that our neighbors in  
3 Eastern Monterey County will be adversely -- adversely  
4 affected by the new Cupertino District for the same  
5 reasons that San Bernardino County would be.

6 So on behalf of our organization, and we ask --

7 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

8 MR. WIRZ: -- that you advocate for agriculture in a  
9 very small way, and keep San Benito County with Monterey  
10 and Santa Cruz Counties. Thank you very much, and good  
11 night.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have  
14 caller 9275, and up next after that will be caller 7068.

15 Caller 9275, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
16 unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller  
17 with the last four 9275, if you'll please follow the  
18 prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

19 Caller 9275, there appears to be some connectivity  
20 issues for you at the moment. I do have a note to retry.  
21 We will come back.

22 Right now, we have caller 7068, and up next after  
23 that will be caller 4052.

24 Caller 7068, if you will please follow the prompts  
25 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. My name is  
2 Cara (ph.). I am -- I will be addressing the Huntington  
3 Beach, Westminster, Fountain Valley, and Garden Grove.  
4 I'm calling tonight to strongly urge the commission to  
5 keep Little Saigon and Huntington Beach in one  
6 Congressional District. It is a mystery to me as to why  
7 you separate Huntington Beach from Little Saigon, yet  
8 connected it with Fullerton. Fullerton, that city is a  
9 40-minute drive from Westminster. It doesn't make sense  
10 for it to be a part of Little Saigon. Please keep Little  
11 Saigon in Huntington Beach together. Thank you, and have  
12 a good night.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
15 have caller 4052, and up next after that will be caller  
16 3220.

17 Caller 4052, if you will please follow the prompts  
18 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I wanted to thank  
20 everyone that's participating in the process that's  
21 waiting on the phone lines, and also listening in to the  
22 folks across California about their feedback, and I also  
23 wanted to say that I'm talking from District 6, which is  
24 in Sacramento. I am a resident of District 6, and I  
25 would be really -- I -- I live on the line that would cut

1 downtown Sacramento in half. And meaning, from my fifth-  
2 floor apartment to the apartments across from me would be  
3 in a different district. And I just came here to urge  
4 the folks here that are listening and making the draft  
5 maps to keep Sacramento together. Sacramento is one of  
6 the most diverse cities in California, and splitting us  
7 up would do much harm for the people in the region, and  
8 it would do harm to representation for folks that live in  
9 the area. I just wanted to give a strong urge to keep us  
10 together. I do believe a map that keeps the region  
11 together or keeps the map looking a lot like what the map  
12 looks like now was submitted and I hope that we're able  
13 to stick with it. Thank you for listening.

14 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller  
16 3220, and up next after that will be caller 0428.

17 Caller 3220, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
18 unmute. The floor is yours.

19 MR. SAYLOR: Thank you. My name is Don Saylor. I'm  
20 a Yolo County supervisor, and a 37-year resident of  
21 Davis. I'm also the chair of the Capital Corridor Joint  
22 Powers Authority. That's the agency that operates  
23 passenger rail service in our region.

24 You've received several comments from me and from  
25 others in Yolo County requesting that Yolo be treated as

1 a community of interest. And your maps for Congress,  
2 Senate, and Assembly have made incredible progress in  
3 achieving that objective. I have some concerns regarding  
4 the Congressional District identified as Yolo Lake, as  
5 follows. If -- if you look at that -- at that map, what  
6 you'll see is a big chunk of -- of Solano County coming  
7 up and being extracted from the District. And that's  
8 a -- that -- that is a good part of our transit and  
9 transportation corridor in our region. Yolo County is an  
10 ag County, but it's a specialty crop county, in addition  
11 to production crops. We're also a Delta County. I think  
12 that what -- what we would like to see with Yolo County's  
13 inclusion in a Congressional District is a greater  
14 alignment with Solano, and additionally, a greater  
15 alignment with the Delta.

16 When I look at the Sacramento -- CD Sacramento map  
17 that's adjacent to Yolo Lake, this is an example. If you  
18 look at Rio Vista and Isleton, one is on one side of the  
19 river --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MR. SAYLOR: -- and the other is on the other side  
22 of the river. But they're both the Delta communities.  
23 There is a community of interest around the Delta of  
24 habitat, of preservation, of water, and ag, the specialty  
25 crops.

1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

2 MR. SAYLOR: So the Delta and transportation  
3 corridors dictate that Yolo Lake be modified to include a  
4 portion of Solano and have a greater reflection of Delta  
5 communities inclusion. My comment on 22922 shows --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thank you for your comment.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
8 caller 0428, and up next after that will be caller 2944.

9 Caller 0428, if you will please follow the prompts  
10 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

11 MR. RAMOS: Yes. Good evening, Commissioners. My  
12 name is Andres Ramos (ph.). I'm a resident of Sacramento  
13 and a member of the queer Latino and renter communities.  
14 I'm calling regarding the Sacramento and North Sac  
15 Congressional Districts. I'm concerned that the City of  
16 Sacramento is being split. I think the City of  
17 Sacramento should be kept together in one district, as it  
18 currently is. We need a united voice in Congress for our  
19 city. By splitting the City of Sacramento, two  
20 significant Latino population in the Northern part of the  
21 City in Northgate, Gardenland, Norelto are separated from  
22 a large Latino population in South Sacramento. So that's  
23 concerning.

24 But if the city ultimately has to be split, I don't  
25 understand why it was split the way that it currently is,

1 because the current split goes through the downtown,  
2 midtown, central city area. And to be honest, it kind of  
3 looks like it was drawn using an Etch A Sketch. It  
4 doesn't follow one clear boundary. And so at the very  
5 least, please keep the central city together on one side  
6 or the other and follow a natural boundary, either the  
7 American River to the North or Highway 50 to the South.

8 I live in the central city. There's a lot of queer  
9 presence here, as the data from Equality California has  
10 shown. A lot of institutional presence of queer-serving  
11 institutions. There's also the highest concentration of  
12 renters in the city. I'm a renter as well. And so for  
13 many reasons, those two are ones that I would highlight,  
14 the central city should be kept together.

15 So if you do have to split the City of Sacramento,  
16 and I would strongly prefer that you don't, at least  
17 don't split it right between the central city.

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MR. RAMOS: Keep the central city together because  
20 we are a community interest as well. And so those are  
21 the main comments. Please keep the City of Sacramento in  
22 one Congressional District, if possible. But if you have  
23 to split it, don't do it in this strange way where you  
24 squiggle through our central city.

25 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

1 MR. RAMOS: Keep the central city together in one  
2 district if you have to split it, and follow a natural  
3 boundary for that line. Thank you for listening to my  
4 comment, and thank you all for your work. Good night.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will  
7 have caller 2944, and up next after that will be caller  
8 5833.

9 Caller 2944, if you will please follow the prompts  
10 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. My name is  
12 Quinn (ph.), and I would like to address Huntington  
13 Beach, Westminster, Fountain Valley area. Instead of  
14 trying to force lines that don't currently exist, the  
15 Commission should take to heart what it has heard dozens  
16 of times throughout the process, that Little Saigon is  
17 absolutely part of Huntington Beach. If Little Saigon  
18 isn't a part of the Huntington Beach community, where  
19 else would it fall? In the next round of drafts, I urge  
20 the Committee to fix its mistake and redraw Little Saigon  
21 back into the Huntington Beach coastal district. Thank  
22 you so much.

23 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have  
25 caller 5833, and up next after that will be caller 0095.

1           Caller 5833, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
2 unmute by pressing star six.

3           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

4           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. The floor is  
5 yours.

6           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hey. Good evening,  
7 Commissioners. This is your map nerd from Stanislaus  
8 County. And again, I just want to thank you so much for  
9 listening to Stanislaus County residents that have been  
10 submitting comments since the very beginning. Although  
11 we prefer that Stanislaus remain whole, this current  
12 Congressional map, ECA ensures that Modesto is at the  
13 center of its district. We understand that West  
14 Stanislaus has to go with Merced for VRA considerations,  
15 but after meeting that requirement, this current  
16 Congressional map is really in the best interest for the  
17 rest of Stanislaus County.

18           Unfortunately, you've been hearing from people  
19 calling in and writing comments to keep Modesto with  
20 Tracy. Those people are just working with and/or  
21 probably for a U.S. Congressman, and they're just trying  
22 to save his district. These folks have not been  
23 participating this entire time. They don't realize why  
24 you had to split Stanislaus for VRA considerations and  
25 having it go down with Merced. They're just trying to --

1 they're just taking orders from a Congressman.

2       So my last point is to please keep the lines the  
3 same, but if you have to change the Congressional map,  
4 honestly, the best map was probably on October 27th.  
5 That is probably the better option if you're going to  
6 change this map. Thank you so much.

7       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

8       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will  
9 have caller 0095, and up next after that will be caller  
10 3700.

11       I'd like to invite those that have called in and  
12 haven't spoken -- spoke this evening to please press  
13 star nine if they wish to raise their hand and get in  
14 line to give public comment. Please press star nine if  
15 you have not spoke this evening, and you wish to give  
16 comment.

17       Caller 0095, if you will please follow the prompts  
18 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

19       MS. CARR: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is  
20 Ashley Carr (ph.), and I'm a lifelong resident of Sutter  
21 County. I wanted to call in because I am concerned and  
22 frustrated that the Northern part of the state is  
23 becoming an afterthought during this -- this  
24 redistricting process. It seems like there are small  
25 districts -- changes being made to accommodate the Napa

1 Wine County and the Bay Area are resulting in our area's  
2 priorities being ignored. The Commission has literally  
3 spent hours debating small tweaks in other parts of the  
4 state around this, but you haven't really talked about  
5 the feedback you've received from our rural areas North  
6 of Sacramento. I live in the part of a state where we  
7 often feel ignored by our state government. And it's  
8 frustrating that this redistricting process seems to be  
9 ignoring us as well.

10 Sutter County and our neighboring counties like  
11 Yuba, Butte, Glenn, Colusa, and Tehama are small town  
12 valley agricultural areas. The small Northern Sacramento  
13 Valley has nothing in common with the larger cities of  
14 Davis, the coast, or Napa Valley, nor do we have much of  
15 anything in common with Granite Bay, Lake Tahoe, or the  
16 Eastern Sierra Mountain County. It just seems like the  
17 Commission spends hours working on details of districts  
18 in more populated areas around us, and then it pulls in  
19 part of our small ag counties just make the populations  
20 work. That doesn't seem fair or economical. It is  
21 frustrating that the Commission doesn't seem to have any  
22 conversations -- or conversations about keeping far North  
23 rural ag areas together. This area of --

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MS. CARR: -- the state is a valley surrounded by

1 mountains on both sides. Why not get the valleys and  
2 counties together? I hope that you have a chance to  
3 adjust the draft maps, you'll take some time to look at  
4 the feedback received of North of Sacramento, and  
5 prioritize our communities of interest. Please keep  
6 valley ag, like the Sutter --

7 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

8 MS. CARR: -- Yuba, Butte, along with the other  
9 counties like Tehama, Glenn, and Colusa together. Thank  
10 you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
12 right now, we will have caller 3700, and up next after  
13 that will be caller 6659.

14 Caller 3700, if you will please follow the prompts  
15 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me okay?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

18 MS. WILSON: Hi. My name is Betty Wilson (ph.). I  
19 am the executive director for the Business Council. We  
20 would like to congratulate and thank the Commissioners  
21 for the draft Congressional map dated 11/10/21, zone F,  
22 San Joaquin. I know this Commission has heard a lot of  
23 input from our diverse community, and we are so pleased  
24 that our wishes to keep San Joaquin hole have been heard,  
25 and you honored our request. I am sure you have seen the

1 numerous emails and letters once again congratulating the  
2 Commissioners on the Congressional map, and we're very  
3 thankful for the Commission allowing our county the  
4 continuation of production of agriculture, allowing us to  
5 work towards affordable, livable communities and well-  
6 paying jobs. We are much different than most other  
7 communities as it relates to economic and socioeconomic  
8 issues, and by allowing us to stay together, we can  
9 continue our work and advocacy for life and livelihood.  
10 Thank you so very much.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And right  
12 now, we have caller 6659, and up next after that will be  
13 caller 0311.

14 Caller 6659, if you will please follow the prompts  
15 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, can you hear me?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

18 MR. TRINH: Hi, good evening. My name is Huy Trinh  
19 (ph.). I'm a first generation Vietnamese American. I'd  
20 like to address the Little Saigon area. So I urge this  
21 Commission to keep Westminster, Garden Grove, Fountain  
22 Valley, and Huntington Beach in one Congressional  
23 District. According to the latest census data,  
24 Huntington Beach has a growing Asian population.  
25 Huntington Beach borders Westminster and Fountain Valley,

1 so please keep these three similar cities together in one  
2 Congressional District. That will be all. Thank you,  
3 and have a good night.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
5 right now, we have caller 0311, and up next after that  
6 will be caller 3770.

7 Caller 0311, if you will please follow the prompts  
8 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commission. Am I on?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You sure are.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello? Yes. My name's  
12 Michael (ph.). I'm from Modesto, with Stanislaus County,  
13 and I would like to thank the Commission for all of their  
14 work, and we do -- and also appreciate everything you  
15 guys done. I would like to give approval of the map that  
16 you guys put out, the ECA map, and as far as Tracy and  
17 Manteca goes, they are best served to be with -- with  
18 San -- San Joaquin. And while the current Congressional  
19 map that you guys proposed for the ECA, Modesto will --  
20 Stanislaus County will be about 55 percent of that  
21 district. So we will actually be much better served  
22 being with the Sierra. So and -- so I'd also like to  
23 thank you again for your work. You guys have a good  
24 evening.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

1 right now, we will have caller 1789, and up next after  
2 that will be unique I.D. 098.

3       Caller 1789, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
4 unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller  
5 1789, if you'll please follow the prompts, to unmute by  
6 pressing star six. The floor is yours.

7       MS. NGUYEN: Good evening. My name's  
8 (indiscernible) Nguyen. I live in the Westminster. I  
9 want Little Saigon along with Fountain Valley and  
10 Huntington Beach, not with Fullerton. Fullerton is far  
11 away from where I live. Thank you so much, and good  
12 night.

13       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
14 right now, we will have unique I.D. 098, and then up next  
15 after that will be caller 3770.

16       Unique I.D. 098, I will be promoting you now. Oh,  
17 no, unique I.D. 098 -- oh, never mind. They left. All  
18 right.

19       We'll be going to caller 3770, and up next after  
20 that will be caller 6758.

21       Caller 3770 if you will please follow the prompts to  
22 unmute by pressing star six. The floors yours.

23       MR. PATE: Yes, I'm calling about Long Beach and  
24 coastal Orange County. Good evening, Commissioners. My  
25 name's Sam Garrett Pate. I'm calling from Equality

1 California. I want to thank you for taking seriously  
2 our -- our comments and testimony about keeping the  
3 LGBTQ2+ plus communities together throughout California.

4 I'm calling about the current LB North district  
5 which links the coastal City of Long Beach to the inland  
6 City of Downey.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Audio interference).

8 MR. PATE: This could be improved by linking Long  
9 Beach to the coastal cities in Orange County which share  
10 LGBTQ2+ and environmental communities and interests and  
11 the remaining Downey portion can go toward the  
12 reconstruction of a Northern gateway city of Latino VRA  
13 district. You start by moving Signal Hill and most of  
14 the City of Long Beach and all of Seal Beach into the  
15 Northern Orange County coast district. This is notable  
16 because the City of Seal Beach is currently actually  
17 bringing down the API CVAP within the Seal Brea district.

18 This would unite our coastal LGBTQ2+ and  
19 environmentally communities in Signal Hill, Long Beach,  
20 Seal Beach, and Huntington Beach into one Congressional  
21 district. And ultimately by moving, it would allow you  
22 to move Costa Mesa into the inland OC district, bring  
23 Lakewood into that Northern Orange County coast district,  
24 along with Long Beach.

25 You can move Latino areas of Tustin and Placentia

1 into the Santa Ana district, Southern API portions of  
2 Stanton into Seal Brea, Little Saigon, API opportunity  
3 district, and then adjust inland Orange County -- the  
4 inland Orange County district for population while  
5 keeping --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 MR. PATE: Irvine whole, moving Laguna Niguel and  
8 Aliso Viejo into the Southern Orange County Northern San  
9 Diego district.

10 And ultimately this map would achieve the goals  
11 stated by the Commission to unite and empower LGBTQ2+,  
12 API, and Latino communities--

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

14 MR. PATE: -- by creating a Northern Orange County  
15 coast district that unites the LGBT and environmental  
16 communities while improving API CVAP, and Seal Brea and  
17 increasing Latino CVAP in Santa Ana district. We've  
18 submitted --

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

20 All right. Now we will have call 6758 and up next  
21 after that will be call 9751.

22 Caller 6758, if you will please follow the prompts  
23 to unmute by pressing star six.

24 The floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name Alondra.

1 I will be addressing Huntington Beach, West Minster, Fond  
2 Valley, and Garden Grove.

3 I'm strongly urging this Commission to keep  
4 Huntington Beach and Little Saigon together. Little  
5 Saigon is next to Huntington Beach but a forty-minute  
6 drive from Buena Park and Fullerton. Please listen to  
7 the voice of the people and keep Little Saigon and  
8 Huntington Beach in one Congressional district.

9 Thank you for your time.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All  
11 right. Now we will have call 9751. And up next after  
12 that will be caller 6131.

13 Caller 9751 if you will please follow the prompts to  
14 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

15 MR. WENDLE: Hello there. Thank you. My name is  
16 Jamie Francis Wendle, and I reside in the West Hollywood  
17 Sunset Business District. I'd like to say to the  
18 Commission, I looked at your maps and unfortunately, West  
19 Hollywood has been splintered. I used to belong to the  
20 30th Congressional District until 2012 and then the 28th.  
21 I do not want to be represented by the 28th district that  
22 represents Universal City, Burbank, Glendale, La Canada  
23 Flintridge.

24 I don't know why this part of West Hollywood -- I  
25 live West of certain communities, of Hancock Park, of

1 Hollywood that are actually in the 33rd Congressional  
2 District. I should be in the 33rd Congressional District  
3 or this part of West Hollywood should be part of the new  
4 30th Congressional District and brought back into Brad  
5 Sherman's District who you have redistricted into  
6 Brentwood and Bel Air.

7       Why this area, I live South, just by 500 feet and  
8 500 feet North of me are the mansions of Royal Canyon are  
9 in the 33rd Congressional District, and then a mile West  
10 of me it's Brad Sherman. I don't want to be in Adam  
11 Schiff's Congressional District. I didn't want to be. I  
12 wanted to be part of the westside. That's why I live in  
13 West Hollywood. Why am I being represented by the  
14 Westend Gabriel Valley and the East Valley?

15       I mean, I do not live in the East Valley. Why  
16 should this part of West Hollywood have to be represented  
17 by that? At least put us in the West Valley or at least  
18 put us back into the 33rd or --

19       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20       MR. WENDELL: -- Brad Sherman's district of the 30th  
21 and the West Valley District. Please do so. I do not  
22 want to be represented through Burbank, Glendale, and La  
23 Canada Flintridge. Thank you very much for your  
24 consideration. Please don't divide a 1.9-mile city into  
25 two Congressional districts. So --

1 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds

2 MR. WENDELL: I urge you, please put me into the  
3 West area, the West Valley, or the Westside. Thank you  
4 very much.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will  
7 have caller 6131. And up next after that will be called  
8 7175.

9 Caller 6131 if you will please follow the prompts to  
10 unmute. The floor is yours.

11 MS. SILVERA: Good evening. My name is Mary  
12 Silvera. I'm calling to make a comment on the  
13 communities of interest. I'm a resident of rural Kings  
14 County. I feel the City of Fresno does not belong with  
15 the current draft of the Fresno Tulare Congressional  
16 district because it is an urban population, and it  
17 doesn't reflect the overreaching communities of interest  
18 within this district.

19 I believe the City of Fresno would be better  
20 incorporated by a neighboring district such as the Santa  
21 Floss Fresno draft district which share communities also  
22 locally represented by the Fresno County Board of  
23 Supervisors and the Fresno City Council.

24 The Fresno Tulare Congressional District should  
25 instead include a larger portion of Kings County which

1 would preserve the rural route of the district  
2 communities of interest. Thank you for your time.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
4 right now we have caller 7175 and up next after that will  
5 be call 8065.

6 Caller 7175 if you will please follow the prompts to  
7 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

8 MR. PAYNE: Thank you so much. This is Jeremy Payne  
9 with the Quality California. I'm calling about the City  
10 of San Diego and the large city to the District SD Coast  
11 and SCSEC.

12 First, I just want to sincerely thank the  
13 Commissioners for your recognition of the importance of  
14 uniting and empowering the LGBTQ2+ community in San  
15 Diego, and for your efforts to do so in these draft maps.

16 And while we are largely kept together we remain  
17 partially divided between SD coast district and the East  
18 county SCSEC district. We respectfully urge the  
19 Commission to unit our community in a district that runs  
20 along the I-8 corridor connecting downtown to the LGBT  
21 plus communities in Buffalo Park, Phillip Crest, North  
22 Park, and South Park to immigrant refugee communities in  
23 City Heights which also include the historic lesbian  
24 community of Azalea Gardens. To the BIPOC communities in  
25 Le Mesa, Lemon Grove, and Spring Valley as our black

1 indigenous people of color communities.

2 We serve similar values and concerns and have long  
3 worked together to elect candidates of choice who  
4 champagne our interception for the rights interest.

5 Importantly we also want to echo that black  
6 redistricting hugs caution against combining Santee,  
7 which is not racially diverse and does not share our  
8 values of racial equity and social justice with our  
9 LGBTQ2+ plus community and communities of color along the  
10 I-8 corridor.

11 Santee would be off in a separate rural East county  
12 district.

13 So thank you so much for hearing from me today and  
14 thank you so much for your ongoing work.

15 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have  
17 caller 8065 and up next after that will be caller 9644.

18 Caller 8065 if you will please follow the prompts to  
19 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

20 MS. NGUYEN: Hello.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. The floor is  
22 yours.

23 MS. NGUYEN: Hello. Good evening. My name is Amy  
24 Nguyen (ph.). First, I want to thank you for your  
25 service. This is not an easy responsibility and it's

1 hard to make everyone happy. I hope you can keep the  
2 Vietnamese community together which is Huntington Beach,  
3 Westminster, Fountain Valley, and West Santa Ana. Thank  
4 you and have a good night.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. The same.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we have  
7 caller 9644 and up next after that we will have caller  
8 6311.

9 Caller 9644 if you will please follow the prompts to  
10 unmute by pressing star six. And one more time. Caller  
11 with the last four digits 9644 if you will please follow  
12 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

13 I do apologize 9644, I know you have been on hold  
14 for quite some time. I'm going to put down retry. We  
15 will come back to you. There appears to be some kind of  
16 connectivity issue for you at the moment.

17 And right now we have caller 6311 and up next after  
18 that will be caller 6688.

19 Caller 6311 if you will please follow the prompts to  
20 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

21 MS. COLE: Thank you. My name is Robin Cole. I  
22 find it interesting that people that don't live in Tracy  
23 need to speak to the needs of Tracy. I do live in Tracy,  
24 and I've lived here for forty years. I raised both of my  
25 sons here. They've gone through pre-school through high

1 school here in Tracy.

2       Currently, the new map that exclude us from aligning  
3 ourselves with Central Valley Mesto, Turlock, Manteca,  
4 and others. It does not make sense. We really have  
5 nothing in common with Tahoe nor do we have anything in  
6 common with Day Valley (ph.).

7       Setting up a district with whatever Congress person  
8 has in that new district that runs along the interior of  
9 the state is setting that Congress person up for failure  
10 because they would not be able to meet the needs of  
11 anyone in their community because their communities are  
12 so vast.

13       South San Joaquin County which includes Tracy,  
14 Mountain House, Lathrop, and Manteca have much more in  
15 common with San Joaquin County than we do Stockton. We  
16 need to go back to the maps on November 2nd. Our water  
17 needs and issues are drastically different from those  
18 area parts of the state, and we really have been working  
19 together as a cohesive unit to build a strong economy, to  
20 look at those water issues, to bring transportation  
21 issues together.

22       They're all in this and we've been working on this  
23 for the past ten years. Please keep our district whole  
24 as it has been and look back on the map of November 2nd.

25       I understand people want everything the way they

1 want it.

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MS. COLE: We all do. I thank you for your hard  
4 work but please look at the November 2nd map for CD 10.  
5 Thank you.

6 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we'll go  
8 to caller 6688 and I see caller 9644 has raised their  
9 hand one more time. We will retry them after caller  
10 6688.

11 Caller 6688 if you will please follow the prompts to  
12 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you and thank you for  
14 doing the work that you're doing. I live in the 25th  
15 Congressional District, CA 25 in Santa Clarita and we  
16 have shared transportation routes with the Antelope  
17 Valley.

18 What I don't understand is the number of callers  
19 that I heard calling in earlier that talk about shared  
20 water resources. That is -- that's just simply farcical.  
21 It's so far from true. They were talking about Simi  
22 being a sister valley of Santa Clarita. We have to take  
23 two freeways to get to Simi Valley. And without the San  
24 Fernando Valley being interspersed in between us, we  
25 wouldn't even be contiguous so the fact that the callers

1 earlier wanted the San Fernando Valley removed from the  
2 district is a joke. I don't -- these people get talking  
3 points who don't live here, and they don't understand the  
4 geography of the area.

5 Yes, we have a homelessness issue in Santa Clarita  
6 and in the Antelope Valley. I don't know -- I heard one  
7 caller say we just don't have the homelessness issues  
8 that they have in Los Angeles and that's just simply not  
9 the case.

10 We are not a small community set away from Los  
11 Angeles. I heard another caller say that we're a small  
12 rural community set away from -- set apart from Los  
13 Angeles. We're the third largest city in Los Angeles in  
14 Santa Clarita, so these people are calling in and making  
15 comments and trying to sway your opinions of where the  
16 lines should be drawn --

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and they don't know what  
19 they're talking about. We are the third largest city in  
20 Los Angeles County. The maps that we have in place right  
21 now look good. We don't need Simi part of our district.  
22 In fact we'd be better off jettisoning Simi and keeping  
23 them in the county in which they belong which is Ventura  
24 County.

25 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I just wanted to let you know  
2 that we're not a tri-valley. There's actually four  
3 valleys in the district, Antelope, Santa Clarita, San --

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you for your comment.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
6 retry caller 9644 and up next after that will be called  
7 2115.

8 Caller 9644 let's try this again. Press star six to  
9 unmute. One more try. Caller 9644 if you will please  
10 press star six to unmute.

11 I do apologize 9644. I am -- there must be some  
12 type of connectivity issue. We will try again before are  
13 done this evening.

14 Right now we have caller 2115 and up next after that  
15 will be caller 0440.

16 Caller 2115 if you will please follow the prompts to  
17 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, Commissioners. It's  
19 really great to have this opportunity to speak with you.  
20 I really tried to get an appointment to speak next week,  
21 but all the spots were filled up by the time I signed up,  
22 so I'm really happy are giving us this extended feedback  
23 window.

24 The area I'm calling about is the Central Valley.  
25 I'm a lifelong resident of the Valley and I've lived kind

1 of all other the Southern part of the valley, so I  
2 understand the stigma that exists around us. And how  
3 frequently our needs get ignored or overlooked. That's  
4 really why I wanted to call in and just say thank you for  
5 giving me the opportunity to share my communities'  
6 perspective and for listening to everyone's concerns. I  
7 want to just applaud the Commission for all their hard  
8 work and doing such a great job at making sure that  
9 diverse voices like mine are heard.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
13 caller 0440 and up next after that will be caller 7331.  
14 And I do have two retries but other than that I'd like to  
15 invite those who have not spoke this evening. If you do  
16 wish to give comment to please press star nine to raise  
17 your hand indicating you wish to give comment.

18 Right now we will be going to caller 0440. If you  
19 will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star  
20 six. The floor is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I am calling in about  
22 the West San Gabriel Valley in Southern California to  
23 comment on the Congressional draft map. I'm a twenty-  
24 seven-year resident of the City of Alhambra in the West  
25 San Gabriel Valley and just calling in with my strong

1 conviction that we must be kept whole as a community of  
2 interest and specifically the Cities of Alhambra,  
3 Monterey Park and Rosemead not be removed from the West  
4 San Gabriel Valley as the current draft map proposes.

5 To segregate the above cities would greatly disrupt  
6 the shared needs and ties in our area. For example, when  
7 we (indiscernible) eviction defense and housing  
8 precarity, networks across San Gabriel, Temple City,  
9 Rosemead, Alhambra, and Monterey Park worked as a  
10 network. Also the family-based shelter service in this  
11 area is headquartered in San Gabriel in coordination with  
12 Alhambra School District.

13 And we've also established close ties with housing  
14 advocacy groups in Pasadena and Altadena. You also have  
15 Asian parents doing outreach and work in coordination  
16 with schools to address culture and language issues  
17 facing Asian immigrants. And this has been going on for  
18 a well over a decade. And because our largest school  
19 district crosses city boundaries and brings together  
20 families from across West San Gabriel Valley. We're also  
21 geologically linked with our contaminated water basin,  
22 our EPA designated super sun site in close Temple City,  
23 San Marino, Alhambra, San Gabriel --

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- and portions of South

1 Pasadena. You know, our ties are really highlighted by  
2 the pandemic when our mutual aid networks provided stark  
3 relief. That's all telling communication networks  
4 previously nurtured and facilitated --

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- by sociologists in my  
7 region really tie together the West San Gabriel Valley.  
8 This is far more than the representation. It's crucial,  
9 critical for our working class, immigrant population.  
10 Please keep us whole. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
13 right now we will have caller 7331 and up next after that  
14 will be caller 7350.

15 Caller 7331 if you will please follow the prompts to  
16 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Kim  
18 and I'm calling about the San Fernando Valley. Hello  
19 Commissioners. I just want to thank you for all the time  
20 and effort you've put into this drafting of the map.  
21 It's a hard job you have and it's impossible to make  
22 everyone happy, but aside from a couple (audio  
23 interference) the maps look very good.

24 I'm calling today to suggestion one way that the map  
25 could just be a little bit better is to try to return

1 Santa Monica to a coastal district. Right now seemingly  
2 just for population needs, Santa Monica is drawn together  
3 with the San Fernando Valley. So please try to put Santa  
4 Monica back into a coastal district.

5 Please know that people in Santa Monica just want to  
6 be in a coastal district and don't really care if it goes  
7 North to Malibu or South through Venice. What Santa  
8 Monica doesn't want to do is drive through the super slow  
9 to the poles of the past to get to San Fernando Valley.  
10 At the same time we know that the San Fernando Valley  
11 wants to be together and that they don't want district  
12 cycles South of Mulholland.

13 So I certainly leave the tinkering up to you guys  
14 and the amazing hardworking wise words. Probably the  
15 easiest two-way trade that could fix this problem is just  
16 to shift Santa Monica and Malibu into the coastal  
17 district to the immediate North and then to trade that  
18 population by joining the suburb of Simi Valley and North  
19 Park together with the suburbs of the San Fernando Valley  
20 along the 118 corridor in the North. There are -- there  
21 might be more elegant but more complicated solution but  
22 that was suggested by Stuart Waldman from VICA tonight,  
23 but however you're able to do it.

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: So thank you and best

1 of luck.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will  
4 have caller 7350 and then up next after that will be  
5 caller 3196. Caller 7350 if you will please follow the  
6 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is  
7 yours.

8 MR. WARNER: Thank you very much. I'd like to  
9 comment on the inland region Sacramento, specifically,  
10 Congressional district map, I believe it stands for South  
11 San Joaquin District.

12 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead, please.

13 MR. WARNER: My name is Kevin Warner. I'm the city  
14 administrator for the City of Ripon which his located in  
15 San Joaquin County. It is the second smallest city in  
16 San Joaquin County with a population of 16,000 residents  
17 that is located along the Stanislaus River which is the  
18 most Southern boundary that separates San Joaquin from  
19 Stanislaus County.

20 For an unclear reason the City of Ripon is the only  
21 San Joaquin County city that was not included in this  
22 Congressional district that I referenced. It's important  
23 for the City of Ripon to be in the same district with  
24 other San Joaquin County cities as this gives us the  
25 strongest voice advocating for local and regional

1 priorities in our Congressional representation.

2 Specifically the two areas of concern is related to  
3 transportation improvements. In San Joaquin County we  
4 have a council government that has been instrumental in  
5 organizing an advocacy group from the county to work with  
6 Congressional leadership in moving for in important  
7 regional transportation projects.

8 The other issue we're concerned about is water  
9 issues. Like everywhere in California San Joaquin County  
10 and the City of Ripon are facing challenges related to  
11 water. Water supply is very different between San  
12 Joaquin and --

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 MR. WARNER: -- the Stanislaus County to the South.  
15 So with that the City of Ripon and our city council is  
16 strongly requesting that the Commission revisit the  
17 district titled the South San Joaquin District to adjust  
18 the Southern boundary of that map to request -- or  
19 respect county lines and keep Ripon with the other San  
20 Joaquin County cities. Thank you very much.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
22 right now we will have caller 3196 and then up next after  
23 that will be caller 6731.

24 Caller 3196 if you will please follow the prompts to  
25 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you so much. Hi,  
2 everyone and thank you for giving me the chance to speak  
3 this evening or what's becoming a rather late night.

4 I'm a resident of Long Beach and I want to start by  
5 thanking each of you and all of your hardworking staff  
6 for the draft maps of my area that keep my community as  
7 together as possible.

8 I called in a few weeks ago to express my  
9 disappointment and honestly my frustration about my city  
10 being divided in the prior round of visualizations. But  
11 you addressed this by moving most of Long Beach into the  
12 El Bean North district draft for Congress.

13 This is a huge step forward for my community. And  
14 one that I know many members of this Commission spoke  
15 strongly in support of. Having followed this process to  
16 the best of my own abilities, I know how incredibly  
17 challenging this task is and just how many different  
18 considerations you have in front of you every day.

19 In spite of these difficulties though you put in  
20 place a process for us to share our concerns and then you  
21 took these concerns into account and drew a better map.  
22 Not just for Long Beach but for a greater area as well.  
23 I want to join my neighbor who has spoken in this evening  
24 already and let you know who supportive I am of this  
25 direction for our area. And as a member of the LGBTQ2+

1 community, this draft map creates a district where our  
2 voting power is respected and well we will continue to be  
3 empowered to elect candidates of choice. Very incredibly  
4 proud of the openly LGBTQ plus elected leaders that have  
5 come from Long Beach and it's profoundly important to me  
6 and my community that we're able to continue uplifting  
7 voices that support our basic needs --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- and rights for the  
10 next ten years and beyond. By uniting Long Beach notably  
11 our downtown and shoreline neighborhoods, you're  
12 protecting that right for one of the state's largest  
13 LGBTQ plus communities. Thank you again for this  
14 continued support --

15 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- and the chance to  
17 speak to you this evening. I'm grateful for the work  
18 that you do and I'm excited to see a finalized map of the  
19 greater Long Beach area that keeps my community of  
20 interest intact.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All  
22 right. Now we will have caller 6731 and then up next  
23 after that we will retry caller 9644.

24 Caller 6731 if you will please follow the prompts to  
25 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello.

3 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. Oh, you hear  
4 me?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

6 MS. NGUYEN: Okay. Good evening. This is referred  
7 to the Congressional District 48. My name is Monique  
8 Nguyen, N-G-U-Y-E-N. I am a Vietnamese American voter.

9 Separating Little Saigon from Huntington Beach shows  
10 the Commission did not truly take into account the  
11 importance of the community of interest testimony that it  
12 received. The people of Little Saigon make clear that  
13 they are part of the Huntington Beach community.

14 The set of lines are flawed and are a product of a  
15 rushed process. In the next set of lines the  
16 Commissioner, please, must fix this mistake and including  
17 Little Saigon with Huntington Beach which is where it  
18 belongs. Thank you very much and good night.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Good night.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will  
21 be going to caller 9644 and then after that I will  
22 try -- retry caller 9275. And we do not have any other  
23 hands for those few that have not spoken, star nine would  
24 allow that to happen.

25 Caller 9644 if you will please try to follow the

1 prompts to unmute if it will allow you to do so by  
2 pressing star six. One more time caller 9644.

3 I'm sure you're very frustrated because you were  
4 able to press star nine. For some reason star six is not  
5 letting you through. I do apologize 9644. You will have  
6 to reach out to the Commission with the multiple other  
7 avenues of public comment. There appears to be some type  
8 of connectivity issue with your phone this evening.

9 At this time we will be going to caller 8 -- sorry,  
10 9275 to retry. And then after that I did get two more  
11 hands. Caller 8299, I see that hand. And caller 2974, I  
12 see that hand.

13 Call 9275, I'd like to give you one more opportunity  
14 to unmute for a retry. If you wish to give comment  
15 please press star six, caller 9275.

16 All right. We will be moving on to our other hands  
17 at this time. Caller 8299 if you will please follow the  
18 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is  
19 yours.

20 MS. NGUYEN: Hello.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. The floor is  
22 yours.

23 MS. NGUYEN: Yes. My Sueann Nguyen. I am a  
24 resident in Little Saigon. I call in tonight to show my  
25 concern about the new map. The Commission is very

1 upsetting to our leadership of our community. Can you  
2 please leave Little Saigon and Huntington Beach together?  
3 But not Little Saigon and Fullerton because Fullerton is  
4 too far away from Little Saigon. I urge you to redraw  
5 this map to protect our Congression (sic) to have  
6 Huntington Beach and Little Saigon together because  
7 (indiscernible) from Huntington Beach, Saigon Valley,  
8 Westminster, Garden Grove and (indiscernible) a long time  
9 ago. Thank you so much and you have a great time. Thank  
10 you.

11 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
13 have caller 2974. If you will please follow the prompts  
14 to unmute by pressing star six. The Floor is yours.

15 MS. TRANH: Oh, hi. My name is Paulina Trinh and  
16 I'm a Vietnamese American voter. I just want to let you  
17 know that most Asian Vietnamese Americans we do our  
18 business in Garden Grove or Westminster and when the  
19 younger generation expanded to (indiscernible),  
20 Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, and even Seal Beach.  
21 I'm not sure the plan with grouping the Little Saigon  
22 with Fullerton which is pretty far away. So can you keep  
23 the Little Saigon with the Huntington Beach and Fountain  
24 Valley, please. Thank you. Good night.

25 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that is all of our  
2 hands at this time, Chair.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Katy, can we try to  
4 connect with the one caller 8192?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. Caller 8192  
6 you have not chose to raise your hand this evening but if  
7 you wish to give comment, please follow the prompts to  
8 unmute by pressing star six. And one more time. Caller  
9 with the last four digits 8192, if you do wish to give  
10 comment this evening, star six would allow you to do  
11 that. It appears they just really enjoy listening to us,  
12 Chair.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Well Commissioners,  
14 California, hearing no objections I would like to thank  
15 everyone for providing input tonight. I would like to  
16 thank the Commissioners for their attentiveness. I'd  
17 like to thank the staff for their professionalism and  
18 wonder works and guess what? We're doing this all again  
19 tomorrow. So we're back at 3:00. We will take feedback  
20 on our --- what are we doing tomorrow? On our Assembly  
21 districts. So I look forward to that. I'll be there  
22 with bells on and let's have a good night. See you guys  
23 tomorrow, 3:00.

24 (Whereupon, the Public Input Meeting adjourned  
25 at 9:32 p.m.)

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