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**PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

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3:01 p.m.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Ashley. All right, a  
4 few -- Ravi, will you be taking roll call today?

5 MR. SINGH: Yes, sir.

6 CHAIR TAYLOR: Can we go to roll call, please?

7 MR. SINGH: Absolutely.

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

9 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Present.

11 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner.

12 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Here.

13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez.

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

17 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

19 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

21 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Anderson?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Here.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Present.

25 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

5 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

8 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

10 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Taylor?

11 CHAIR TAYLOR: And I am present. Thank you very  
12 much.

13 MR. SINGH: You're welcome.

14 CHAIR TAYLOR: A little bit of background on the  
15 Commission before we begin. Every ten years after the  
16 federal government publishes updated census information,  
17 California must redraw the boundaries of its  
18 Congressional State Senate, State Assembly and State  
19 Board of Equalization districts so that the districts  
20 correctly reflect the State's population. The fourteen  
21 member Commission is made up of five Republicans, five  
22 Democrats and four not affiliated with either of those  
23 two parties. The Commission must draw the district lines  
24 in conformity with strict nonpartisan rules designed to  
25 create districts of relatively equal population that will

1 provide fair representation for all Californians. More  
2 information can be found at [www.wedrawthelinesCA.org](http://www.wedrawthelinesCA.org).

3 Now, an overview of our sessions this week. Today,  
4 November 18th, from 3 to 8 p.m. we're having feedback on  
5 the draft maps for the Assembly districts. Tomorrow,  
6 Friday, November 19th, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Senate  
7 district feedback sessions.

8 On Saturday, November 20th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.,  
9 feedback for Board of Equalization during session number  
10 1, the first portion of the day. Afterwards, any  
11 districts, for sessions, two and three will be taken. On  
12 Monday, November 22nd, from 9:30 to 2:30, any district  
13 feedback. And that will be followed by Tuesday, November  
14 23rd, again from 9:30 to 2:30, any input regarding any  
15 district feedback is accepted.

16 Draft map input sessions are not the only  
17 opportunity to provide feedback for the draft maps that  
18 were released on November 10th. Participating in the  
19 November 17 to 23 meeting is not the only way to submit  
20 input on the draft maps, please use our draft map  
21 feedback form, which provides real-time input to the  
22 Commission. The link is available on the livestream  
23 landing page and on our website at  
24 [www.wedrawthelinesCA.org](http://www.wedrawthelinesCA.org). Also, the statewide database  
25 has created Draw My CA Districts, an online tool for

1 creating district maps, and Draw My CA, a free to use  
2 plug in for the open source GIS platform, QGIS where you  
3 can submit maps to the Commission. You can see more  
4 information at [drawmyCalifornia.org](http://drawmyCalifornia.org).

5 Now, a few housekeeping rules, the Commission will  
6 be enforcing a two-and-a-half-minute time limit for  
7 appointments, and will provide a warning at thirty and  
8 fifteen seconds remaining. When you start your input,  
9 please identify which district plan and region you will  
10 be providing input on so the mappers can bring up that  
11 map.

12 We will open the lines at the end of the day when we  
13 reach our public comment session. The number to provide  
14 public comment is listed on the livestream landing page.  
15 If you're calling without an appointment, please do not  
16 hang up. As you will lose your place in line. It is my  
17 hope that during these meetings that we are all  
18 thoughtful, considerate and consider all of California  
19 during our deliberations.

20 Katy, I hand it over to you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

22 Good afternoon. Welcome to the draft map feedback  
23 session. If you have not done so already, please use the  
24 raise hand button at the bottom of your screen if your  
25 unique I.D. ends in 001 through 037 for session 1. You

1 will be identified by the assigned unique ID number  
2 received in your invite for this session. When it is  
3 your turn to speak, I will be promoting you to have the  
4 ability to enable your own audio and/or video, which will  
5 be located in the lower left corner of your screen once  
6 you have been promoted.

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

14       And one more time, please use the raise hand button  
15 at the bottom of your screen to enter the public comment  
16 queue line indicating you are present and ready to  
17 comment if your unique ID ends in 001 through 037.

18       We will be starting off with unique ID 026. And up  
19 next, after that will be 008.

20       026, I will be promoting you now. 026, 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 addressing, the  
24 floor is yours.

25       MS. KLEIN: Thank you. I'm speaking on the N10

1 district and I'm in Hollywood. Hello Commissioners, I  
2 want to thank you for taking time to hear from  
3 Californians all across the state about the draft  
4 Assembly maps today.

5 My name is Becky Klein. And as I said, I live in  
6 Hollywood. I'm a member of the LGBTQ and Jewish  
7 communities. I'm so grateful to the Commission for  
8 recognizing the importance of uniting and empowering  
9 LGBTQ+ voters, especially given the state sanctioned  
10 discrimination that we continue to face across the  
11 country and the ongoing epidemic of violence against the  
12 transgender community, especially trans women of color.

13 I was deeply disappointed to see that the draft  
14 Assembly map splits at the heart of the Los Angeles  
15 County's LGBTQ+ community in Hollywood and West Hollywood  
16 between multiple districts, seriously threatening our  
17 ability to elect candidates of choice for the next  
18 decade.

19 L.A. County made history in 1994 by electing the 1st  
20 LGBTQ+ member of the California legislature and  
21 legislature, an out lesbian who went on to represent our  
22 community at various levels of government. But in 2019,  
23 for the first time in twenty-five years, L.A. County was  
24 left with zero out LGBTQ+ legislators representing us. I  
25 want to respectfully urge the Commission to unite the

1 LGBTQ+ community in the draft and ten district here by  
2 moving the city of West Hollywood and Hollywood, West of  
3 the 101 Freeway into N10. You can offset the population  
4 shift by moving Jefferson Park and Adams Normandy South  
5 of the 10, into the 110 L.A. district, directly South.  
6 Then move Westlake, except Historic Filipinotown, and  
7 Pico Union East into the NELA district, directly East.

8 Doing so will not only unite our LGBTQ+ community in  
9 Hollywood, West Hollywood, and Mid City --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 MS. KLEIN: Thank you. But it will also better  
12 unite API and Jewish communities in N10; black  
13 communities in 110, L.A.; and Latino communities in NELA  
14 while still maintaining the rich diversity of our central  
15 L.A. neighborhoods.

16 Thank you for your time and best of luck as you work  
17 to create fair and equitable maps for all Californians.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will  
20 have 008. And up next after that will be 012.

21 008, I will be promoting you now. 008, 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'll be addressing, the floor  
25 is yours.

1 MR. CASSIDY: Thank you, can you hear me okay?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

3 MR. CASSIDY: Okay. Hello, my name is John Cassidy.  
4 I'm a resident of Yuba City, California, here in Sutter  
5 County, California, just North of Sacramento. I want to  
6 thank the Commissioners for your countless hours and days  
7 working to get these new maps correct. I'll jump right  
8 to it because I know our time is limited.

9 The draft Assembly district puts my home county of  
10 Sutter into a district that goes all the way down to  
11 Granite Bay in Placer County and all the way up to  
12 Portola and Plumas County. It's a pretty crazy setup.  
13 It doesn't seem to reflect the feedback submitted about  
14 keeping the Northern Sacramento Valley counties together.  
15 I don't understand why you mixed and mess the mountain  
16 counties, valley counties, and suburban Sacramento areas  
17 all into one Assembly district. Granite Bay, Lincoln,  
18 and Rockland should be in an Assembly district with other  
19 Sacramento suburbs. Likewise, Plumas, Lassen, and Nevada  
20 counties should be put into the Assembly district with  
21 other mountain counties where they'll have  
22 representatives that will work on mountain county issues.

23 Finally, Sutter County and Yuba belong on other  
24 valley for agricultural counties like Butte, Glenn, and  
25 Colusa. The current draft maps just don't match to

1 recognize the unique differences of these areas. I would  
2 like to ask you to please start by adding Butte County to  
3 the Yuba Sutter District.

4       The Oroville Dam crisis should be a good enough  
5 reason to link these three counties together. I was one  
6 of 180,000 residents who evacuated at a moment's notice  
7 in April of that year to avoid a disaster. We've got to  
8 have an Assembly person that represents all the counties  
9 that can make sure that a disaster like that never  
10 happens again; or if it does, it could be managed. Well,  
11 during the crisis it took residents in Butte, Sutter,  
12 Yuba, Colusa, and Glenn Counties nine-and-a-half hours to  
13 go thirty miles on highways and roads in the Northern  
14 Sacramento Valley, trying to get to safety to avoid being  
15 flushed into the downtown Sacramento -- into downtown  
16 Sacramento by a wall of water at the pace of 800,000  
17 basketballs per second.

18       So again, please create a district for the mountain  
19 counties, a district for the Sacramento suburbs and a  
20 district for the flatlands of Northern California,  
21 Sacramento Valley. Doing so will make sure each area  
22 has --

23       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24       MR. CASSIDY: -- proper representation that will  
25 prioritize each individual community's needs. And I

1 thank you very much for your time today.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
4 have 012. And up next, after that would be 006.

5 012, I will be promoting you now. 012, you can now  
6 enable your audio and video lower left corner of your  
7 screen. And if you please remain the member of what  
8 district plan and region you would like to discuss, the  
9 floor is yours.

10 MS. MCKEOWN: Thank you. I'm here to talk about  
11 draft Assembly map Antelope in North L.A. County. My  
12 name is Ann McKeown, I live in (audio interference).  
13 This map does a good job of putting us with our neighbors  
14 in the high desert who share our lives and our  
15 difficulties.

16 Last night I was with a group of residents to talk  
17 about our issues so that my testimony today isn't just  
18 what I think, but it's reflective of our community. One  
19 man spoke of waiting in an emergency room for over 11  
20 hours, his IV hanging from a fire extinguisher in the  
21 hallway. The woman next to him had been waiting since  
22 early morning for emergency surgery. There were more  
23 than twenty stretchers in the hallways alone. A father  
24 talked about waiting for 36 hours with his sick child to  
25 be seen.

1           We talked about water, about wells running dry all  
2 around us; and dust storms and fire storms. People  
3 talked about leaving home at 4 a.m. to go to work in Los  
4 Angeles because there just aren't so many jobs here. In  
5 2019, residents of Palmdale had the longest commute time  
6 of any city in the entire country. Thirty-five percent  
7 of our population commute over two hours each way.

8           We need a voice so we can elect a representative who  
9 understands the toll it takes on workers, on families, on  
10 our community. Acton and the other towns of the high  
11 desert are filled with caring, resilient people, but we  
12 need help and you have the ability to help us by giving  
13 us a collective voice. We really like this map, but we  
14 understand it may change. I'm here today to ask that you  
15 keep us with the high desert communities, whatever  
16 happens.

17           We have great neighbors forty minutes away in Santa  
18 Clarita, but they have good hospitals and jobs and water  
19 and schools. We need our own voice because we don't have  
20 any of that. Mostly this is a thank you and a reminder  
21 to all of us that we aren't really talking about lines  
22 and elections. We're talking about lives, and a father  
23 waiting with a sick child. We're talking about the  
24 chance that our next Assembly representative will stand  
25 with us to make lives better for all of us here at the

1 high desert, because you gave us a voice. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
3 now, we have 006. And up next, after that will be 030.

4 006, I'll be promoting you now. 006, you can now  
5 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
6 your screen. And if you please remind the member of what  
7 district and region you'd like to address, the floor is  
8 yours.

9 MS. O'CONNOR: South SFE District. I am Ann  
10 O'Connor with POSO, part of Sherman Oaks and we were  
11 renamed Sherman Oaks in 2009. We are a community of  
12 6,900 people. The Commission's drafts -- draft maps do  
13 not have the correct Northern POSO boundaries. The  
14 Northern boundary of POSO is a straight line along  
15 Oxnard, from the 405 Freeway to Hazeltine. There's a  
16 precedent for using a straight line along Oxnard, since  
17 this is the boundary used for our current L.A. City  
18 Council District 4 and the 2021 L.A. City Council Ad Hoc  
19 Redistricting Committee map.

20 Your draft state Senate map also uses Oxnard, which  
21 is the most convenient street since it's a four-lane  
22 street. The draft Congressional and Assembly maps North  
23 POSO Boundaries are South of Oxnard and have a strange  
24 cutout that excludes 200 homeowners and renters. We feel  
25 all three maps should look alike and have the same

1 straight line, Northern POSO boundary along Oxnard, yet  
2 they are all different.

3 Our Western boundary is 405 Freeway and should have  
4 no cut outs of businesses along Sepulveda Boulevard.  
5 These businesses were also part of our renaming and a big  
6 part of our COI. We knocked on the doors of these  
7 Sepulveda businesses and they wanted to be represented by  
8 Sherman Oaks office holders. Many of these businesses  
9 belong to Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce. They are not  
10 population or voters, they are voter -- they are business  
11 assets, and you've given them back to Van Nuys. This is  
12 an arbitrary taking of assets away from POSO along  
13 Sepulveda Boulevard.

14 Our council file 082758 states the North border of  
15 POSO is the North side of Califia and the North side of  
16 Tiara. But you have omitted Tiara Street between Tobias  
17 Street and Hazletine Avenue. These are another 400 homes  
18 and apartments, possibly 2,000 population, who want to be  
19 with Sherman Oaks. Because of this confusion, we are  
20 strongly suggesting a straight line down Oxnard. The  
21 council file is our legal document with boundaries that  
22 should be respected. There is no logic in taking our  
23 business assets and 2,000 population who are part of this  
24 legal document. We are asking that the state Assembly  
25 and Congressional maps North border --

1 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

2 MS. O'CONNOR: -- look just like your State Senate  
3 borders a straight line to East down Oxnard Street and  
4 the 405 Freeway as the Western border. Thank you,  
5 everyone.

6 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
8 right now we will have 030. And up next after that will  
9 be 017.

10 030, I'll be promoting you now. 030, you can now  
11 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
12 your screen, if you'll please remind the mapper of what  
13 district plan and region, the floor is yours.

14 MR. WALDMAN: The San Fernando Valley. Thank you,  
15 Commissioners. Stuart Waldman from VICA and the San  
16 Fernando Valley Redistricting Coalition. So I was going  
17 to say that this map is perfect, but Ann O'Connor  
18 reminded me that you did -- there is a couple blocks that  
19 need to be changed in Sherman Oaks.

20 But other than that, this map is perfect. If you  
21 did nothing, didn't touch it, we would be happy. This is  
22 a great map, it keeps communities whole. It doesn't go  
23 South of Mulholland, it keeps neighborhood councils  
24 mostly whole. We appreciate everything that was done on  
25 this map.

1           However, you did receive some testimony from folks  
2 that said that the San Fernando Valley should have a  
3 second Latino CVAP Assembly seat. So I haven't thought  
4 about that, and we have 760,000 Latinos in the San  
5 Fernando Valley. And I wanted to see what that could  
6 look like. And I apologize, yesterday I talked about a  
7 four district swap and I know it's confusing.

8           So this time I made my Zoom background the map and  
9 I've turned it in. So what this does is it's simple for  
10 district swap so you can just plug and play if you wanted  
11 to. And it takes some pieces of SCV and it moves them  
12 into East San Fernando, East SFV as well as Central SFV  
13 and South SFV. And those are the only districts that  
14 this touches. But what this does, most importantly, is  
15 the green district in the middle on the right side -- and  
16 the right side is the new version, the left side's the  
17 old version. It makes that a fifty percent plus Latino  
18 CVAP district. And the blue district, which would be  
19 East SFV, is also a fifty percent plus Latino CVAP.

20           So again, if you did nothing, other than fixing Ann  
21 O'Connor's problem with POSO, we would be --

22           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23           MR. WALDMAN: -- happy and it'd be perfect. But if  
24 you do decide that you want to make some changes and see  
25 about the potential to add a second Latino seat in the

1 San Fernando Valley, we did want to offer up this option  
2 for you. So thank you again. Appreciate all the late  
3 nights that you're putting in. You should all get paid  
4 triple time for all that you're doing. And we appreciate  
5 it. And thank you. And I'll see you tomorrow.

6 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have  
8 unique ID 017. And up next after that will be 025.

9 Unique ID 017, as you have chosen to call in, if  
10 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing  
11 star six at this time. If you'll please remind the  
12 mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to  
13 address, the floor is yours.

14 MR. MALDONADO: Hi, can you hear me?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

16 MR. MALDONADO: Okay, I'm addressing the Santa  
17 Clarita. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

19 MR. MALDONADO: Good afternoon. My name is Tony  
20 Maldonado and I live in Santa Clarita. I'm recommending  
21 vast changes to the Santa Clarita map to include Simi  
22 Valley, Fillmore, Moorpark, Lake Piru, Agua Dulce, Acton,  
23 Castaic, Lake Hughes, Lake Castaic, and the other missing  
24 parts of the Greater Santa Clarita Valley, North of  
25 Castaic. And to remove all of the San Fernando Valley

1 with whom we share nothing in common and are better  
2 served in a joint San Fernando Valley district.

3       There's over a century long history of antagonism  
4 and acrimony between Santa Clarita and the City of  
5 Santa -- the City of Los Angeles due to large level of  
6 disrespect, constant belittling, and bullying on the part  
7 of the City of Los Angeles. Since Santa Clarita seceded  
8 from the City of Los Angeles in 1987, the combination of  
9 the Greater Santa Clarita Valley, which includes Acton,  
10 Agua Dulce, all of Castaic, and extends further to the  
11 North, and the greater Simi Valley area of Ventura County  
12 at our West have become a wonderful, multiculturally  
13 diverse, and inclusive landscape of affluent suburban,  
14 exurban, and rural communities, all flourishing by leaps  
15 and bounds. The current map will leave us without proper  
16 representation.

17       The greater Santa Clarita Valley, combined with a  
18 greater Simi Valley area, have become some of the safest  
19 and best thriving cities and communities in the U.S.  
20 That is an incredible achievement that should be rewarded  
21 and has occurred because of our long history of joint  
22 efforts in public safety, education, public health, water  
23 management, transportation, wildfire management in our  
24 shared national forests; and continued economic  
25 development in aerospace, film technology and other

1 industries. However, we still have more to do and  
2 separating us will derail that.

3 In comparison, the urban sprawl of the San Fernando  
4 Valley is the Northern half section of the City of Los  
5 Angeles containing large volumes of crime, severe income  
6 disparity, including a significant population below the  
7 poverty level. Skyrocketing homelessness with no end in  
8 sight and statistically have some of the desert census  
9 tracks in Los Angeles and whose needs are better served  
10 in a joint San Fernando Valley district, making it fully  
11 incompatible and --

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 MR. MALDONADO: -- (indiscernible, simultaneous  
14 speech) to us. Therefore, I respectfully request that  
15 you change the Santa Clarita map accordingly to better  
16 serve our needs. Thank you for everything, and thank you  
17 for your service.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
20 have 025. And up next after that will be 003.

21 025, if you will -- 025, I'll be promoting you now.  
22 025, you can now enable your audio and your video in the  
23 lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please  
24 remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd  
25 like to address, the floor is yours.

1 MS. DUTRA: Thank you, Commissioners and staff, for  
2 the opportunity to speak. I'll be talking about the Yuba  
3 Sutter area. So my name is Justine Dutra and I am the  
4 executive director of the Yuba Sutter Farm Bureau. This  
5 is my 2nd time calling in to speak with you, my first  
6 time was back in June. And I appreciate the opportunity  
7 to now provide feedback on the draft maps.

8 First, I would like to say thank you for keeping in  
9 mind the link between Yuba and Sutter counties. We not  
10 only share a farm bureau, but we also share the Yuba  
11 Sutter Chamber of Commerce, the Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds,  
12 the Yuba Sutter Association of Realtors, and a variety of  
13 other government and nongovernment organizations.

14 About a month ago, several of the Northern County,  
15 California Farm Bureaus submitted a joint letter to the  
16 Commission. It was signed by the farm bureaus in Butte,  
17 Tehama, Calusa, and Yuba, and Sutter. Our primary  
18 concern is that the rural agricultural communities North  
19 of Sacramento should be kept together and not placed into  
20 densely populated urban areas where our small town  
21 interests will be ignored. A rural ag area is unique and  
22 should not be combined with the coast, Napa wine country  
23 or cities like Davis and Granite Bay that have different  
24 interests.

25 If you pull up a map showing the topography of North

1 of Sacramento, you'll see that the terrain down the  
2 center of the North state is primarily flat. Our economy  
3 thrives on our fertile soil and abundant water supply.  
4 We travel North and South along Interstate 5 and Highway  
5 99. The valley is surrounded by mountains to our East  
6 and West. Flooding has historically been a major issue  
7 in the valley. And when the Oroville Dam spillway broke  
8 apart a few years ago, it forced the evacuation of nearly  
9 200,000 people in Butte, Yuba, and Sutter counties.

10       The simplest way to put this is our Valley farming  
11 area has its own set of priorities. Just as the mountain  
12 areas to our East have their own shared interests, and  
13 the coastal areas to our West have their own specific  
14 needs. Keeping the coast, the valley, and the mountains  
15 in three different districts is the best way to keep  
16 communities of interest together.

17       Right now, the farm North Congressional and Senate  
18 draft maps do a good job at keeping our rural counties  
19 together, but the Assembly drafts do not make much sense.  
20 Tehama, Glenn, and Calusa do not have much of anything in  
21 common with Yolo and Napa counties and the draft Assembly  
22 maps place Yuba and Sutter with the mountain counties to  
23 the East; this does --

24       MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

25       MS. DUTRA: -- not make much sense. It would be

1 better to combine Yuba, Sutter, and Butte with other  
2 farming counties like Tehama, Glenn, and Calusa. These  
3 six valley counties together provide the --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
5 right now, we will have 003. And up next after that will  
6 be 022.

7 003, I will be promoting you now. 003, 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'd like to address, the floor  
11 is yours.

12 MS. GOMEZ: Thank you. Hello, Commissioners. I'd  
13 like to talk to you about SBSY in El Mesa (ph.) district  
14 in South San Diego County.

15 Good afternoon. I'm Georgette Gomez and I'm calling  
16 to talk to you about the City Heights neighborhood, which  
17 is the heart of the 9th City Council District that I  
18 served on the San Diego City Council in 2016 to 2020.  
19 You have heard me talk to you during the summer and last  
20 week about how the policy needs of the renters, Latino  
21 multicultural households, immigrants, and transit users  
22 of the working class community in City Heights with the  
23 working class, Latino, multicultural, immigrant transit  
24 dependent communities in South Bay.

25 Unfortunately, this community, this community of

1 interest was not reflected in the draft sample Assembly  
2 map. Instead of drawing this part of San Diego East to  
3 West, I'm requesting you drive North to South. One  
4 district alone along the 805 that includes the working  
5 class Latino neighborhood of more effective  
6 majority/minority district. Another district that runs  
7 along the 125 corridor to include more suburban  
8 communities like Bonita, East Lake, and La Mesa.

9       This is how this is how the math could work. First,  
10 remove the 165,000 population in East Chula Vista and  
11 Bonita, that is East of the 805. These residents are  
12 much less likely to be Latino immigrants of working  
13 class. In fact, Chula Vista city elections had to go to  
14 district elections five years ago because of the racially  
15 polarized voting in the city resulted the more affluent  
16 East Side block voting against their preferred candidates  
17 that ballot positions of the working class Latino in the  
18 West Side.

19       That 165,000 population can go to La Mesa district,  
20 which is a better match than the rest of South San Diego.

21       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22       MS. GOMEZ: The SBSY district can find 165 traveling  
23 North National City. That includes the historic Barrio  
24 neighborhoods; Logan Heights, Shelltown, Southcrest and  
25 not include downtown. Go all the way to the 94, and

1 include 94 and add City Heights between 805, El Cajon  
2 Boulevard, 54th Street, and down to Chollas Creek,  
3 including Fairmount Park, adding back the 25,000  
4 population of Latino majority.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will  
8 have 022. And up next after that will be 001.

9 022, I'll be promoting you now. 022, you can now  
10 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
11 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
12 district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor  
13 is yours.

14 MR. ATNEYEL: Hello, Commissioners. I want to thank  
15 you guys for taking the time to listen to California  
16 during this tenuous time of redistricting. I am going to  
17 be talking about central SFV Assembly map. So my name is  
18 Justin Atneyel. My wife and I were both born and raised  
19 in this area, which started from my parents immigrating  
20 from Iran to North Hollywood back in 1981. I am  
21 currently a resident on Blix Street in North Hollywood,  
22 which is a block out the new district line, which is  
23 being drawn in Camarillo.

24 I was born and raised here. I also serve as a  
25 deacon of a church that is in this neighborhood as well.

1 I also have built my family and business, which is  
2 headquartered a few blocks away from me. And it doesn't  
3 make much sense for me to be drawn out of my own  
4 neighborhood. And all of the business I conduct will  
5 fall within this district, and they won't anymore.

6 The Commission has, quite frankly, done a great job  
7 pairing most of the working class neighborhoods of East  
8 San Fernando Valley. But I feel it's critical that both  
9 the Senate districts labeled SC SFV and the Central SFV  
10 Assembly map be corrected. And I know you guys are  
11 working really, really hard at this. I feel like you  
12 have the power to end the division of North Hollywood and  
13 unite our community by drawing the boundaries of what is  
14 accepted locally as our equitable neighborhood boundary,  
15 which is established by the L.A. Times neighborhood map.  
16 Thank you for your time.

17 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
19 have 001. And up next after that will be 031.

20 001, I'll be promoting you now. 001, you can now  
21 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
22 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
23 is your plan and region you'd like to address, the floor  
24 is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I will be speaking about

1 northeast Los Angeles. In the press coverage on your  
2 draft maps, some Commissioners have talked about  
3 increasing the number of Latino majority districts  
4 statewide. However, you can't just look at the state as  
5 a whole. Rather, you need to look within each region as  
6 well. Increasing Latino opportunities in the Central  
7 Valley doesn't help Latinos in Los Angeles; particularly  
8 if you're reducing their existing ability to elect their  
9 preferred candidates of choice. And that is exactly what  
10 you are doing in Los Angeles.

11       Currently, there are nine Latino majority districts  
12 in Los Angeles, while under your draft maps there are  
13 just seven Latino majority districts in Los Angeles.  
14 Meanwhile, the number of white majority districts is  
15 increased from five to seven. Let me repeat that. Under  
16 your draft maps, you are decreasing the number of Latino  
17 seats; you are increasing the number of white seats. You  
18 are drawing the same number of Latino and white majority  
19 seats in a county where Latinos make up thirty-nine  
20 percent of the Latino CVAP, while whites make up just  
21 thirty-four percent.

22       In some areas, you are legitimately having to  
23 balance competing interests between Latinos, African-  
24 Americans, and Asians. But in areas, like in northeast  
25 Los Angeles, you are using community of interest

1 testimony and a nonpublic, racially polarized voting  
2 analysis to take two Latino majority districts, and  
3 instead only draw one. The Commission cannot say it is  
4 impossible. Other groups have shown you how to correct  
5 this deficiency. You just need the courage to do the  
6 hard work and to fix it. Thank you.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
9 have 031. And then up next after that will be 037.

10 031, I will be promoting you now. 031, you can now  
11 enable your audio and video on the lower left corner of  
12 your screen. If you'll please remind the member of what  
13 district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor  
14 is yours.

15 MR. TETER: Hello. My name is Bill Teter. I live  
16 in Encinitas in San Diego County. And I want to thank  
17 the committee for listening to all the input today, I  
18 know it's a lot.

19 I want to talk today about a district, SD Coastal.  
20 This is a district that goes almost from the border,  
21 virtually all the way to Camp Pendleton. And the problem  
22 is the coast does not belong to the people who are  
23 wealthy enough to live along it. They belong to it  
24 belongs to all Californians, indeed all Americans. And  
25 what you've done is the people that live in that district

1 will have a median income of two to three times the rest  
2 of us. And you're creating this wealthy enclave, which  
3 will have interests of the coast who will not share any  
4 interest with the rest of us, such as the rising cost of  
5 living, affordable housing, health care.

6 Now, the good news is you can easily meld the other  
7 three districts that are just East of that, the bonds,  
8 ESC bonds, central SD, and El Mesa into four horizontal  
9 districts that each touch the coast. This would also  
10 provide more representation for coastal issues. Instead  
11 of having one Assembly person representing coastal  
12 issues, you would now have four people that represented  
13 coastal issues. And it would be a lot more fairer to the  
14 rest of us because, again, they would just be focused on  
15 that wealthy enclave, would not care about the rest of  
16 us. Of course, they're going to care about what is most  
17 concerning to them.

18 The second thing I want to talk about is, is trying  
19 to do more with staying as little as possible change from  
20 the current districts. There are now eight redistricting  
21 efforts going. You're doing four, but also the cities,  
22 counties, and even school districts have been forced to  
23 break into districts. So a citizen is now going to have  
24 to pick -- find out which of four new districts they are  
25 in, if it changes. So I would minimize, and urge you to

1 look at minimizing changes around the edges of the  
2 current districts to satisfy the requirements of the  
3 change in population and the other imperatives that  
4 you've been given. Thank you very much for listening.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
7 have 037. And up next after that will be 018.

8 037, I'll be promoting you now. 037, you can now  
9 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
10 your screen. If you please remind the mapper of what  
11 district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor  
12 is yours.

13 MR. AI: Hello, Commissioners. I am looking at NBCV  
14 and the Coachella Valley. Commissioners, my name is Mike  
15 Ai, and I'm here on behalf of Equality California, the  
16 nation's largest statewide LGBTQ civil rights  
17 organization, hundreds of thousands of members statewide.  
18 I'd like to thank the Commission for your recognition  
19 that our LGBTQ+ community throughout the State should be  
20 united as much as possible. And have worked to do so in  
21 Coachella Valley, and the bounds of VRA constraints and  
22 Senate -- State Senate map.

23 Unfortunately, I want to express our deep  
24 disappointment at the draft Assembly map still separates  
25 Desert Hot Springs, Thousand Palm Springs (sic) from Palm

1 Springs (audio interference). Dividing the heart of our  
2 desert LGBTQ+ LGBT community.

3       While Palm Springs may be widely known as a city  
4 with a large LGBTQ population, it would be a mistake to  
5 assume that the community is confined within the city  
6 limits. Indeed, Coachella Valley is home to a historic  
7 and vibrant LGBTQ+ community, which includes many of our  
8 LGBTQ+ elders in California. Now, the first generation  
9 of people living with HIV lived in their senior years,  
10 stretching from Palm Springs into the neighboring  
11 Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, Thousand Palms, and  
12 on.

13       The community has achieved historic firsts like  
14 electing the nation's first all LGBTQ+ city council in  
15 2017. And a safe place for thousands of LGBTQ+ people,  
16 young and old, live in a welcome and supportive  
17 community. The desert LGBTQ+ community in Palm Springs,  
18 Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, and Thousand Palms,  
19 there's housing interests, business priorities, tourism,  
20 and hospitality in this district. In the Palm Springs  
21 Unified School District, these communities should be  
22 united in NBCV -- draft Assembly district NBCV. It  
23 already includes most of the Coachella Valley.

24       I respectfully urge the Commission to revise the  
25 draft Assembly maps to unite the Desert Hot Springs,

1 Thousand Palms, currently located in SVCA (ph.) district  
2 with Palm Springs and Cathedral City, NBCV. Thank you.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
5 have 018. And up next after that will be 021.

6 018, I'll be promoting you now. 018, 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 district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor  
10 is yours.

11 MR. PETROSIAN: Perfect. My name is Robert  
12 Petrosian, and I'm discussing the Irvine district of  
13 Orange County. And thank you for the opportunity to  
14 provide my input as well. Perfect, right there.

15 So I live and work in Southern Irvine and I've lived  
16 here for over eight years. I've spent half of that time  
17 as a student at UC Irvine. And in recent years, I've  
18 lived at the Oak Creek neighborhood near Hoag Hospital  
19 and the 405; pretty close to where the 5 and the 405  
20 meet. Through my experience living here, I've come to  
21 appreciate the diversity within the city and the  
22 different types of neighborhoods and districts that make  
23 up the area.

24 Most of the area South of and around the 405 is  
25 dominated by the university and the financial district of

1 the city, which borders John Wayne Airport, which act as  
2 a link between Irvine and nearby cities like Newport  
3 Beach and Costa Mesa. A large percentage of the  
4 residents in this part of town, like me, are renters and  
5 young professionals with a lot of bleed over into those  
6 aforementioned cities. Residents of this part of town  
7 frequently flock to Fashion Island Shopping Mall over in  
8 Newport Beach, and they tend to live a faster pace and  
9 more cosmopolitan type of lifestyle.

10       And I've come to notice that parts of the city North  
11 of and around the 5 have a different feel to them. Those  
12 communities there tend to be quieter, slower pace, with  
13 an emphasis on families, spacious parks, and single  
14 family housing. There are more likely to stay within  
15 town and they're more rooted in their own communities and  
16 neighborhoods. Those two areas significantly differ from  
17 each other, and they have different interests that should  
18 be accounted for and represented within these lines.

19 South Irvine has much more in common with Newport Beach  
20 and Costa Mesa; whereas North Irvine has more -- is more  
21 in line with places like Tustin and Lake Forest.

22 Residents of Southern Irvine look to the coast, while  
23 residents of Northern Irvine look to the hills.

24       The lines for the Irvine district in the draft, I  
25 feel, don't accurately reflect those interests. And

1 whereas the lines in the Senate map that you guys have do  
2 a better job of ensuring that each resident of Irvine is  
3 grouped with a community that accurately reflects their  
4 interests. This is similar to how every map of -- at  
5 each legislative and Congressional level in Anaheim --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 MR. PETROSIAN: -- or the commercialized City of  
8 Anaheim with -- from the suburban Anaheim Hills. So and  
9 they do that, put them in their own districts because  
10 that's what best reflects their city and the needs of the  
11 population. I think there's ample reason to do the same  
12 thing at Irvine.

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

14 MR. PETROSIAN: This would also be in line with what  
15 we've done in Irvine at the Assembly level as well over  
16 the last ten years. So as a young resident of Irvine,  
17 that's how I view the city and the communities. And I  
18 urge you to put this into consideration when drawing the  
19 lines and follow the pattern for the Senate map. Thanks.

20 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now you will  
22 have 021. And up next after that will be 007.

23 021, I'll be promoting you now. 021, you can 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 region you'd like to address, the floor  
2 is yours.

3 MS. ROCK: Hi, my name is Kirby Rock. Thank you to  
4 the Commission for the opportunity to share feedback.  
5 I'm here to share my thoughts about the Northeast L.A.  
6 map. I also work at Care Clinic, which is a nonprofit,  
7 federally qualified health center located in the current  
8 Assembly district 53. And the clinic where I work is  
9 responsible for more than 19,000 individuals, many of  
10 whom are residents of District 53 and surrounding areas  
11 primarily to the East, many of whom are immigrants or the  
12 child or grandchildren of immigrants.

13 And I'm here today to emphasize the need to  
14 thoughtfully draw these lines so that the voices of  
15 underserved groups aren't erased. You know, as we know  
16 in the redistricting process, sometimes marginalized  
17 groups are divided when lumped together into bigger areas  
18 where their voices are diluted. So the Northeast L.A.  
19 map essentially combines two current Assembly districts,  
20 51 and 53, which are historically Latino districts. And  
21 combining these areas negatively affects representation.  
22 It would dismantle years of progress that's been made to  
23 empower Latino communities. And the residents of the  
24 area in this draft map have significant needs. So they  
25 should have two strong representatives in the legislature

1 that will advocate for them.

2       Additionally, lumping together these two existing  
3 districts could affect the allocation of resources,  
4 particularly health care and social services. And  
5 equitable distribution of resources is particularly  
6 important if we're going to get rid of health disparities  
7 that have historically affected Latino patients and to  
8 ensure that everyone has the same opportunities for  
9 health and for success as we recover from the pandemic.  
10 So the area should be kept as two separate districts as  
11 follows: the first district comprised of downtown L.A.,  
12 Koreatown, Pico Union, Boyle Heights in South L.A.; and  
13 the second district comprised of Eagle Rock Mountain,  
14 Mount Washington, Highland Park, and East Los Angeles.

15       Thank you for your consideration and all your hard  
16 work on this important process. We appreciate it.

17       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
18 right now we will have 007. And up next after that will  
19 be 004.

20       007, I'll be promoting you now. 007, you can now  
21 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
22 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
23 district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor  
24 is yours.

25       MS. RODRIGUEZ: Hi. I will be speaking today about

1 Orange County. My name is Soila Rodriguez, and I work  
2 with the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, CHIRLA.  
3 Our mission is to achieve just fully -- full society in  
4 case of immigrants. In addition, we are a member of the  
5 People's Redistricting Alliance, a coalition of 16  
6 community based organizations established to promote a  
7 greater community voice in statewide and local  
8 redistricting processes here in Orange County. They were  
9 unable to attend or secure any slots, so I will be  
10 speaking also on their behalf.

11 I wanted to express our appreciation for a state  
12 Assembly draft maps in Orange County. We love that you  
13 were able to draw Federal Voting Rights Act district at  
14 the Assembly level in a Santa Ana region. In draft  
15 ADSSA, not only are the VRA requirements met, the  
16 district also brings together communities in Santa Ana,  
17 and West Anaheim would share interests, including the  
18 need for affordable housing and common concerns with  
19 policing and immigration enforcement.

20 We'll be proposing minor tweaks to the district.  
21 But we are really happy with the direction you've taken  
22 it in. We also appreciate your drawing low income  
23 immigrant communities in South Fullerton and West  
24 Anaheim. Korea American communities in North Buena Park  
25 and Northeast Fullerton. And El Mesa communities in the

1 border of L.A. and Orange County together in the district  
2 map, draft NOC. This community shared common challenges  
3 in language access for the (indiscernible) that crosses  
4 county lines between South Buena Park, La Palma, and  
5 Cypress in Orange County, and Cerritos and Artesia in  
6 Los Angeles County. Drawing them together in Orange  
7 County based district is important to community leaders  
8 like South Asian Network and the Council on American  
9 Islamic Relations. So thank you for that.

10 Vietnamese American communities in Garden Grove,  
11 Westminster, and Fountain Valley are together in district  
12 draft DGW, as are Pacific Islander communities in Garden  
13 Grove. Their fir with Seal Beach, Rossmoor and Los  
14 Alamitos is odd; these communities are much wider native  
15 born and higher income. But we worry the Major  
16 (indiscernible) might disturb surrounding districts.

17 Finally, we are thrilled that Irvine, Costa Mesa,  
18 and Tustin are our whole and drawn together in District  
19 IRB. This is not the case in Congressional or state  
20 levels, but please keep this --

21 MR. SINGH: Twenty seconds left.

22 MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- fully immigrant district  
23 together. All in all, we want to emphasize --

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

25 MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- the Assembly draft maps generally

1 looks great and that any changes you consider should not  
2 disturb the overall architecture you've achieved here.  
3 You're almost there in Orange County and we appreciate  
4 it. Thank you for all your work.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
7 right now we will have 004. And up next after that will  
8 be 015.

9 004, I'll be promoting you now. 004, you can now  
10 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
11 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
12 district plan you would like to address and region, the  
13 floor is yours.

14 MS. DIAZ: Hi, good afternoon, Commissioners. My  
15 name's Karen Diaz and I'm the electoral field manager for  
16 the Coalition for Humane and Immigrant Rights, CHIRLA.  
17 You just heard from my coworker. Our mission is to  
18 achieve a just society for inclusive immigrants. Today,  
19 I'm going to be providing feedback on the Antelope  
20 Valley, the high desert in San Bernardino Assembly  
21 district map.

22 Again, we appreciate your dropping of the low income  
23 immigrant communities, Latino, and black communities  
24 together in the Antelope Valley cities of Palmdale,  
25 Lancaster, in Little Rock, and Lake L.A., and the

1 Northern portion of L.A. County. The communities share a  
2 lot in common like challenges for us as we're speaking  
3 about language access, access to health care. And we  
4 have also been advocating for many years to win state  
5 level safety net protections.

6 As a resident of the Central Valley since 2006, when  
7 my family immigrated from El Salvador, I have seen this  
8 challenge firsthand myself. A lot of us -- without an  
9 immigration status, when we get sick, we're not able to  
10 access preventative health care. And even in cases of  
11 emergency, a lot of community members who still face fear  
12 of not getting treatment and visiting the doctor offices  
13 because of the high cost of medical bills. Although I  
14 now have access to healthcare, my immigrant parents and I  
15 still don't have access to health care. And that's why I  
16 have been advocating for many years with partner  
17 organizations to achieve health care for the undocumented  
18 community. Just this just this year, we were able to  
19 achieve a bill to give a health care for immigrants over  
20 the age of 55, regardless of their immigration status.  
21 And we want to extend those protections that we had and  
22 the progress that we have made. This is only possible if  
23 we have a system that are responsive to our communities.

24 We don't have a representative in the Antelope  
25 Valley, at any level at the local level, the state level

1 or even at the federal level, this would be possible.  
2 I'm making modifications to the AD\_Antelope draft and  
3 what (indiscernible) HD draft. That Antelope Valley is a  
4 community that should be kept together at the Senate and  
5 the Congressional level, but not at the Assembly level.  
6 The border (indiscernible) --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MS. DIAZ: -- electing an Assembly member of choice.  
9 We're asking that the Commission draw the high desert  
10 community (indiscernible) and Antelope Valley communities  
11 with Palmdale, Little Rock, and Lancaster to have a  
12 varied district at the Assembly level.

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

14 MS. DIAZ: Again, thank you very much for all the  
15 work they are doing. And we look forward to our  
16 commitment to working with you together as you delegate  
17 on this line.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
20 have 015. And up next after that will be 029.

21 015, as you have chosen to call in, if you'll please  
22 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. 015,  
23 you are unmuted, if you'll please remind the member of  
24 what district plan and region you'd like to address, the  
25 floor is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I will be discussing  
2 Stanislaus County. Good afternoon, Commissioner.

3 I appreciate the time to speak. The draft maps for  
4 the Assembly for our county are well done and I want to  
5 make -- thank the Commission for all of your hard work.  
6 I believe you've all done a great job keeping our  
7 communities of interest together in these maps. And I do  
8 understand Assembly districts have less population when  
9 the Senate or the Congressional places cannot be kept  
10 whole.

11 I just want to say for the sole fact Stanislaus map,  
12 and Stanislaus Merced map, and the San Joaquin map,  
13 they're all great compromises. And I know not everyone  
14 feels like they're getting everything they'd like, but  
15 most compromises are that way. And if you're going to  
16 make any changes to these maps, please make them as  
17 minimal as possible.

18 Again, you've all done a great job of keeping the  
19 communities of interest together, and I thank you.

20 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
22 029. And up next after that will be 013.

23 029, I'll be promoting you now. No, there it went.  
24 029, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower  
25 left corner of your screen. If you will, please, remind

1 the mapper of what district plan or region you'd like to  
2 address, the floor is yours.

3 MR. MARTIN: Hello, can you hear me?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

5 MR. MARTIN: Fantastic, thank you so much. My name  
6 is Kamaal Martin, San Diego resident. I would like to  
7 speak about the La Mesa Spring Valley map in San Diego  
8 County. Fantastic.

9 We understand the pressure to accomplish your task,  
10 we appreciate you, Commissioners. We also appreciate the  
11 extra time for additional slots to speak. We'd like to  
12 speak in favor of the current configuration of this map  
13 for a number of reasons. It keeps the communities of La  
14 Mesa and Lemon Grove whole; we appreciate that, and any  
15 iterations of a San Diego map should do so.

16 This map also attempts to keep San Diego's African-  
17 American community intact and together. The cities of  
18 Lemon Grove and La Mesa have San Diego's highest per  
19 capita populations of African-American folks, and it's  
20 important that we're able to achieve that consistent and  
21 core representation. La Mesa Spring Valley also  
22 encompasses areas which many would consider the working  
23 class part of the city of San Diego. For that reason, we  
24 were also in favor of this configuration.

25 As housing becomes more and more difficult for folks

1 in the city of San Diego to obtain, within San Diego  
2 Proper communities like Lemon Grove, the unincorporated  
3 areas of Spring Valley as well as La Mesa become that  
4 much more important and such having representation from  
5 that area is that much more valuable. The opportunities  
6 to keep a number of institutions of higher learning in  
7 this district, San Diego State University, ECC, the  
8 Educational Cultural Complex in southeastern San Diego,  
9 Grossmont College, as well as San Diego City College, is  
10 a highlight of this configuration as well.

11 And another piece, San Diego's most neglected  
12 watershed, Chollas Creek, has its spring in Lemon Grove,  
13 and it runs all the way throughout southeastern San  
14 Diego, through parts of San Diego, through national city,  
15 all the way to the bay. So the opportunity to put a  
16 greater degree of focus on some of the communities that  
17 have been the most disenfranchised in terms of  
18 environmental justice is another highlight of this  
19 configuration.

20 So with that, we hope that you will continue to keep  
21 this map. And keep La Mesa, Lemon Grove, unincorporated  
22 areas of Spring Valley, as well as parts of the greater  
23 southeastern San Diego in the communities --

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MR. MARTIN: -- the 94 and the 54 freeways together.

1 Thank you very much for your time. And we hope that  
2 additional slots will open up in the future for folks to  
3 speak. Thank you.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have a  
6 013. And up next after that will be 014.

7 013, I'll be promoting you now. 013, it appears  
8 there may be a connectivity issue for the audio and video  
9 option. Oh, wait, no, that popped over; third time's a  
10 charm. 013, you can now enable your audio and video at  
11 the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please  
12 remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd  
13 like to address, the floor is yours.

14 MR. CROWDER: Good evening, Commissioners. I would  
15 like to talk about the North Cal Super -- or yeah,  
16 Assembly District. My name is Steve Crowder and I serve  
17 as the mayor of Paradise, located in Butte County.

18 First, I would like to thank you for being allowed  
19 to register for a time slot to speak. I spent three and  
20 a half hours on hold when I tried to call in last time.

21 As you know, three years ago, the Town of Paradise  
22 was hit by one of the worst fires in the history of our  
23 nation. The camp fire destroyed nearly 14,000 homes in  
24 our area. Let me tell you, as the mayor, as someone who  
25 lost my home in business, nothing about rebuilding a town

1 after a major fire has been easy. But throughout the  
2 process, we've had a tremendous outpouring of support  
3 from within Butte County and from our neighboring  
4 counties. People in Oroville, Chico, Gridley, and every  
5 corner of Butte County opened up their arms and homes to  
6 assist us. We also received an incredible amount of aid  
7 and assistance from our neighbors in Yuba and Sutter  
8 counties. They held gift card drives and brought them to  
9 survivors; they delivered semitrucks full of water and  
10 clothing. People from Yuba and Sutter volunteered at our  
11 shelters and resource centers to help evacuees recover.  
12 And they even started a foundation to provide direct  
13 financial assistance. Additionally, the Yuba and Sutter  
14 communities took in survivors of the fire. The Yuba  
15 Center Fairgrounds in Yuba City hosted one of the largest  
16 FEMA trailer sites in the area; and two additional FEMA  
17 housing sites were set up in neighboring Yuba County.

18 I say all this to ask the Commission to consider  
19 keeping Butte County aligned with our neighbors in Yuba  
20 and Sutter. I understand the draft maps recently  
21 published keep those three counties together in the  
22 Congressional and Senate maps. I hope that we can make  
23 it a priority to do the same for the Assembly map as  
24 well. Please keep the Town of Paradise in mind as you  
25 make changes to the draft map. Thank you for your time.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you for your comments.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
3 have unique ID 014. And up next after that will be 033.

4 014, as you have chosen to call in, if you'll please  
5 follow the prompts to a mute by pressing star six. 014,  
6 if you will please remind the mapper of what district  
7 plan and region you would like to address, the floor is  
8 yours.

9 MS. TAMMY: Hi, good afternoon, Commissioners. The  
10 region I'm discussing is Stanislaus and San Joaquin  
11 County. My name is Tammy. I want to commend you all for  
12 the very hard work on redistricting that you've done. I  
13 want to say thank you so much for listening to our  
14 community of interest testimonies and keeping the East  
15 side of Stanislaus and San Joaquin together in the  
16 Assembly map.

17 Our communities have so much in common and similar  
18 interests. This is my second time calling, and I was  
19 skeptical when this process started that our voices would  
20 be heard. And for those of us who live in the  
21 agricultural East side of Stanislaus San Joaquin  
22 Counties, I just want to say thank you. What a great job  
23 you've done for these for the draft Assembly maps in our  
24 counties. Keeping cities like Lodi, Linden, Escalon, Del  
25 Rio, Riverbank, Oakdale, Lockeford together makes a lot

1 of common sense. As well as the Assembly itself that  
2 takes the rest of Stanislaus County and joins them with  
3 Merced wetlands.

4 I ask that you please keep these lines intact as  
5 much as possible. And I want to thank you again for your  
6 time, the hours you put in and most importantly,  
7 listening. And last, I hope you and your families have a  
8 very happy Thanksgiving next week. Thank you.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you and same to you. Thank  
10 you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
12 have 033. And up next after that will be 005.

13 033, I'll be promoting you now. Oh, I apologize.  
14 033, as you have chosen to call in your please follow the  
15 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. Unique ID 033,  
16 if you will please follow the prompts to unmuted by  
17 pressing star six. Unique ID 033, the last four of the  
18 phone number would have been 8224. One more time, if you  
19 could please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing  
20 star six.

21 Unique ID 033, there appears to be some type of  
22 connectivity issue at this moment. I will come back to  
23 you. Oh, wait, it worked. You are unmuted. If you'll  
24 please let the mapper know what district plan and region  
25 you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

1 MS. NGUYEN: Okay. Good afternoon, the  
2 Commissioners. First, I would like to say thank you to  
3 your hard work and a happy Thanksgiving for all of you.  
4 My name is Stephanie Nguyen. I'm calling in regard to  
5 the Little Saigon community up in Orange County.

6 I have made several comments around the project in  
7 the last few weeks. I also heard some comment from our  
8 community as well while I were waiting to be called. I  
9 have a few friends that were not able to get the  
10 appointment to speak several times.

11 But we want to first say thank you very much for  
12 hearing our concerns to this process. The Senate  
13 district map for our community, you got it right and no  
14 change is needed. Thank you. The Assembly district, the  
15 map, AD\_GGWES map is eighty percent there. We are asking  
16 for some minor change. Remove the City of Stanton and  
17 Garden Grove, the area belong with Anaheim and Santa Ana.  
18 We have no community of interest with them. For Garden  
19 Grove. You should (indiscernible) that go all the way  
20 down the entire border of Garden Grove. So anything West  
21 of (indiscernible) up well into Huntington Beach to  
22 include Huntington Harbor. There are a lot of  
23 Vietnamese-American in Huntington Beach. That border  
24 (indiscernible) and Westminster, Huntington Beach, South  
25 of the (indiscernible) go to the coastal district. It

1 will keep our school district brought over with Little  
2 Saigon together.

3       The Congressional district and the CDC  
4 (indiscernible) is also eighty percent there. There is  
5 some minor change. Please take out (indiscernible) from  
6 LA County and (indiscernible) in Huntington Beach. If  
7 you make this margin, you will surely (indiscernible)  
8 Little Saigon and our community of interest. The  
9 (indiscernible) for not only Little Saigon, but it keep  
10 the coastal district with the South Huntington Beach  
11 coastal side, and the Latino community by (indiscernible)  
12 Stanton and Garden Grove to Anaheim and Santa Ana. This  
13 will reflect everyone's community of interest

14       Again, thank you so much --

15       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16       MS. NGUYEN: -- for your time and for listen to us,  
17 keep our Little Saigon together so we can have our voice  
18 heard at Assembly -- Senate and Congressional district.  
19 We truly would like someone that can understand our  
20 niche, our culture, and our community of interest.

21       MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

22       MS. NGUYEN: Thank you again.

23       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

24       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
25 have 005. And up next after that will be 027.

1           005, I will be promoting you now. 005, 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 of what  
4 district plan and region you would like to address, the  
5 floor is yours.

6           MR. CAMACHO: Yes, hello honor roll Commission  
7 members. My name is Gustavo Camacho, a council member of  
8 the City of Pico Rivera. And I'd like to address map CD  
9 60X605. We were asking simply to consider returning  
10 Montebello and Pico Rivera back to our current district  
11 or future district that will keep our communities  
12 together. These two cities have more in common with the  
13 gateway cities like Commerce and Norwalk, than with  
14 current cities in the draft like Rolling Heights and  
15 Walnut.

16           In following the Commission map iterations, it  
17 appears that our Senate district has gone through more  
18 drastic adjustments than any others. This is inherently  
19 unfair and we had built great relationships with cities  
20 and neighborhoods where we share a School District and  
21 historic traditions. These changes would make it  
22 difficult to advocate regionally, as we have in the past.  
23 These maps seem to be -- seem to dilute Latino  
24 communities influence and place them in new districts  
25 that will make them less effective in their advocacy.

1 So I wanted to make sure that I called and expressed our  
2 feelings. And many people in the City of Pico Rivera  
3 share that same sentiment. Thank you very much.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
6 have 027. And up next after that will be 010.

7 027, I'll be promoting you now. 027, there appears  
8 to be a connectivity issue for you on the audio and video  
9 option, we will be doing the audio only option at this  
10 time. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute.

11 027, you should see a prompt in the middle of your screen  
12 to unmute at this time. Now, one more time, unique ID  
13 027, you should be seeing a prompt to unmuted in the  
14 center of your screen. It is your turn.

15 Well, there may be a connectivity issue in general  
16 for you at this moment. We will come back. Oh, wait,  
17 there you are.

18 MS. STARZIK: Okay, sorry. The --

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That' okay.

20 MS. STARZIK: The identification ID number you gave  
21 me is something that's new to me; I apologize.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's all right.

23 MS. STARZIK: Okay.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

25 MS. STARZIK: My name is Nancy Starzik and I am a

1 43-year resident in Porter Ranch area in the San Fernando  
2 Valley; so that would be District 48. And so I'm calling  
3 about that San Fernando Valley area. And it's critical  
4 that we keep the San Fernando Valley people in their own  
5 districts.

6 Looking at the draft maps, many of the Valley  
7 residents in San Fernando Valley live in non-San Fernando  
8 Valley districts. For example, tens of thousands of San  
9 Fernando Valley residents are in the district whose main  
10 population base is in the Santa Clarita Valley. And so  
11 this makes the Valley residents of San Fernando Valley a  
12 minority in the district, and it harms their ability to  
13 influence their representative.

14 And education, I'm going to focus on that. That's  
15 one issue that really worries me. There are so many.  
16 But Valley residents have their children attend schools  
17 in L.A. Unified School District and Santa Clarita's  
18 children are in a wholly separate school district. The  
19 needs of the Valley children are much different from  
20 those in Santa Clarita, the West Side, and Santa Monica.  
21 So we have to deal with poverty, single family households  
22 and language barriers in our daily lives.

23 The San Fernando Valley residents need  
24 representatives who are focused on trying to influence  
25 and improve Los Angeles Unified School District. And I

1 fear that under this current maps, they're going to be  
2 ignored and focused on the Santa Clarita schools. So  
3 please listen to our community and keep the San Fernando  
4 Valley residents with San Fernando Valley districts. And  
5 I thank you very much for the time.

6 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
8 right now, we will have unique ID 010. And up next after  
9 that will be 028.

10 Unique ID 010, if you'll please follow the prompts  
11 to unmute by pressing star six. Unique ID 010 --

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. If you'll please  
14 let the mapper know what district plan and what region  
15 you would like to address, the floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I'd like to  
17 discuss the San Joaquin County and Stanislaus County  
18 region. And then I want to specifically talk about the  
19 AD\_South Sacramento to Stanislaus draft map, as well as  
20 the AD\_Stockton map and the AD\_Stanislaus map.

21 So really, first off, I just want to say thank you.  
22 Thank you to the Commission for -- the Commissioners for  
23 their efforts in the Central Valley as we really are kind  
24 of often forgotten about out here. So looking at the  
25 maps, I feel like they're really good for our

1 representation in the state government. And they really  
2 do represent a fair compromise between both the interests  
3 of San Joaquin and Stanislaus. I feel like you guys have  
4 done a really great job and if these are where the lines  
5 finish, I think it would be good maps for both counties.

6       You know, looking at everything, it really seems  
7 like you listened to our request to keep Stockton away  
8 from the Eastern ag areas as best as possible, keeping  
9 the Delta and the East sides away from each other as  
10 separate communities of interest. And you know, you kept  
11 San Joaquin as whole as possible, like the people of San  
12 Joaquin asked. And you didn't split Stanislaus County  
13 more than twice.

14       I really feel like it would be -- well, we make a  
15 lot of sense to the people in Vineyard if you listen to  
16 them and remove them from the South Sacramento Stanislaus  
17 map as they're asking. And return Branchville (ph.)  
18 Murrieta, or even part of the (indiscernible) Inyo map to  
19 this map in order to fix the population loss, if you do  
20 decide to remove Vineyard. The East sides of San Joaquin  
21 and Stanislaus Counties share a lot more in common with  
22 the foothills than we do with the Delta.

23       Now, I mean, really -- other than that, I want to  
24 say thank you so much for giving me the time to speak.  
25 Thank you for all your efforts with the State Assembly

1 map. I really feel like you guys have done a really  
2 great job with this. And I urge you and --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- I ask you that you don't  
5 make many changes to these three maps in our region.  
6 Thank you.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will be  
9 going to 028. And up next after that will be 034.

10 028, I'll be promoting you now. 028, you can now  
11 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
12 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
13 district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor  
14 is yours.

15 MR. SILVEIRA: Good afternoon, almost evening  
16 Commission. I'm talking about AD\_Merced Fresno.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thank you, go ahead, please.

18 MR. SILVEIRA: Pulling it up right now, sorry.

19 MR. MANOFF: You should see it on your screen now.

20 MR. SILVEIRA: Yes, very good, thank you. My name  
21 is Scott Silveira and I am a Merced County supervisor,  
22 District 5, representing cities on the West side of  
23 Merced County. Our board passed a resolution earlier  
24 this month urging the Commission to keep Merced County  
25 whole and to draw us into districts run -- that run North

1 into Stanislaus County, which shares many of our social,  
2 economic, and civil -- civic interest. Stanislaus County  
3 passed the same resolution asking to be connected with  
4 Merced as well.

5       Instead, the Commission's draft map of the state  
6 Assembly splits Merced County in half and ties the  
7 Southern half of the county South, into Fresno. There is  
8 no more important issue in our county than water, and the  
9 draft maps demonstrate a complete lack of understanding  
10 of the water interests of the Northern San Joaquin  
11 Valley, the Delta and Fresno. Merced County's economy is  
12 intimately linked with the health of our agriculture  
13 community, and agriculture can only thrive with a  
14 sufficient water supply. Water is one of the most  
15 important communities of interest in our region, and our  
16 interests align with the three major irrigation districts  
17 that serve Merced, Stanislaus Counties, which are Merced  
18 Irrigation District, Turlock Irrigation District, and the  
19 Modesto Irrigation District.

20       The draft map gives our future representatives the  
21 impossible task of having to choose between the water and  
22 the economic interests of the Southern half or the  
23 Northern half of their district. To make matters worse,  
24 the draft map splits Merced County in half, diluting the  
25 voice of our county into two different districts. Merced

1 was a Voting Rights Act county when the prior Commission  
2 drew maps. And we are proud to have taken the  
3 appropriate steps to remove that moniker from the entire  
4 county.

5       However, it is in -- antithetical to the very  
6 purpose of the VRA, if the progress we have made in  
7 Merced is penalized by diluting our voices at the next  
8 very opportunity. On behalf of Merced County, I urge the  
9 Commission to review the resolution our board passed  
10 earlier this month and amend the draft maps to keep  
11 Merced County whole. And draw --

12       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13       MR. SILVEIRA: -- a new district that link us with  
14 Stanislaus County to the North rather than Fresno to the  
15 South. Thank you for your time.

16       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

17       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
18 034. And I'd like to invite unique ID 002 to please use  
19 the raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen  
20 if you wish to give comment, as you do have an opinion  
21 during this session. I'd also like to invite unique ID  
22 019, as you've chosen to call in, the last four of your  
23 phone would be 7700, if you will please press star nine,  
24 that's -- that would raise your hand indicating you are  
25 ready to give comment. And we are coming to the end of

1 this session.

2 034, I will be promoting you now. Unique ID 034, if  
3 you will, please let the mapper know what district plan  
4 and region you would like to address, the floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: So this is Lourdes  
6 (ph.) calling from the Central Valley regarding the  
7 Assembly draft for Central Valley, specifically for  
8 Fresno County. Can you hear me?

9 MR. MANOFF: We can go ahead, please.

10 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay, thank you. I  
11 wasn't sure if it was me.

12 And so thank you for this time, the Commission and  
13 everyone putting time forth to help us with this issue.  
14 Also, very important for us is to see that the Central  
15 Valley has more voices to come to the table. Again, my  
16 name is Lourdes and I live and work, by choice, in the  
17 Central Valley in Fresno County.

18 I'm very concerned that the Assembly draft maps in  
19 our region do not reach maximum Latino VRA potential. I  
20 thank Commissioner Toledo and Sadhwani for always pushing  
21 for a max Latino VRA. But more work must be done. Your  
22 draft map for the South Fresno and rural Fresno County is  
23 a fifty-three percent Latino VRA seat. That only -- that  
24 may look okay on paper, but in reality it reduces Latino  
25 ability to elect candidates of our choice. The reality

1 is that the radically polarized voting in a huge -- is a  
2 huge issue and barrier for the Latinos in the Central  
3 Valley in Fresno, and across the whole Central Valley,  
4 Merced, Madera, Kings, Tulare, and Kern County.

5 I'm speaking specifically about Assembly today, but  
6 the same challenges do apply to the Senate and  
7 Congressional draft maps. In order to fix the issue in  
8 the Assembly Fresno map -- draft map, you need to take a  
9 second and strong look at where Latinos actually live. I  
10 myself am a Latina immigrant from Central America to Los  
11 Angeles County, and then to the Central Valley. And by  
12 including the heavily white areas of Old Fig Garden and  
13 Sunnyside, you are diluting Latino voices in the South  
14 Fresno district. This is why the Latino CVAP dropped  
15 almost three percent from the November 2nd to your  
16 current draft map.

17 I do not want to jump around too much, but I do have  
18 a similar problem in the Merced Fresno draft. Also, you  
19 are at a 50.94 percent, and with all due respect, that is  
20 laughable. Latinos in the district would have a very  
21 slim chance of electing a candidate of their choice down  
22 here --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- in the South valley  
25 also. So I do thank your time and I ask for you to

1 really look at our population needs and Latinos, we are  
2 the majority and we want to be also seen as a community  
3 of interest and a whole community. Thank you.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

5 And Katy, the next caller will be our last one  
6 before break.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Actually, Chair, we do  
8 not have any more hands for callers from this session.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Okay. Well, thank you then.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.

11 CHAIR TAYLOR: If that's the case, we'll go to break  
12 and be back at 4:45.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

14 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

15 CHAIR TAYLOR: Good evening and welcome back to the  
16 Assembly District Feedback Section, our draft maps. I  
17 will -- we will pick up where we left off and I'll give  
18 you not capable hands of our comment moderator, Katy.

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

20 Welcome to the draft map feedback session. If you  
21 have not done so already, please use the raise hand  
22 button at the bottom of your screen if you're Unique ID  
23 ends in 038 through 077.

24 You will be identified by your assigned unique ID  
25 number received in your invite for the session. When it

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

9       When you start your input, please identify which  
10 district plan and region you will be providing input on.  
11 And please one more time, use the raise hand button at  
12 the bottom of your screen to enter the public comment  
13 queue line indicating you are present and ready to  
14 comment, if your unique ID ends in 038 through 077 for  
15 session number 2.

16       We'll be starting off this session 2 with 065. And  
17 up next after that will be 075.

18       065, I'm promoting you now. 065, you can now enable  
19 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your  
20 screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of what  
21 district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor  
22 is yours.

23       MS. SOLIS-MONTERO: Thank you. Good afternoon,  
24 Commissioners. Thank you so much for providing this  
25 platform for comment.

1 My name is Angelica Solis-Montero. I live in  
2 Highland Park, a neighborhood in northeast L.A. And I'm  
3 here in support of the AD\_NELA draft map. I also ask  
4 that this map include Rio de Los Angeles State Park,  
5 which is currently in the Glenn LA draft.

6 The current AD\_NELA draft map with the inclusion of  
7 Rio de Los Angeles State Park adequately captures a  
8 community of interest grounded in family resources and  
9 schools, open spaces, economic recovery opportunities,  
10 and environmental justice. The district is made up of  
11 working families who need dedicated resources to help  
12 ensure that they have a quality of life that all  
13 communities deserve.

14 The design of the district allows for resources to  
15 come together within the district, such as Family  
16 Resource Centers, where critical for the sustainability  
17 of these families. And the district design will also  
18 allow for educational resources to be utilized in a  
19 manner that helps ensure that the students in low  
20 performing schools get the help that they need.

21 The district maps brings together all of downtown  
22 Los Angeles, which includes L.A. Live and the Staples  
23 Center, and part of Echo Park that includes Dodger  
24 Stadium. And as our cities and our communities begin to  
25 recover from the economic pains that were brought by

1 COVID-19, having these locations under one district can  
2 really serve a much needed catalyst in supporting these  
3 efforts within the entertainment and tourism industry.

4       And then finally, I just want to say that with the  
5 open space and centralized locations of the district of  
6 Los Angeles, there will be a leadership role that the  
7 district can and should play in leading environmental  
8 justice efforts that have had for long impact working  
9 class families, especially low income and communities of  
10 colors.

11       Thank you again very much. And again, I'm in  
12 support of the current NELA draft plan with the inclusion  
13 of the Rio de Los Angeles State Park. Thank you.

14       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

15       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
16 have 075. And up next after that would be 074.

17       075, I will be promoting you now. 075, you can now  
18 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
19 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of  
20 what district plan and region you'd like to address, the  
21 floor is yours.

22       MR. PAYNE: Thank you, Katy. I would like to talk  
23 about the City of West Hollywood and the surrounding  
24 Hollywood area. My name is Jeremy Payne. I am calling  
25 with Equality California.

1 I first want to start off my testimony by saying we  
2 are grateful to the Commission for your recognition that  
3 Hollywood and West Hollywood belong together in your  
4 Congressional and Senate maps. But I would like to  
5 express our great disappointment with the Commission's  
6 especially with the Draft Assembly map, which  
7 inexplicably divides Hollywood and West Hollywood between  
8 three separate districts. There's AD\_Westside, GLENNLA,  
9 and N10. And separates those in AD\_Westside, and GLENNLA  
10 from similar communities like Fairfax, La Brea,  
11 Larchmont, Miracle Mile, Melrose, Wilshire, and Mid City.

12 Hollywood and West Hollywood to share housing  
13 interests, small business priorities, entertainment,  
14 tourism and hospitality industries, schools that serve  
15 both of our communities, and together we constitute the  
16 heart of Los Angeles' LGBTQ+ community: From the fight  
17 against the Briggs Initiative which threatened to ban  
18 LGBTQ+ people from teaching in our schools, to care for  
19 one another at the height of the AIDS crisis, to fighting  
20 for marriage equality, and basic civil rights, to now,  
21 the COVID-19 pandemic which took a devastating toll on  
22 the LGBTQ+ community.

23 But our communities have always come together to  
24 support one another, and that has included electing  
25 candidates of choice, both in Hollywood and West

1 Hollywood, where we have repeatedly elected LGBTQ+  
2 representatives, and allies who take seriously their  
3 responsibility to serve our communities' unique interest  
4 and needs.

5       Therefore, I'll say again, our communities are  
6 inseparable and should not be divided from similar  
7 communities in Central Los Angeles, which is why I  
8 respectfully urge the Commission to unite Hollywood and  
9 West Hollywood in the N10 Assembly districts.

10       I submitted a detailed plan through the Commission  
11 email earlier today of how the Commission can accomplish  
12 this, while also helping to unite other communities of  
13 interest, including creating at least four Black  
14 opportunity districts in South L.A., and the South Bay,  
15 by moving Jefferson Park and Adams-Normandie into the 110  
16 L.A. districts; create a stronger Latino VRA district by  
17 moving West Lake and Pico Union into --

18       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19       MR. PAYNE: -- (indiscernible, simultaneous speech)  
20 into the mainland, which also opens the opportunity for a  
21 second Latino VRA district in this region. And it also  
22 keeps Little Armenia united with Glendale in the GLENNLA  
23 District. And this finally unites Thai Town and  
24 historical --

25       MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

1 MR. PAYNE: -- (indiscernible, simultaneous speech)  
2 Town with Koreatown in the N10. I respectfully urge the  
3 Commission to review the plan I submitted earlier this  
4 afternoon. And I hope that you are able to implement  
5 these steps as we make changes to the draft maps for our  
6 State Assembly. Thank you so much.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
9 have 074. And up next after that will be 045.

10 074, I will be promoting you now. 074, you can now  
11 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
12 your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of  
13 what district plan and region you would like to address.  
14 The floor is yours.

15 MS. FRAGOSO: Hello? Can you hear me?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

17 MS. FRAGOSO: Okay. I represent the Inland Central  
18 Valley region. My name is Annissa Fragoso, and Merced  
19 has been my home for almost thirty years. I'm the  
20 president of the Merced County Hispanic Chamber of  
21 Commerce, and the proud owner of the Downtown Merced  
22 Farmers Insurance Agency. I'm a graduate of Merced  
23 College.

24 I was shocked to see that the Commission is  
25 proposing an Assembly district which cuts Merced County

1 in half, and ties it with Fresno County. I know that the  
2 Commission has a difficult job before it, but I am  
3 calling in today because the proposal illustrates that  
4 the Commission has taken no time to understand our  
5 community. For decades, Merced and Stanislaus County  
6 have been recognized as an important community of  
7 interest until now.

8       The maps released on November 10th group most of  
9 Merced County in with parts of Fresno County. In the  
10 Senate map, Merced is even grouped with the Mountain  
11 counties. Merced County has very little in common with  
12 Fresno, and South Valley, and next to nothing in common  
13 with the Mountain communities.

14       The November 2nd Visualization had an Assembly  
15 district that kept Merced County whole, and included  
16 parts of Stanislaus County, that was a better  
17 representation of our community's interest. Creating  
18 maps and all seats that include Stanislaus County and  
19 Merced County would be a better representation of who my  
20 neighbors are, where they work, how they commute, their  
21 daily lives.

22       Putting Merced and Stanislaus County together as a  
23 Congressional district would be good for everyone who  
24 lives here, and would closely match the population  
25 requirements for a district.

1 I urge you to revisit the Assembly map from November  
2 2nd, redraw the Senate map to remove Merced County from  
3 the Mountain County's district and keep Stanislaus County  
4 and Merced County together as much as possible in all  
5 maps.

6 Thank you for your time.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, now we will  
9 have a 045. And up next after that will be 055.

10 045, I'll be promoting you now. 045, you can now  
11 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
12 your screen. If you you'll please remind the mapper of  
13 what district plan and region you'd like to address. The  
14 floor is yours.

15 MS. SALAS: Hi. Good evening. My name is Juanita  
16 Salas. I've called the Commission and given input on  
17 Imperial County and Coachella Valley district lines since  
18 this process started. I want to thank you for the  
19 improvements you made to your prior visualizations in  
20 your draft maps. You have done a much better job uniting  
21 the Eastern Coachella Valley and then, particularly,  
22 uniting the Eastern -- Eastern part of Coachella Valley.

23 I ask you to consider making similar changes to your  
24 SECA Senate district. Right now that district is still  
25 splitting the Latino community here in Coachella Valley.

1 Please extend the district further North along the I-10,  
2 just as you did with the Assembly plan. Indeed, one  
3 option would encourage you to consider potentially --  
4 would be to potentially nesting your CBSY (ph.) in SECA  
5 Assembly districts.

6 If you have drawn too strong Latino Voting Rights  
7 Act Assembly districts, then nesting them will ensure a  
8 strong Latino Voting Rights Act Senate district. It will  
9 also ensure that interest in San Diego, Imperial, and  
10 Riverside all have a fair -- a fair and even voice within  
11 that district. Right now, two-thirds of the SECA Senate  
12 district is in San Diego, and I would encourage you to  
13 consider a more even split.

14 And finally, I know this Commission must definitely  
15 balance a lot of competing interests, I would just ask  
16 that when you are drawing Voting Rights Act districts,  
17 don't just do the bare minimum. Make sure you are  
18 drawing strong, robust Voting Rights Act districts that  
19 meet not only the letter, but also the spirit of the law.

20 I know you are facing the challenge of balancing the  
21 Coachella LGBTQ community with the Latino communities.  
22 The Voting Rights Act is your second-ranked criterion,  
23 and I asked to honor that -- that you honor and ensure a  
24 strong VRAC for both the Senate and the Assembly. Thank  
25 you.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
3 have 055. And up next after that will be 064.

4 055, I will be promoting you now. 055, you can now  
5 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
6 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of  
7 what district plan and region you would like to address.  
8 The floor is yours.

9 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you. Good evening,  
10 Commissioners. And thank you for taking my comments.  
11 I'm Tehama County Supervisor Bob Williams. My comments  
12 today are going to address AD\_LAKENAPA (ph.) draft map,  
13 and the Tehama County Board of Supervisors letters to the  
14 Commission of October 26th and November 16th.

15 As stated in our letters, it's our desire and  
16 request that the Commission revisit the draft maps and  
17 create an Assembly district that retains the communities  
18 of interest already present in the six-county region of  
19 Tehama, Butte, Colusa, Yuba, and Sutter Counties.

20 Many of our property owners have holdings throughout  
21 the six-county region, whether that be land, housing,  
22 retail, or other business holdings, it's important, these  
23 individuals, that their interests are represented by the  
24 same Assembly member.

25 Our workforce contains many people that travel daily

1 throughout our six-county region to work. In fact, we  
2 have Tehama County residents who travel as far South as  
3 Sutter and Yuba counties to work each day. And on the  
4 flip side, we have many employees in Tehama County that  
5 make the commute from other counties in the region every  
6 day as well.

7 A large percentage of our workforce comes from our  
8 Latino and Indigenous populations. Besides work, many of  
9 these folks have family members living within the region.  
10 This is especially true with our indigenous population,  
11 the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians that has tribal  
12 members living throughout the six-county area.

13 Our counties also share common interests in economic  
14 development. Tehama, Butte, and Glenn counties have  
15 recently completed a Draft Community Economic Development  
16 Plan that relies on a regional approach to economic  
17 development. Our Shared Workforce Development Board is  
18 even headquartered in Butte County.

19 As you've heard from previous speakers, water is of  
20 particular common interest in our area. Besides having  
21 three major rivers shared within the region, the  
22 requirements of the Groundwater Sustainability Act and  
23 the groundwater subbasins that we share, necessitated  
24 regional cooperation and coordination between our six  
25 counties.

1           Our common interests in the Northern Sacramento  
2 Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, as well  
3 as our respective memberships in the Northern California  
4 Water Association, have also required a regional approach  
5 to problem solving.

6           Again, I'd like to thank you for your time, and  
7 reiterate our desire here in Tehama County to retain our  
8 six-county region of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Yuba,  
9 and Sutter as one Assembly district, and is the core for  
10 Senatorial and Congressional districts with a  
11 population --

12           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13           MR. WILLIAMS: -- of 511,255 people, the six-county  
14 region is the ideal size for an Assembly district.  
15 Please reconsider your current proposed maps --

16           MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

17           MR. WILLIAMS: -- Tehama, Glenn, and Colusa County  
18 share no -- little to no communities of interest with  
19 Yolo, Napa, and Lake counties. And I want to thank you  
20 for hearing me out, and if you have any questions of me  
21 or my colleagues --

22           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

23           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
24 have a 064. And up next after that will be 058.

25           064, I'll be promoting you now. 064, 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'd like to address. The  
4 floor is yours.

5 MS. OCAMB: My name is Karen Ocamb, and I am not  
6 able to see what I wrote actually. So let me try to  
7 minimize this. I'm calling about Hollywood and N10. And  
8 the reason I'm calling is because I live in West  
9 Hollywood and I'm very concerned about you breaking West  
10 Hollywood and Hollywood apart. I've been a resident here  
11 since West Hollywood was created in 1984 we had -- this  
12 is our community. The reason that West Hollywood was  
13 created, we joined with seniors and renters to create  
14 this space where we could be safe and take care of our  
15 own.

16 I'm personally held people who died from AIDS, and  
17 we still have tremendous problems with violence against  
18 the transgender community, and we don't have our full  
19 civil rights, as you probably know. Not having the  
20 Equality Act, not having the State Legislature consider  
21 all our rights, we still have to argue for them, we  
22 really need our own visibility, and our own  
23 representation.

24 And I strongly urge you to please, please, consider  
25 uniting Hollywood in West Hollywood in N10, all right; in

1 order to allow us to have the opportunity to elect our  
2 own representation.

3 As a member of the LGBTQ community, we have been  
4 erased. We have been forgotten. We've been neglected  
5 and ignored, including, by the way, in the most recent  
6 COVID crisis. Having unity and a safe space for us to  
7 live and have representation beyond the election, to have  
8 elected representatives who care about us for real,  
9 matters a great deal. And we need a community space  
10 where people can come from beyond our borders, or they  
11 come to Hollywood and West Hollywood to protest, or to  
12 express support for causes, and electing --

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 MS. OCAMB: -- candidates. And I strongly urge you  
15 to please unite Hollywood and West Hollywood in N10, the  
16 N10 Assembly district. Thank you very much.

17 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
19 058. And up next after that will be 071.

20 058, I will be promoting you now. 058, you can now  
21 enable your audio and video on the lower left corner of  
22 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
23 district plan and region you'd like to address. The  
24 floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Can I

1 have the mapper zoom in to the Inglewood area, please?  
2 I'm calling because I'm a little concerned about the  
3 Commission's plan to split up the communities of -- the  
4 Cities of Inglewood, Lawndale, and Hawthorne. It's just  
5 a little more down where it says -- around Culver City.  
6 Let's see. Inglewood, there you go, Inglewood.

7       So if you guys see you there, you guys are putting  
8 the City of Inglewood/Hawthorne with Watts, and those two  
9 communities are, you know, on the other side of each  
10 other and you have cut out the City of Lawndale, which is  
11 next to Gardena, out of the Assembly district for this  
12 map. And the reason that I'm concerned about it is  
13 because by splitting up the cities, you're also splitting  
14 of the Unified School Districts that serve the children  
15 of these communities and cities.

16       These cities include -- you know, this school  
17 district include, you know, the Lawndale Elementary  
18 School District, the Hawthorne, and Lennox School  
19 District. And as a matter of fact, one of Lawndale's  
20 school districts -- schools is located in the City of  
21 Hawthorne.

22       So I'm asking the Commission to please help us keep  
23 those three cities together, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and  
24 Lawndale, because they share school districts together.  
25 And that's including the Centinela Unified School

1 District. So you know, in our -- in our community for  
2 the past decade, our parents have worked so hard to lift  
3 Black and Brown children out of poverty by providing them  
4 with quality education.

5 So your proposal to split the Cities of Lawndale,  
6 Englewood, and Hawthorne missed the mark for our kids.  
7 So I'm -- I'm calling to ask the Commission to keep  
8 Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lawndale together. This is  
9 something that you guys have done for the Congressional  
10 and State Senate maps, and I'm asking that you guys do  
11 that for the Assembly one. So in the Congressional one,  
12 and the Senate, one you guys have Inglewood, Hawthorn --

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and Lawndale together, so  
15 I'm asking you guys to take a look at Lawndale and keep  
16 it in the -- with the City of Hawthorne and Inglewood.  
17 Thank you very much for your work. I appreciate it.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
20 have 071. And up next after that will be 042. 071, as  
21 you have chosen to call in this -- oh, no.

22 071, I'll be promoting you now. 071, you can now  
23 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
24 your screen. If you'll please let the mapper know what  
25 district plan and region you'd like to discuss. The

1 floor is yours.

2 MR. MALDONADO: I'll be addressing the Santa Clarita  
3 map. Good afternoon. My name is Danny (ph.) Maldonado.  
4 Please keep the Santa Clarita Valley with communities  
5 that have similar interests and continue on the path the  
6 Commissioner Sadhwani has suggested, which keeps more San  
7 Fernando Valley neighborhoods in Valley Assembly seats.  
8 The current Santa Clarita Valley Assembly map links two  
9 large areas with conflicting interests into the same  
10 Assembly district.

11 The current map includes Granada Hills, Northridge,  
12 Porter Ranch, and Chatsworth, which are all part of the  
13 San Fernando Valley area of the City of Los Angeles, the  
14 second-largest city in the Nation.

15 Santa Clarita is probably the ninety-first largest  
16 city in the nation, but drastically different. San  
17 Fernando Valley schools are part of Los Angeles Unified  
18 School District, the second-largest district in the  
19 Nation.

20 Santa Clarita is made up of five elementary school  
21 districts and one high school district. To put this in  
22 perspective, the total allocation L.A. USC received in  
23 COVID federal and state funding was nearly one billion  
24 dollars, versus the thirty-two million for all Santa  
25 Clarita Valley School Districts.

1           The housing needs and density of the San Fernando  
2 Valley are vastly different. San Fernando homes were  
3 built in the 1920s through the 1960s. Santa Clarita home  
4 development took off in the late-'80s and continues to  
5 build homes. I suggest creating an Assembly district  
6 that combines Santa Clarita with the Upper Santa Clara  
7 watershed areas of the Santa Clarita Valley of Acton,  
8 Agua Dulce, and Cascade Lake, with Lake Piru, Fillmore,  
9 Moorpark, and Simi Valley. Thank you.

10           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

11           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
12 have 042. And up next after that would be 038.

13           042, I will be promoting you now. 042, 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'd like to address. The  
17 floor is yours.

18           MR. MORGAN: I would like to address Butte County,  
19 please. Thank you. Good evening, Staff and Members of  
20 the Commission. My name is Sean Morgan. I'm a professor  
21 at Chico State University, and a member of the Chico City  
22 Council.

23           I've been loosely following the redistricting  
24 process, was surprised to see that the recent iteration  
25 of draft maps has placed Butte County in with the

1 Mountain counties to our North and East. This doesn't  
2 make a lot of sense to me.

3 Agriculture is the driving force of our economy and  
4 a complete way of life in Butte County. We have one of  
5 the richest agricultural areas in the world and we belong  
6 with other rural AG counties like Yuba, Sutter, and  
7 Tehama. I'm asking that the Commission would consider  
8 drawing a far-North Assembly district that is primarily  
9 made up of mountain counties, and draw another Assembly  
10 district that includes the flat land Northern Sacramento  
11 Valley Counties.

12 The Valley and the Mountain counties have two  
13 completely different sets of priorities. The Mountain  
14 areas care about wildfires, broadband access, and outdoor  
15 tourism. The Valley areas have other priorities, like  
16 agriculture, flood prevention, and growth along the main  
17 interstate of Interstate 5 and Highway 99.

18 In winter months, it's nearly impossible to even  
19 drive from the Valley into the Mountain counties.

20 Combining these two vastly different communities of  
21 interest together in one Assembly seat is avoidable, and  
22 I hope the Commission will make it a priority.

23 On the City Council, I can tell you that the elected  
24 officials in the Valley councils like Butte, Yuba, and  
25 Sutter collaborate almost daily on a variety of issues.

1 Representatives from each of our counties serve on the  
2 Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency. Yuba, Sutter, and  
3 Butte elected officials all serve on the Oroville Dam  
4 Citizens Advisory Commission, and all three counties have  
5 representatives that serve on various other water  
6 management and agricultural advisory boards.

7 I'd like to urge the Commission to rework the maps,  
8 just a bit, to make sure that the Valley communities are  
9 kept together. Thank you for your time and consideration  
10 this evening.

11 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
13 have a 038. And up next after that will be 043.

14 038, I'll be promoting you now. 038, 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 disaster plan and region you'd like to address. The  
18 floor is yours.

19 MS. MCDONNELL: Okay. Well, hi. My name is Berta  
20 (ph.), and I'm addressing the Marin County and North Bay  
21 maps. I am an immigrant from Brazil, and I have lived in  
22 Marin County for thirty-four years, I've raised my two  
23 children here, and I have volunteers, an advocate for  
24 immigrants in the Canal District.

25 First, I'd like to express my appreciation for your

1 hard work, and above all, for having listened to us and  
2 seeing us for who we are here in the North Bay. The  
3 latest iteration of our Congressional, State, Senate, and  
4 State Assembly districts' map reflect the care you have  
5 taken that is truly indicative of the interconnectivity  
6 between our small towns.

7       Our sustainable agriculture, our shared love of open  
8 space, we love our parks here, our public lands, our  
9 rural areas, and our beautiful coast which is at the  
10 heart of why we all live here. During your services  
11 Commissioners, I'm sure the word "community" has come up  
12 a million times, and in the North Bay, which we define  
13 community is taking care of each other.

14       So sharing a couple of examples of how  
15 interconnected our community of caring is: So when there  
16 are fires we are all in it together, offering support,  
17 assistance, and shelter for those who get displaced. Our  
18 Civic Center is the evacuation site during this and other  
19 emergencies. Have volunteered to help Spanish speakers  
20 there, I can tell you that people come from all over the  
21 North Bay to seek relief.

22       And drought is also part of our lives, and our water  
23 systems have been linked with our neighboring counties  
24 for decades. When Marin reservoirs are low, we count on  
25 the Russian River watershed, which in turn counts on

1 resources from Lake Mendocino. Our communities work so  
2 well together with addressing water, fire emergencies,  
3 but also in sharing resources in support of our  
4 agricultural community, particularly the dairy farmers,  
5 working together to improve conditions on 101 narrows;  
6 and the SMART train has also been so important as many of  
7 our family, our friends, and workforce rely on it.

8       Again, I thank you so much for working through all  
9 of this in a creative manner that led to the best  
10 solutions for our North Bay community, and in doing so  
11 you have identified the optimum natural separations of  
12 our region, like the rural post, the 101 Corridor, and  
13 the wine country, while avoiding crossing over the Golden  
14 Gate Bridge. As you finalize --

15       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16       MS. MCDONNELL: -- I urge you to please stay on this  
17 path, keeping Marin and our North Bay community whole.  
18 Thank you so much for listening, and for your time. Take  
19 care.

20       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

21       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
22 have 043. And up next after that will be 044.

23       043, I will be promoting you now. 043, you can now  
24 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
25 your screen. And please remind the mapper of what

1 district plan and region you'd like to address. The  
2 floor is yours.

3 MS. BUBSER: Thank you, Katy (ph.). Hello,  
4 everyone. We have to stop meeting like this. Thanks to  
5 all the Staff and Commissioners for all your hard work.  
6 I'll be addressing AD\_CALAINYO draft. There you go.  
7 Okay.

8 So I'm Chris Bubser, and I'm a resident of Mammoth  
9 Lakes in Mono County in the Eastern Sierra. I mentioned  
10 yesterday that citizens from across the Sierra Nevada  
11 attended multiple meetings, and have given oral and  
12 written comments about why we need a Sierra district  
13 throughout the entire process.

14 So the visualizations that we saw throughout the  
15 process were becoming more favorable with each iteration,  
16 and we were very pleased with VAD\_ECA\_1107, which kept  
17 the key Sierra counties together and gave us an  
18 opportunity to work with communities most like ours at  
19 the State Assembly level.

20 The only reasonable community of interest for Inyo,  
21 Mono, and Alpine Counties is the rest of the Sierra  
22 Nevada heading North. And we understand how hard this  
23 process is. We've watched you draw the maps, and watched  
24 throughout the entire process.

25 I gave public comment yesterday on the Congressional

1 district, and I'll comment on the Senate district  
2 tomorrow, but here's the problem with all three of our  
3 districts as they're currently drawn. They break the  
4 rule of contiguity. A trip from Mammoth Lakes to Fresno  
5 and other Central Valley areas, which is seventy-nine  
6 miles as the crow flies, is 379 miles, it's greater than  
7 five hours by car. So there's just no way Fresno and  
8 Mono counties can be considered contiguous.

9 Our current assemblyman is based on the other side  
10 of the Sierra. We have virtually no contact with him.  
11 If you ask anybody in Inyo and Mono counties -- well, we  
12 have different, but for Mono our Assembly member didn't  
13 even put on his website that there were fires ravaging  
14 our side of the Sierra in the summer. He didn't even  
15 acknowledge that it was happening.

16 You know, what we need and expect from our elected  
17 representatives, is that they know and understand our  
18 issues. And the map presented on November 10th will not  
19 do that for the Eastern Sierra. It seems like the one  
20 thing the Commission could do for the Sierra Nevada --

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 MS. BUBSER: -- is to give us one intact  
23 representative body, and that would be in the State  
24 Assembly district, at a minimum. You know it's possible,  
25 you already do it. It's important because right now with

1 the maps as they stand we have no voice. So please hear  
2 what we are saying.

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

4 MS. BUBSER: Please go back to VAD\_ECA\_1107. Thank  
5 you for your time. And best of luck as you work to  
6 finish this essential task.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
9 have 044. And up next after that will be 077.

10 044, I'll be promoting you now. 044, you can now  
11 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
12 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
13 region plan you'd like to discuss -- or district plan and  
14 region you'd like to discuss. The floor is yours. 044,  
15 you can now unmute in the lower left corner of your  
16 screen. There you are. The floor is yours.

17 MS. LEYDEN: Thank you so much. Sorry about that.  
18 My comments are for AD\_NORCA, N-O-R-C-A. Thank you all  
19 for your work on this, and the opportunity to provide  
20 feedback.

21 My name is Kate Leyden. I'm a resident of Butte  
22 County. I concur with the comments made earlier by  
23 commenters 055 and 042. It's illogical to break up the  
24 six-county area of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Yuba,  
25 and Sutter as we have so many common interests.

1           The rural farming counties North of Sacramento need  
2 to remain as one district. We're connected through  
3 regional economic development, training, water, and so  
4 much more. It just doesn't make sense to move Butte to  
5 the Mountain counties of Plumas and Lassen, and it kind  
6 of almost looks like it was done to balance populations,  
7 because the interests of AG-focused Butte are very  
8 different from mountain-focused Plumas and Lassen.

9           So thank you for considering these comments that  
10 we've made, to not split the region apart in order to do  
11 what appears to be just balancing populations for other  
12 areas. Thank you very much.

13           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

14           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
15 have 077. And up next after that will be 051.

16           077, I'll be promoting you now. 077, you can now  
17 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
18 your screen. So please remind the mapper what district  
19 plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is  
20 yours.

21           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm actually looking at  
22 the Senate map, the Napa/Byron section in kind of  
23 Northern California. And I am actually on Council for  
24 Brentwood, California. And when reviewing the maps, I  
25 was a little bit confused as to why Brentwood/Discovery

1 Bay was with NAPABYRON.

2 Love Napa, but that's kind of a night trip. We  
3 really don't have anything in common with Napa. There's  
4 a lot of land between us and them, we don't share any  
5 commerce, we don't share anything like that. Where on  
6 the other hand, when it comes to Brentwood, we've seen a  
7 lot of gentrification with our Latino community, and  
8 we're actually finding that we're sharing a lot of  
9 resources with the Stockton area.

10 So if we could be included with San Joaquin, because  
11 I do see that we have more in common with them, we share  
12 people going to and from work. A lot of their field  
13 workers actually work in our areas, too, in the farms  
14 that we have left. We go back and forth. There's  
15 actually a lot of nonprofits that are now working to help  
16 all of the fieldworkers in both of the areas together.  
17 So that would be my first choice.

18 My second choice would be with the Cocoa (ph.) area,  
19 which is Antioch. We actually do share school districts  
20 with them, and we share the Delta with them, which is  
21 important. We're having problems with water, we fear  
22 salinization of our water. We need to stay strong when  
23 it comes to our Delta voice also.

24 But just with Napa and Byron, we have nothing in  
25 common with them, at all, whatsoever. So if we could

1 please stay with the Stockton area. That would be my  
2 very, very first choice, especially because we're losing  
3 the voice of the fieldworkers. They are silenced more  
4 and more every single day. And I think we need to keep  
5 them together because they do go back and forth from our  
6 area to their area.

7 So thank you so much for all of your hard work. I  
8 really appreciate it. I know it's not an easy task. So  
9 thank you again for all of your hours and dedication.

10 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
12 have 051. And up next after that will be 053.

13 051, I'll be promoting you now. 051, 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'd like to address. The  
17 floor is yours.

18 MS. SOOMAR: Good evening. I am going to request  
19 the mapper to go towards North L.A. County, please. And  
20 zoom in to Santa Clarita Valley, and San Fernando, and  
21 Simi Valleys. A little bit more South -- oh, no, this is  
22 perfect. Okay.

23 So good evening -- and this is for the Assembly  
24 district. Do you have the Assembly district map? Okay,  
25 awesome; all right.

1           Good evening. My name is Naheed (ph.), and I am a  
2 resident of Santa Clarita Valley. I'm an immigrant. I'm  
3 a mother. And I spoke yesterday about how the current  
4 maps keep the communities of interest together in terms  
5 of population density, how far away they are from the  
6 coast, where they are in the valley, and you know, the  
7 commute times to major population centers in the area.

8           And the current -- and this theme actually continues  
9 on with the Assembly maps as well. Our current Assembly  
10 district where I live has Simi Valley and Santa Clarita  
11 Valleys together. I live here. I know somebody called  
12 yesterday saying, you know, we're having out-of-district  
13 people call. I live here. I have friends in Simi  
14 Valley, okay?

15           And we have a lot in common. We have similar  
16 population density. We have similar economic drivers.  
17 We have our common interest in open spaces and parks. A  
18 lot of us are young families raising children around  
19 here, and we have similar commutes. We also have to  
20 drive through San Fernando Valley, both communities have  
21 to do that to get around L.A. That's a concern we both  
22 share, and we witness on a daily basis the challenges  
23 that San Fernando Valley faces there that are unique to  
24 that community.

25           And so in our opinion, it would be in the best

1 interest of all communities involved for San Fernando  
2 Valley to have focused representation. What that means  
3 is to keep San Fernando Valley whole, and then have its  
4 own separate district, and then have Simi Valley and  
5 Santa Clarita Valley that are around it, together, in a  
6 district separate from San Fernando Valley. And right  
7 now Simi is being merged with Malibu across county lines,  
8 with Malibu that has higher --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MS. SOOMER: -- income levels, and it's more  
11 affluent, and it's a coastal community. It makes more  
12 sense, if you're crossing county lines, to have Simi  
13 Valley with Santa Clarita Valley as it is in the current  
14 Congressional -- Assembly map. Thank you.

15 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have  
17 053. And up next after that will be 059.

18 053, I'll be promoting you now. 053, 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'd like to address. The  
22 floor is yours.

23 MR. NAKANO: Thank you, Members of the California  
24 Citizens Redistricting Commission, for this opportunity  
25 to address the current draft maps. I am here to address

1 the AD\_Northeast L.A. draft map. My name is Eric Nakano.  
2 I'm the executive director of the Little Tokyo Service  
3 Center. And we're here to oppose the AD\_Northeast L.A.  
4 draft map as it is currently constituted.

5       Early on in this process we had asked for Little  
6 Tokyo to be kept whole and included with Chinatown at all  
7 levels of government districts because of the shared  
8 experiences of our two neighborhoods. Thank you for  
9 listening to us, but I'd like to modify our request at  
10 this time.

11       Based on the draft maps, it seems that our request  
12 to be with Chinatown may have contributed to, or is part  
13 of the elimination of one of the two Latino Assembly  
14 districts in the area, resulting in a single Assembly  
15 district Northeast L.A.

16       That was not our intention, and we do not support  
17 that. We are in alignment with our Latinx sisters and  
18 brothers in and around our neighborhood, and adjacent  
19 neighborhoods. At the Assembly level we work with them  
20 on many community economic development issues, we share  
21 similar hopes and aspirations for our communities, and we  
22 do not want our request to result in the dilution of  
23 their political voice. Thank you very much.

24       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you for your comments.

25       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will be

1 going to 059. And up next after that will be 039.

2 059, I'll be promoting you now.

3 059, I do apologize, it appears -- oh, wait. I see  
4 you. Yeah, was going to stop saying that. 059, you can  
5 now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner  
6 of your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper  
7 of what district plan and region you would like to  
8 address. The floor is yours.

9 MR. PULLEN-MILES: Yes. Thank you for having me on,  
10 Honorable Commissioners. My name is Robert Pullen-Miles.  
11 I am the Mayor of the City of Lawndale, and I would like  
12 to focus on the Inglewood area of the Los Angeles region,  
13 and concerning the AD maps, if you can click on that for  
14 me, I would appreciate it. It's part, yeah, Los Angeles  
15 County. Okay, there we go.

16 Today, I'm calling because I'm concerned about the  
17 Assembly map proposal to split up the Cities of  
18 Inglewood, Lawndale, Hawthorn, and Lennox, which are  
19 communities of interest. By splitting up these cities  
20 you are also splitting up the school districts that serve  
21 the children of these communities in the cities. Those  
22 districts include the Lawndale Elementary School  
23 District, the Lawndal -- the Hawthorne, and Lennox  
24 Elementary School districts, as well as the Centinela  
25 Valley Union High School District, which covers the

1   aforementioned cities and communities.

2           For the past decade, our communities have been  
3   working repeatedly to lift children and families out of  
4   poverty by providing them with quality education.

5   However, my concern is that your proposal to split the  
6   Cities of Lawndale, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox into  
7   different Assembly district will simply not serve our  
8   children properly.

9           The Commission has kept Lawndale, Inglewood,  
10   Hawthorne, and Lennox together in their draft maps for  
11   the Congress, and we are asking that you do the same  
12   justice for our kids in the Assembly district map. And I  
13   might also add that in a previous map you had Lawndale  
14   included, but you added the community of Watts in the  
15   subsequent maps. We simply ask that you will consider  
16   removing Watts and adding Lawndale back to the Assembly  
17   district map.

18           Thank you for your consideration. And thank you for  
19   your time.

20           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you for your comments.

21           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
22   have 039. And up next after that will be 070.

23           039, I'll be promoting you now. 039, 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 would like to address. The  
2 floor is yours.

3 MS. CECIL: Good evening, Commissioners. Thank you  
4 for the opportunity to address you this evening. My name  
5 is Colleen Cecil, and I'm the executive director of the  
6 Butte County Farm Bureau. And I would like to reference  
7 the Butte County area, or the NorCal Assembly district as  
8 drafted on the map.

9 I would also take a minute to -- or a second to echo  
10 the comments of previous speakers, I believe were 45, 62,  
11 and 44, that did speak specifically about Butte County  
12 area, and our desire to be kept in a six-county area with  
13 Butte, Yuba, Sutter, Colusa, and Tehama counties. These  
14 counties make up the Northern Sacramento Valley.

15 Our area is essentially a bowl-shaped valley rich in  
16 water and agriculture. We're surrounded by mountains to  
17 the East and West, and share much more in common with  
18 these flat lands than we do with the Mountain  
19 communities, as you currently have drafted. The draft  
20 Assembly map separates Butte County away from the other  
21 counties nearby, and we are hoping this can be changed  
22 before the final maps are submitted.

23 Butte County agriculture works hand in hand with  
24 Yuba, Sutter, and Glenn, we share the same concerns with  
25 water, flood control, land use and economic development.

1 It's very common for our Butte County farmers to cross  
2 county lines and work in Yuba, Sutter, and Glenn County.

3 Butte County is also where Lake Oroville is located,  
4 where the spillway collapsed in 2017. It was Butte,  
5 Yuba, and Sutter counties that were forced to evacuate  
6 along the Feather River. Separating our counties would  
7 hurt efforts to hold the Department of Water Resources  
8 accountable and keep a disaster like this from happening  
9 again.

10 The Northern Sacramento Valley needs to be united,  
11 please consider keeping Butte, Glenn, Tehama, Yuba,  
12 Sutter, and Colusa together. I would also simply offer  
13 that early -- very early on in this process, my  
14 colleagues and I of the County Farm Bureaus that  
15 represent the six-county area did have an opportunity for  
16 a conference call with Commissioners, again, very early  
17 in this process, and we did identify the desire to stay  
18 together. So we were quite shocked to see the complete  
19 separation in the draft maps, and hope that there --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MS. CECIL: -- can be reconsideration for this six-  
22 county area that myself and others have requested.

23 Thank you very much for your time this evening, and  
24 for all of your work in this very important process.

25 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And this time we will be  
2 going to unique ID 070, I'll be promoting you now.

3 070, you can enable your audio and video in the  
4 lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please  
5 remind the mapper of what district plan and region you  
6 would like to discuss. The floor is yours. Unique ID  
7 070, you should be seeing a prompt to unmute at this  
8 time.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Do you hear me?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure do.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So we're going to  
12 discuss about the Westminster area. Okay.

13 Hi, Commissioners. My name is Catherine (ph.), and  
14 I live in the Little Saigon areas -- okay, now I know  
15 where we are. Let me see it. Okay. Yeah, all right.

16 Okay. Good evening. My name is Catherine. I live  
17 in Little Saigon over ten years. First, I want to  
18 express my appreciation to you for hearing our voice from  
19 the Little Saigon community. The Assembly and  
20 Congressional districts need some small change to both --  
21 to add in North Garfield (ph.) Street in Huntington  
22 Beach.

23 I wanted to bring to your attention that our current  
24 county's redistricting has two final proposals. That  
25 includes either all of Huntington Beach or North of

1 Garfield in Huntington Beach where our Little Saigon  
2 community is. This clearly shows that there are  
3 communities of interest and the county services are  
4 similar in Huntington Beach, and Garden Grove,  
5 Westminster, Seal Beach, Midway City, Los Alamitos,  
6 Rossmoor, and Fountain Valley have the -- for those maps  
7 to be proposed.

8       Here's what we are asking for: For the Assembly  
9 district GGW, remove Stanton, and if -- Garden Grove,  
10 Dulwich (ph.) Street seen their share a community of  
11 interest with Anaheim and Santa Ana. We respect all  
12 communities of interest in both the Latino community and  
13 Vietnamese-American community should have our own  
14 Assembly district.

15       At North of Garfield Street in Huntington Beach,  
16 which would be ideal, I do as part of our Little Saigon,  
17 educational, language, cultural, health care, community,  
18 and interests. Again, I'm asking if you could please  
19 consider the inland part of Huntington Beach to  
20 include --

21       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22       UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Huntington Beach Harbor  
23 where our next-generation Vietnamese-Americans have moved  
24 to. The area alone had over forty percent Asian-  
25 American, and for that, leave seventy percent of

1 Vietnamese-American. Okay. Thank you for your  
2 listening. God bless --

3 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- God bless America.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, at this time, that  
7 is all of our registered hands for this session.

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. I appreciate the  
9 hard work. And Commissioners, we have reached out to all  
10 of the other reservationists, so we are out.

11 And in an effort to be consistent, and to abide by  
12 our published program, we will take an extended lunch,  
13 and be back at 6:45, hearing no objections.

14 All right; and we will be on a lunch break, or  
15 dinner break until 6:45.

16 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 5:39 p.m.  
17 until 6:45 p.m.)

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Good evening, California. And  
19 welcome back to the November 18th meeting of the  
20 California Citizens Redistricting Commission, Public Map  
21 Input Session related to Assembly draft maps.

22 We will pick up where we left off with our  
23 registered -- with our registered callers. However,  
24 before beginning, could the Spanish interpreter provide  
25 our language line number where the public can listen to

1 today's meeting in Spanish?

2 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, Commissioner. Here are the  
3 instructions to listen in Spanish.

4 (In Spanish, not translated)

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Ashleigh (ph.).

6 And now, Katy, we're yours.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.  
8 Welcome, to the Draft Map Feedback session. If you  
9 have not done so already, please use the raise hand  
10 button at the bottom of your screen, if your unique ID  
11 ends anywhere from 001 through 101. You will be  
12 identified by the assigned unique ID number received with  
13 your invite for this session.

14 When it is your turn to speak, I will be promoting  
15 you to have the ability to enable your own audio and/or  
16 video which will be located in the lower left corner of  
17 your screen once you have been promoted. Public input  
18 time limit is two minutes and thirty seconds. You will  
19 receive a verbal warning at thirty seconds remaining, and  
20 fifteen seconds remaining in your speaking time.

21 There will also be an active timer on the screen for  
22 your convenience. When you start your input, please  
23 identify which district plan and region you will be  
24 providing input on. And one more time, please use the  
25 raise hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter

1 the public comment queue line indicating you are present,  
2 and ready to comment, for any unique ID from 001 through  
3 101.

4 And right now, we will be starting with 041. And up  
5 next after that will be 068.

6 041, I'll be promoting you now. 041, 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 district plan and region you'd like to discuss. The  
10 floor is yours.

11 MR. GALE: Great. So I'll be talking about, I think  
12 it's SUT-1UB-SIEN-NAD.

13 Thank you, Commissioners and Staff, for the  
14 opportunity to address you today. My name is Darrin  
15 Gale. I live in Sutter County, and I'm the former deputy  
16 city manager for the City of Yuba City. First, I want to  
17 really compliment the Commission and its Staff for  
18 keeping Yuba and Sutter counties together.

19 And as you've heard over and over, and I've  
20 mentioned a couple of times, our two counties are  
21 uniquely intertwined. We have the Yuba-Sutter Chamber of  
22 Commerce, the Yuba-Sutter Economic Development  
23 Corporation, Yuba-Sutter Bi-County Mental Health, and  
24 many other NGOs and bi-county governmental organizations  
25 that are combined within the two organizations.

1 My concern with this map is that it really breaks us  
2 away from other Northern Sacramento, kind of the Northern  
3 Sacramento Valley, like Butte, Glen, and Tehama County.  
4 Now, this draft map puts us actually -- takes our two  
5 farming counties and puts us with other mountain  
6 counties, I mean wealthier areas, like Granite Bay, and  
7 Rockland.

8 Yuba City and Granite Bay are really two different  
9 worlds. Yuba City median home price is a million --  
10 sorry, Granite Bay median home price is a million, and  
11 Yuba City is under 400,000. A median income there is  
12 143,000 in Yuba City; Yuba-Sutter region it's only  
13 61,000.

14 Residents in the suburban areas commute, white-  
15 collar jobs in the Sacramento area, whereas here in the  
16 Sacramento Valley we have the truck drivers, farmers, and  
17 blue-collar jobs, and we believe that we connect, and  
18 many of our issues are very similar.

19 And I'd ask the Commission to please rework these  
20 draft maps, and combine the Northern Sacramento Valley --  
21 Sacramento Valley counties into a single district, so to  
22 include us with Butte, Tehama, and Colusa counties. And  
23 this will make sure that our districts and representation  
24 can advocate for our needs. And appreciate your time  
25 this evening. Thank you.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
3 have 068. And up next after that will be 090.

4 068, I'll be promoting you now. 068, you can now  
5 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
6 your screen. If you'll please let the mapper know what  
7 district plan and region you'll be discussing. The floor  
8 is yours.

9 MR. KWON: Hello. I'd like to talk about == today  
10 about Orange County and Southern California, specifically  
11 regarding Irvine. First of all, thank you, everyone, for  
12 the opportunity to speak and give my input to the  
13 Committee today. My name is Andrew Kwon. I am a long-  
14 time Irvine resident.

15 Irvine is a pretty big city with several different  
16 distinct neighborhoods. And if you look in the South the  
17 city is quite industrial and has the university, UC  
18 Irvine, which has a large student population. However,  
19 as you travel North above the 5, you're much more  
20 inclined to find more single-family homes, and much less  
21 renters, as well as less dense housing.

22 Northern Irvine, I find has much more in common with  
23 North Tustin, and Lake Forest than it does with the area  
24 around the college campus. And so in my opinion, it  
25 doesn't make sense to be really be included in the same

1 district. And so I ask the Commission to please  
2 reconsider splitting Irvine in these ways. So thank you,  
3 everyone, for your time. That's it for me.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
6 have 090. And up next after that will be 093.

7 090, I'll be promoting you now. 090, 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 what region you would like to address.  
11 The floor is yours.

12 MS. FAULK: Hello, Commissioners. Thank you so much  
13 for the opportunity here today to give comments. My name  
14 is Dionne Faulk, and I represent the City of Inglewood.  
15 I am the city councilwoman for District 4.

16 I'm calling here this evening because I am concerned  
17 about your Assembly map proposal that splits up the  
18 Cities of Inglewood, Lawndale, Hawthorne, and Lennox. By  
19 splitting up these cities, what you're really doing is  
20 you're splitting up communities that have provided  
21 community service together, that have worked together,  
22 that have played together, lobby together, and comforted  
23 each other in difficult times.

24 For the past decade, our communities have worked  
25 tirelessly to lift Black and Brown residents. And your

1 proposal to split the Cities of Inglewood, Lawndale,  
2 Hawthorne, and Lennox at this point, to me, definitely  
3 misses the mark. The Commission has kept Inglewood,  
4 Lawndale, Hawthorne, and Lennox together in the draft  
5 maps for the Senate and Congress, and we are asking that  
6 you do the same here today for the Assembly map. And  
7 that the same justice for our residents is included here  
8 in this Assembly map.

9 Thank you. Again, this is City Councilwoman Dionne  
10 Faulk, and I really appreciate the opportunity to give  
11 comments here today.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will  
14 have 093. And up next after that will be 094.

15 093, I will be promoting you now. 093, 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 what region you would like to discuss  
19 today, the floor is yours.

20 MS. CUEVAS: Good evening, Commissioners. I would  
21 like to speak out regarding Assembly plan, region  
22 Inglewood. My name is Sirley Cuevas, and for the past  
23 twenty-three years, I have been a resident of Lawndale.  
24 I'm also the newly elected council member for City of  
25 Lawndale.

1           And the reason for my call is that I am concerned  
2 about your proposed Assembly map that will be splitting  
3 the Cities of Lawndale, Hawthorne, Inglewood, and Lennox.  
4 By splitting these cit -- these cities, the Assembly  
5 map -- the -- on your Assembly map, you are also  
6 splitting the unified school districts that serve these  
7 four cities. The school districts include Lawndale  
8 Elementary School District, Hawthorne and Lennox School  
9 District, and Centinela Valley Union High School  
10 District.

11           For the past decade, our communities have worked  
12 together very hard to lift our low-income children --  
13 mostly brown and black -- out of poverty by providing  
14 the -- them with quality education. Your proposal to  
15 split these four cities does not help our children  
16 education.

17           I have reviewed your draft maps, and the Commission  
18 has split Lawndale, Inglewood, and Hawthorne, and Lennox  
19 together ha -- excuse me -- has kept all four cities  
20 together in the Senate and in the Congress maps. At this  
21 time, I am asking that you do the same for this Assembly  
22 map so that the children could continue to receive the  
23 quality of education that they are currently receiving.

24           Thank you for your time, and I hope you take this  
25 under consideration. Have a good evening.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: You as well. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have  
3 094. And up next after that will be 085.

4 094, I'll be promoting you now. 094, you can now  
5 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
6 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
7 district plan and what region you would like to address  
8 today, and the floor is yours.

9 MR. BOWEN: Hello?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi, the floor is yours.

11 MR. BOWEN: Fantastic. Thank you very much.

12 This is Chris Bowen. I am the president of the  
13 Stonewall Young Democrats. We are an organization that  
14 uplifts LGBT people of color to get involved civically in  
15 their communities.

16 And I am calling today to speak about Inglewood and  
17 the surrounding areas. Like the other callers, I am  
18 urging the Commission to keep the Cities of Inglewood,  
19 Lawndale, Hawthorne, and Lennox together, because like  
20 the other callers said, by splitting up these cities, you  
21 are also splitting up the school districts that serve the  
22 children of these communities and cities. Those  
23 districts include the Lawndale Elementary School  
24 District, Hawthorne Lennox School District, and the  
25 Centinela Unified School District.

1           For the past decade, our communities have worked  
2 tirelessly to lift black and brown children out of  
3 poverty by providing them with a quality education. And  
4 your proposal to split the Cities of Lawndale, Inglewood,  
5 Hawthorne, and Lennox misses the mark. The Commission  
6 has kept together these communities in the draft maps for  
7 the Senate and Congress, and we're just asking that you  
8 do the same justice for our kids in these Assembly maps.

9           Thank you very much for your efforts, and that is  
10 all. Thank you.

11           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

12           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
13 have 087. And up next after that, we will have 086.

14           087, I'll be promoting you now. 087, you can now  
15 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
16 your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper know  
17 what region --

18           MS. LANKFORD: Hello?

19           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- plan -- hello, the  
20 floor is yours.

21           MS. LANKFORD: Hi, my name is Joy Lankford (ph.).  
22 I'm calling regarding the map of Inglewood, Lawndale, and  
23 Gardena. Hold on one second. I'm just turning off my --  
24 sorry about that.

25           So yeah, I'm calling regarding that map. And I'm

1 really concerned due to the fact that you'd be breaking  
2 up the school districts. My mother was a long-time  
3 teacher of Inglewood, and I've watched Inglewood over the  
4 years go through quite some turmoil in trying to educate  
5 the children in their area. Including the fact that the  
6 school district had gone into receive -- receivership  
7 prior to. Within the last couple years, it's just coming  
8 out of receivership.

9       So California -- so for the redistricting, I'm  
10 calling because I'm concerned about the map proposal that  
11 splits up Inglewood, Lawndale, Hawthorne, and Lennox.  
12 When you're splitting up these cities and the unified  
13 school districts that they serve, the children in these  
14 communities are going to be the ones that suffer. The  
15 districts have, for decades, worked tirelessly to lift  
16 each other up. And the black and brown children that are  
17 mostly in poverty in these districts -- in these unified  
18 school districts elevate themselves to a level where they  
19 can at least compete later on in life.

20       So I just find it concerning, and I really would  
21 like you to reconsider and plan on keeping Lawndale,  
22 Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox together just as a mark  
23 for our kids. Helping our kids stay on level and stay  
24 within the realm of a fighting chance of having the  
25 opportunity to learn.

1 I think that's basically about it. But I just would  
2 urge you to keep that in mind. Thank you very much.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
5 have 086. And up next after that, we will have 097.

6 086, I'm promoting you now. 086, you can now enable  
7 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your  
8 screen. If you'll please remind mapper of what district  
9 plan and what region you would like to discuss, the floor  
10 is yours.

11 MR. CASTILLO: Thank you. Actually, the map would  
12 be the same map that callers have been calling about, so  
13 this makes it easy.

14 My name is Ernesto Castillo. I'm a -- born and  
15 raised here in Inglewood, California. I'm a proud member  
16 of the school board district here in Inglewood Unified  
17 School District. And I'm calling about the same issues  
18 that people are seeing in this map when it comes to  
19 Lawndale not being included in the map.

20 Like I said, I was born and raised here in  
21 Inglewood, and most of my family lives here in Inglewood.  
22 The ones that don't live in Hawthorne and Lawndale. So  
23 it shows you how connected we are as a community when we  
24 discuss, not only demographics, income levels, and school  
25 districts, which I could speak to as well, but also just

1 the community that we have here.

2 My uncles have gone to Hawthorne schools. My  
3 cousins have gone to Lawndale. My cousin plays little  
4 league in Lawndale. There's so many similarities in  
5 these communities, that it would be a shame for them to  
6 be split up in this map. Which otherwise, it's a pretty  
7 reasonable map, but this -- one city particular feels a  
8 little left out because there's so much similarities and  
9 so much to speak about on it.

10 But as a school board member, I'll speak on the  
11 school districts. We are all small cities. We have our  
12 own school districts, so it would be great to keep that  
13 united voice in the same Assembly district, as we all --  
14 calling for resources on both federal and state level.  
15 And also, making sure that we have a united voice when it  
16 comes to our -- our students.

17 So for the next minute, I wouldn't take too much of  
18 your time. Just wanted to, again, highlight all the  
19 issues that was brought up earlier. Inglewood, Lennox,  
20 Hawthorne, and Lawndale are very close-knit communities  
21 here. And I'm sure, you know, this map was done with the  
22 best intentions, but it is kind of missing a mark not  
23 including Lawndale into this district. So I hope they  
24 can still revise that and include Lawndale, not only for  
25 our school districts, but for our community in whole.

1           And I thank you for the opportunity to speak to you,  
2 and thank you for your service on the Commission. And  
3 thank you for listening to our comments. I'm sure this  
4 is a long night for you guys. So thank you for  
5 everything.

6           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

7           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have  
8 097. And up next after that will be 098.

9           097, I'll be promoting you now. 097, you can now  
10 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
11 your screen. If you'll please let the mapper know what  
12 district plan you would like to discuss and region, the  
13 floor is yours.

14          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. And you can hear  
15 me?

16          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

17          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. I'm calling about  
18 the Malibu East Ventura map, so we can move away from  
19 Inglewood for a moment.

20          As with previous callers, I admire the -- the work  
21 and the -- the load of work that has to have gone into  
22 making these maps. However, this particular map, as a  
23 proud resident of Simi Valley and knowing the -- the  
24 different areas that are involved in this map, there  
25 couldn't be two more different communities than the --

1 the valley communities of Simi and Moorpark. And those  
2 are the beach communities of Malibu and Palos Verdes.

3 I was a previous resident of Woodlawn Hills, which  
4 ironically, my old house would be in this Congressional  
5 district. We moved away for the very reasons of having a  
6 more calm and peaceful lifestyle. The median income of  
7 Simi Valley and Moorpark is very similar. The -- the  
8 median income of Malibu and Palos Verdes is not. The  
9 household -- or the property values are obviously very  
10 different.

11 I understand that part of LA County has to be merged  
12 with parts of Ventura County. And that the numbers just  
13 work that way. I would encourage you to reconsider  
14 putting Simi Valley and Moorpark where it has been with  
15 Santa Clarita, as we have far more in common with the  
16 residents of Santa Clarita, both in lifestyle choices and  
17 in incomes and property values.

18 And I get it. It's a -- it's a hard line to draw.  
19 There's been several different versions of the map. But  
20 I would really consider, if you have to cross over into  
21 LA County, merging with the Santa Clarita area as opposed  
22 to Malibu and the beach cities. And with that, and just  
23 from a personal note, having our map of Simi Valley,  
24 Moorpark in Ventura County, up here in the LA County  
25 maps, sort of makes us feel like we have been the -- the

1 stepchild that needed to get placed somewhere.

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And if that's the case,  
4 please consider Santa Clarita as the -- as the other  
5 child.

6 Thank you, and thank you for your hard work on the  
7 maps.

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have  
10 098. And up next after that, we will have 084.

11 I'd like to invite 082 and 083 to use the raise your  
12 hand button at the bottom of your screen. Your hands  
13 were raised and then they went down, and I don't think it  
14 was on purpose.

15 Right now, we have 098. I'll be promoting you now.  
16 098, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower  
17 left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the  
18 mapper of what region you would like to discuss and  
19 plan -- district plan, floor is yours.

20 MR. GRAYSON: Thank you very much.

21 Can we please return to the South Bays and lead  
22 district area, where Inglewood is? Thank you very much.

23 Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Michael  
24 Grayson. I'm speak -- I'm speaking on behalf of my  
25 concern related to Assembly draft map here that splits up

1 the Cities of Inglewood, Lawndale, Hawthorne, and Lennox.  
2 Splitting up these cities means that you're also  
3 splitting up the school districts that have several  
4 children of these communities. They include Lawndale  
5 Elementary School District, Hawthorne Lennox School  
6 District, and Centinela Unified School District.

7 For the past ten years, our communities have worked  
8 very hard to provide quality education to our black and  
9 brown kids so they have a better life in the future.  
10 With this proposed draft map, it splits the Cities of  
11 Lawndale, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox and creates a  
12 disservice towards our kids.

13 I would ask that we met -- we mirror how the  
14 Congressional and state Senate maps to put together  
15 Lawndale, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox together so  
16 that our kids can live and thrive in the same area.  
17 Thank you very much for your time.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
20 have 084. And up next after that will be 080.

21 084, I'll be promoting you now. 084, you can now  
22 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
23 your screen. Please remind the mapper of what district  
24 plan and region you'd like to address, and the floor is  
25 yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, everyone, on --  
2 on this crazy evening. I know all of you have been have  
3 a long day.

4 I'm actually talking about the Inglewood Assembly  
5 district, which is around 8062. I, myself, like others  
6 that have spoke on the Cities of Lennox, Lawndale,  
7 Hawthorne, and Inglewood, I am a long re -- long-time  
8 resident of Lennox. I -- actually, I'm a -- also a  
9 mother of seven, and I have children in the current  
10 school districts of Lennox School District and Centinela  
11 Valley Union Valley High School District.

12 And as for my other constituents that spoke about  
13 splitting up these -- these cities and these school  
14 districts actually will be very detrimental, not only to  
15 my children, but to many others. And the great thing  
16 about these cities and how long we've been together and  
17 become a full unit, we feed off of one another. We  
18 collaborate with one another, and I, being a former Board  
19 of Education member of the Lennox School District, it  
20 would be very detrimental to split each and every one of  
21 these children up.

22 Being that Lennox School District is the feeder  
23 district to Centinela Valley, so is Lawndale Elementary  
24 School District, as well as Hawthorne Elementary School  
25 District. It is very important and very key that our

1 black and Latin X people continue to grow, so that way,  
2 we can become productive and very elegant, I would say,  
3 citizens of Los Angeles County.

4 I really appreciate the time and thank you for  
5 allowing me to speak. This has been an amazing  
6 opportunity. But most of all, I just want the Commission  
7 to please understand and take a look at what you're  
8 really doing. I understand this is a hard task for you  
9 all. I understand that it's a very big job, but because  
10 of the fact that I know these areas and I live and  
11 breathe them, this needs -- these cities need to stay  
12 together.

13 We only have so many voices in our AD district and  
14 we really just need to make sure that we continue the  
15 fight. Thank you, and you have an amazing blessed  
16 evening.

17 CHAIR TAYLOR: You as well. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
19 have 080. And up next after that will be 081.

20 080, I'll be promoting you now. 080, you can now  
21 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
22 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
23 district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor  
24 is yours.

25 MS. COLLINS: Hello. Thank you for this opportunity

1 to share and for having an interest in our comments.

2 My tribe is addressing Siskiyou County Congressional  
3 District 1. We are, each of us, all of us, here in this  
4 moment because of our ancestors. Our parents, our  
5 grandparents, and our descendants. I ask that we  
6 remember our ancestors and our descendants as we  
7 carefully consider this very important matter.

8 What binds us together within our respective  
9 communities is our history, our culture and traditions,  
10 and our spirituality. What connects us to the broader  
11 community is a deep respect for the cultures of other  
12 communities.

13 I'm an enrolled member of the Shasta Indian Nation.  
14 Our tribe is the one tribe who has inhabited Siskiyou  
15 County from time immemorial. We have lived and died  
16 here. You will find our historic village sites  
17 throughout the county. Our Shasta people are from the  
18 river and from the valley. Not from the coast. Wirika  
19 (ph.) is Shasta traditional land. To split Wirika is to  
20 split our community of interest, our tribe.

21 It is important to know that we don't just claim  
22 this identity. All of history supports these facts. We  
23 are still here. We Shasta people -- we Shasta people  
24 agree with the current map as it is. We see that there  
25 are a lot of form letters coming in to you that support

1 different outcomes, but that would not be a just outcome  
2 for Shasta people. We are the historic tribe in Siskiyou  
3 County.

4 It should be noted that other tribes have, in recent  
5 history, purchased property in the county, but that does  
6 not make them from the county. We are here to ask you to  
7 keep our community of interest in tact and to adopt the  
8 recent map that you drafted. The one that -- the one  
9 that is. We support this map and affirm that it  
10 accurately represents our community of interest --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MS. COLLINS: -- and that of the Shasta Indian  
13 Nation.

14 I respectfully thank you and -- for taking the time  
15 to listen and offer you my gratitude for your service to  
16 our state and to our people. And I -- I put a little map  
17 in the chat. Thank you.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
20 have 081. And up next after that will be 082.

21 081, I'll be promoting you now. 081, 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 would like to discuss, the  
25 floor is yours.

1 MR. JACKSON: Yes, good evening. I'd like to talk  
2 about Imperial County and Riverside County. Thank you  
3 very much.

4 My name is Jason Jackson, lifelong resident of  
5 Imperial County and business owner of two or three  
6 businesses that encompass both Imperial County and  
7 Riverside County. I want to speak today a little bit  
8 about the map of -- joining Coachella Valley and Imperial  
9 County, as I believe we have a lot of interest in -- in  
10 common.

11 Obviously, the Salton Sea is one of the most  
12 environmental -- probably the greatest environmental  
13 cause that we have in the State of California currently.  
14 And it's really something that's shared by people of  
15 Coachella Valley and Imperial County.

16 Demographically, I think we share a lot of common  
17 items also. I mean, we're -- we're heavily Hispanic,  
18 very linked by a culture and heritage throughout Imperial  
19 County and into Riverside County, all the way up from the  
20 Mexican border. We have a lot of things in common  
21 that -- that we need to lobby for and be able to have  
22 representation at the state level for those things.

23 Agriculturally, we have a lot of things that are  
24 very similar. We're both agricultural areas and -- and  
25 we have a -- a very vibrant farmworker and immigrant

1 population.

2       So your latest maps that I've seen, I think, is --  
3 is much better than some of the earlier ones. I thank  
4 you for acknowledging that there is ties between the  
5 Riverside County -- or Coachella Valleys and Imperial  
6 County. I think those are the two counties that really  
7 need to be -- or two valleys that really need to be  
8 linked together.

9       I want to thank you guys for all your work. I know  
10 it's a lot of work to try to do this, and there's a lot  
11 of things that are pulling you guys in different  
12 directions. But please keep in mind that when -- when  
13 you're looking at these areas, that there's so many  
14 things that we need representation for as a whole, and  
15 bringing us into other areas that don't have the same  
16 needs and the same causes, I think, does not do our area  
17 any good.

18       So --

19       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20       MR. JACKSON: -- thank you again for your latest map  
21 version, and hopefully you'll -- you'll keep that in mind  
22 when you finalize the map. Thank you very much for your  
23 time.

24       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

25       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will

1 have unique ID 082. And up next after that will be 078.

2 082, I'll be promoting you now. 082, 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 discuss, the floor  
6 is yours.

7 MS. SATRIAN: Hi, can you hear me?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

9 MS. SATRIAN: My name is Elena Satrian (ph.). I'm  
10 calling for the San Fernando Valley. The Commission has  
11 done a great job of pairing both the working-class  
12 neighborhoods of the East San Fernando Valley, but it's  
13 critical that both the Senate, district labeled SCSFV,  
14 page 34 of the slides, and the Central SV Assembly map,  
15 page 77 of the slides, be corrected.

16 You have the power to end the division of North  
17 Hollywood and unite our community by drawing the  
18 boundaries to what an acceptable local as our equitable  
19 neighborhood boundaries, which is established by the LA  
20 Times neighborhood map.

21 Please use the 134 as the sovereign boundary as you  
22 did before. As well as the boundary that covers North  
23 Hollywood should extend to the 170 on West, 134 on the  
24 South, and Lankershim on the East. That's all I have for  
25 today. Thank you.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
3 have unique ID 078, and then unique ID 083. If you wish  
4 to give comment, please use the raise hand button at the  
5 bottom of your screen.

6 Just want to make sure you're there at your  
7 computer. Perfect, I see your hand right now.

8 We will have unique ID 078. And up next after that  
9 will be 083.

10 078, as you have chose to call in, if you'll please  
11 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. 078,  
12 if you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan  
13 and region you'd like to discuss, the floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, I'd like to talk about  
15 Stanislaus County, please. Can you guys hear me?

16 MR. MANOFF: We sure can. Thank you. Go ahead.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, for Stanislaus County, I  
18 want to talk about these Assembly maps that are in place  
19 here. I come from a long-time dairy family, and just  
20 want to say that these maps look very good. Want to  
21 commend all of you on a great job for building these  
22 maps, keeping the East side of Stanislaus with the East  
23 side of San Joaquin is really, really great. Those  
24 wetlands in the West there tied to the South side of  
25 Stanislaus, that makes a lot of sense. And keeping the

1 rest of the San Joaquin whole is -- is -- is really  
2 great.

3 I think these three maps in particular for the South  
4 of Sacramento, but North of Merced look really good. So  
5 thank you for all you guys are doing, and wish you good  
6 night and a happy holidays. Keep up the good work, and I  
7 know you guys have been doing this a long time. Thank  
8 you.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Happy holidays and thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
11 have unique ID 083.

12 I'll be promoting you now. 083, you can now enable  
13 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your  
14 screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
15 district plan and region you would like to discuss, the  
16 floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hold on. Yeah. Hold on one  
18 minute. Right there. Okay.

19 Good evening. I'm here to -- once again, as the --  
20 it's Assembly District 62. Everybody else has said about  
21 the school district, but it's a disgrace that you would  
22 kick out Lawndale in the first beginning.

23 And I -- and then I have another issue too. What  
24 are we doing with removing the Assemblymember for the  
25 62nd AD and trying to include lots into the district of

1 the 62nd? I hope that that's not the case. I understand  
2 that you make many changes there, but my issue is that  
3 you're diminishing the representation.

4 If we're not at the table, then we're not counted.  
5 Okay. We've done a lot with this community. We should  
6 be together.

7 Also, don't -- don't exclude my vote. That's voter  
8 suppression there, and that is my -- my issue, and that  
9 is what I see in this map. So please continue on, and  
10 please listen to the people and do what they say. You're  
11 removing an Assemblymember and they've got to find  
12 another home. They're going to represent a -- a -- a  
13 city that they -- that's way across the specter.

14 So please pay attention to what you're doing, and  
15 thank you.

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And I'll go ahead and read the general public  
19 comment instructions, as we have no one else registered  
20 in our queue.

21 In order to maximize transparency in public  
22 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be  
23 taking general public comment by phone. To call in, dial  
24 the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It  
25 is 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting ID

1 number provided on the livestream feed. It is  
2 85382336625 for this meeting. When prompted to enter  
3 participant ID, simply press the pound key.

4       Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a  
5 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press  
6 star nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator.  
7 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message  
8 that says, the host would like you to talk, and to press  
9 star six to speak. If you would like to give your name,  
10 please state and spell it for the record. You are not  
11 required to provide your name to give public comment.

12       Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream  
13 audio to prevent and feedback or distortion during your  
14 call. And once you are waiting in the queue, be alert  
15 for when it is your turn to speak. And again, please  
16 turn down the livestream volume.

17       This evening, I believe we would also like our  
18 translators to read the general call-in instructions as  
19 well in Spanish.

20       THE INTERPRETER: Gladly. Good evening.

21       (In Spanish, not translated)

22       THE INTERPRETER: Thank you.

23       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24       And again, for those that have called in this  
25 evening, if you'll please press star nine. This will

1 raise your hand indicating you have called in to give  
2 comment, and not just to listen. It will allow me to  
3 manage the queue much more effectively. Thank you so  
4 much.

5 We will be starting off with caller 0569. And up  
6 next after that will be caller 3134.

7 Caller 0569, if you will please follow the prompts  
8 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Thank you so much for  
10 what you guys are doing. I just wanted to note for Santa  
11 Clarita a -- Santa Clarita and Simi Valley, your draft  
12 map shows Santa Clarita attached with the San Fernando  
13 Valley. Santa Clarita and Simi Valley need to be re --  
14 remer -- remerged for some of these reasons.

15 They both are independent cities with their own  
16 water district. Both cities are powered by Southern  
17 California Edison. Both cities rely on the public safety  
18 power shutoff, so PSPS, to prevent wildfires because both  
19 cities -- cities face the risk of wildfires multiple  
20 times a year, especially during the summer.

21 San Fernando Valley is part of the City of Los  
22 Angeles with its own utility company, the -- the LADWP.  
23 LADWP is regulated by the City Council and the Water and  
24 Power Board of Commissioners. Not -- and not by the  
25 Public Utility Commission, like Southern California

1 Edison is. This would mean our representative would need  
2 to understand the complicated regulations of a -- a  
3 municipality, LADWP to properly oversee the PSPS.

4 My concern is that our representation in Santa  
5 Clarita would be diluted should Santa Clarita re -- be --  
6 remain with the denser community of the San Fernando  
7 Valley. Santa Clarita is also safely patrolled by the LA  
8 County sheriffs and fire department. Santa Clarita has a  
9 population of almost 220,000. Santa Clarita has --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- five school districts and  
12 one community college.

13 The San Fernando Valley is part of the City of Los  
14 Angeles with a population of almost 4 million and 63  
15 colleges. Their public school is LAUSC and the second  
16 largest district in the nation, with almost --

17 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- 619,000 students and  
19 76,000 employees, and a budget of 8.55 billion dollars.

20 Please keep Santa Clarita together with Simi Valley,  
21 and San Fernando Valley with the City of Los Angeles.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 And right now, we will have caller 3134. And up  
24 next after that will be caller 0503.

25 Caller 3134, if you will please follow the prompts

1 to unmute, the floor is yours.

2 MS. CHEN: Hi, everyone. Thank you so much for  
3 giving us the opportunity to speak. My name is Joy Chen,  
4 and I am a long-term resident of Orange County. I was  
5 born and raised there. I went all through school there,  
6 and I work there and live there today.

7 I wanted to call out specifically visualization  
8 feedback submission number 20602, which was submitted on  
9 November 4th regarding Orange County districts. I wanted  
10 you to kind of check out their comments. The submitter  
11 was careless and submitted blank lines for their name and  
12 where people are from, and even has directions to thank  
13 the Commission for their time, and to acknowledge the  
14 Commission's hard work.

15 Including -- phonetic pronunciations were even  
16 included. But please make no mistake. These  
17 organizations are AstroTurf sham community organizations  
18 that are really political operators with a biased agenda  
19 attempting to avert the nonpartisan mandate passed by the  
20 voters.

21 This type of behavior is shameful, and the  
22 Commission should not consider this testimony to be  
23 authentic from real people. My background is I do a lot  
24 of community organizing and activism within Orange  
25 County, including being on the board of various

1 nonprofits. These are not practices that are standard.  
2 These are not things that we should be doing or allowing  
3 people to do. And I hope that the Commission can see  
4 through these types of submissions for what they are, and  
5 disqualify their comments accordingly.

6 Thank you again, everybody. Thank you so much for  
7 your time and for your energy put into this process, and  
8 we hope that we can keep it honest.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
11 have caller 0503. And up next after that will be caller  
12 0378.

13 Caller 057 -- 0503, if you would please follow the  
14 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is  
15 yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes, hi. My name is  
17 Deanna (ph.). I am calling on behalf of the mapping for  
18 Santa Clarita Valley. I can pretty much attest to what  
19 the previous caller had said in all of her comments.

20 I'm hoping that we can keep Santa Clarita Valley  
21 with Simi Valley. There's a lot of needs that she said,  
22 but more specifically, Simi Valley and Santa Clarita are  
23 small suburban areas. And if you're looking at it from  
24 an educational standpoint, along with, like she said, the  
25 sheriff's department and LA -- LA County Fire Department,

1 you have very different needs here than in the San  
2 Fernando Valley.

3 I think it's important that you group them with Simi  
4 Valley so that you are appropriately meeting the needs of  
5 the citizens here, and specifically, the children. I  
6 think that some of the needs that they have will be  
7 better addressed when you're grouping -- able to group  
8 suburban areas that are smaller. And I think that it is  
9 more beneficial for the kids as well. And the resources  
10 are -- are better allocated and not wasted in -- in -- in  
11 any way.

12 So I would just urge that Santa Clarita is -- is  
13 kept with Simi Valley. Thank you.

14 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
16 have caller 0378. And up next will be 0011.

17 Caller 0378, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
18 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so very much for  
20 the opportunity to speak, and also, thank you so very  
21 much for those of you who are fortunate enough to serve  
22 on this redistricting committee for our state.

23 We need more cross-cultural competency, an  
24 appreciation for the various cultures in all of the State  
25 of California. There is no culture in California that is

1 100 percent of California. And I will repeat that one  
2 more time. There is no culture in California that is a  
3 hundred percent of California.

4 Having said that, it is critically important that we  
5 recognize the value of multi-cultural districts. If we  
6 don't have a district that is broke, why fix it? It was  
7 brought up that the Assemblywoman in the 63rd district  
8 was drawn out of her district. Well, it is important  
9 because that is a multi-cultural district. You have  
10 whites in that district, you have Latinos in that  
11 districts, you have Asians in that district. If it's not  
12 broke, why fix it?

13 We are against the cracking that would divide  
14 certain minority groups. Splitting up areas where there  
15 are large communities of African-American people puts  
16 communities at a disadvantage. But when we have  
17 multi-cultural districts, a candidate with --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- knowledge and skill can  
20 convince the others to be able to be a representative,  
21 and we need opportunities for all of Californians. Not  
22 just some of them. There is no African-American who is a  
23 democrat on that board, and we can't be --

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- a utopia. But bringing

1 multi-cultural districts as a priority as we seek to also  
2 have equity is critically important. Thank you very  
3 much.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
6 have caller 0011. And up next after that will be caller  
7 4575.

8 Caller 0011, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
9 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, good evening. My  
11 name is Daniel (ph.), and I'm calling once again to  
12 reiterate our desire from the Northeast Los Angeles area  
13 of your draft map -- Northeast LA -- to express our  
14 concerns about the apparent de -- disengagement of our  
15 communities by not allowing for two Assembly districts to  
16 represent the majority of these areas that span from  
17 Eagle Rock in the North to some areas just South of the  
18 10 Freeway of South LA, from the West in Pico-Union  
19 Westlake and to the eastside to East Los Angeles.

20 We are hoping that the Commission heeds our calls  
21 and can appreciate the concerns that we have by helping  
22 us redirect some of these lines to provide maps that are  
23 inclusive and maps that represent these communities as  
24 they are in both the Congressional and the Senate. We  
25 hope that you can take that criteria that you've used to

1 create those maps to create two Assembly districts that  
2 are -- although have many things in common, are also  
3 distinct in many of the communities that are --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- represented here.

6 Thank you so much for your time and your work. We  
7 hope that our -- that our vision for our communities is  
8 represented as the process moves on.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
11 have caller 4575. And up next after that will be caller  
12 7205.

13 Caller 4575, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
14 unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller  
15 4575, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by  
16 pressing star six. And the floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, this is Jillian  
18 (ph.). I am calling about the Central Orange County map  
19 for Assembly that was released to the public last week.  
20 I want to make a couple of points.

21 Costa Meca -- Mesa really should be with other beach  
22 communities, like Newport Beach and Huntington Beach.  
23 Costa Mesa and Newport Beach share many services, like  
24 the school districts and water districts. Putting them  
25 into two different districts dilutes the effectiveness of

1 representation in the area to work on important issues,  
2 like class sizes, education funding, and teacher  
3 performance.

4       In fact, riding down the 55 Freeway close to where  
5 it ends, most drivers don't know if they are in Costa  
6 Mesa or Newport Beach because the border is so ambiguous.  
7 The point I'm making is that parents in both Newport and  
8 Costa Mesa consider these cities as one community of  
9 interest. And I'm asking for the Commission to not split  
10 them up into two districts. Thank you for your time.

11       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

12       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller  
13 7205. And up next after that will be caller 1656.

14       Caller 7205, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
15 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

16       UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I, first, want to  
17 tell you it warms my heart to hear so many people being  
18 pleased with their maps. We -- I know you guys have  
19 worked so hard. I've been on these calls with you since  
20 June. And I just cannot express -- I -- I -- I know I  
21 can't imagine all of the work, but I cannot express  
22 enough my gratitude.

23       I'm calling about Simi Valley and Santa Clarita, and  
24 I'm begging for us to be able to remain together.  
25 Demographically, we're like sister cities. We -- we have

1 similar numbers for everything from home ownership to  
2 college graduates. Like, a lot. We also both have roles  
3 in the entertainment community.

4 Simi Valley and Santa Clarita provide products and  
5 services for Hollywood and the entertainment industry.  
6 We have studios. Lots of movies are fil -- filmed here  
7 and in Santa -- and in Santa Clarita. But our -- for our  
8 children, the sports teams even through the schools and  
9 also through private business are linked with Santa  
10 Clarita. And it is very common to -- to go there for  
11 games --

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- or for them to come here  
14 for games.

15 And so -- and there's other reasons too, of course.  
16 The fires. There's lots of reasons that we're just --  
17 we're linked together, and we just would really like to  
18 stay together. Thank you so much.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller  
22 1656. And up next after that will be caller 1289.

23 Caller 1656, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
24 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

25 MS. EIGENBERG: Hi, my name is Helen Eigenberg, and

1 I live in Greater Wilshire area. And I also volunteer in  
2 the Hollywood doing outreach with our unhoused neighbors.  
3 And I'm calling to ask Commission -- first of all, thank  
4 you for all your work on this. I know how hard and  
5 difficult it is, so I appreciate the time and the ability  
6 to make public comment.

7 I find that Central Hollywood should not be in the  
8 same district as Glendale. They have nothing in common  
9 with Glendale. What they do have a lot in common is with  
10 Koreatown. And Gre -- Greater Wilshire, we kind of lie  
11 in between Hollywood, which we share a big community  
12 with, and Koreatown. And one of the two things that  
13 Koreatown and Hollywood both have in common is our  
14 homeless crisis, right?

15 Hollywood and Koreatown bear the brunt of  
16 California's homelessness crisis. In 2020, Glendale's  
17 homeless crisis census counted 169 unhoused people. That  
18 same year, a single census track in Central Hollywood had  
19 the same number of unhoused people. Korea has over 2.5  
20 times the amount of Glendale's homeless population.

21 Homelessness is the number one concern for  
22 ninety-five percent of LA voters. So placing communities  
23 with such desperate disparative (sic) experiences as  
24 Glendale and Hollywood in the same districts will dilute  
25 the concerns of voters in Hollywood, which is very

1 important to me. Hollywood has much more in common with  
2 Koreatown than Glendale, so I therefore oppose the  
3 adoption of AD Glen/LA draft, and I urge the Commission  
4 to with -- redraw Central Hollywood into the AD N10 draft  
5 with Koreatown. Thank you so much.

6 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
8 have caller 1289. And up next after that will be caller  
9 8571.

10 Caller 1289, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
11 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

12 MR. RAMIREZ: Thank you very much, Commissioners.  
13 My name is Greeson Ramirez (ph.), and I would like to  
14 talk to you tonight about CBSY District in San Diego  
15 County. I'm a resident of Sherman Heights in the  
16 historic Barrios district, the City of San Diego. And I  
17 urge the Commission to correct the draft map that puts a  
18 historic Barrios community from Sherman and Logan Heights  
19 into the same Assembly district as El Cajon and Spring  
20 Valley.

21 This is a mistake, and I respectfully request that  
22 you change the CBSY District to include Logan, Sherman,  
23 and City Heights by putting in Chula Vista and Bonita  
24 into the La Mesa and El Cajon District.

25 I grew up in Chula Vista as a -- as a kid, and have

1 lived in the South Bay and (audio interference) County my  
2 whole life. The 805 Freeway is a very significant  
3 dividing line in Chula Vista. The West side is made up  
4 of Barrios, renters, and multi-generational households,  
5 and our culture is directly tied to our binational  
6 nature. It stretches from the historic Barrios of Logan  
7 and Sherman all the way -- all the way down to San -- the  
8 San Ysidro, Tijuana border region.

9       It is much more like Sherman Heights and the East La  
10 (ph.) Vista, which is aff -- which is affluent and has  
11 houses with big yards and hills with (audio  
12 interference). That's nothing like our communities on  
13 the West side. The South Bay has a working-class  
14 character that you find in San Diego District 8, where  
15 Sherman, Logan, and San Ysidro can be found.

16       Along with City Heights, San Ysidro, West La (ph.)  
17 Vista, and National City, this has been the historic  
18 Latino --

19       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20       MS. RAMIREZ: -- part of the city. And our  
21 churches, our families, our community center,  
22 (indiscernible) Logan less than half a mile from our --  
23 from me is the truth cultural spirit. Which you cannot  
24 (indiscernible).

25       So I urge you to please reconsider this map. Thank

1 you very much.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
4 have caller 8571. And up next after that will be caller  
5 3461.

6 Caller 8571, if you will please follow the prompts  
7 to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time,  
8 caller 8571, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
9 unmute by pressing star six. And I do apologize, caller  
10 8571. There appears to be some type of connectivity  
11 issue for you at the moment. I will do my best to come  
12 back.

13 And right now, we will be going to caller 3461. And  
14 up next after that will be caller 2252.

15 Caller 3461, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
16 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

17 MR. ROJAS: Dear Commissioners, good evening. I'm  
18 Hugo Rojas, Centinela Valley Union High School District  
19 Board Vice President, and if I may add, founder of  
20 California Youth Karate Club, which ties into the  
21 communities that I serve.

22 Today, I'm calling because I'm concerned about your  
23 Assembly map proposal that splits up the Cities of  
24 Inglewood, Lennox, Hawthorne, and the un -- incorporated  
25 community of Lennox. By splitting up these cities, you

1 are also splitting up the school districts that serve the  
2 children of these communities and cities. Those  
3 districts include the Lawndale Elementary School  
4 District, Hawthorne School District, Lennox School  
5 District, and Centinela Valley Union High School  
6 District.

7       For the past decade, our communities have worked  
8 tirelessly to lift children and families out of poverty  
9 by providing them with quality education. And your  
10 proposal to split the Cities of Lawndale, Inglewood,  
11 Hawthorne, and Lennox into different Assembly districts  
12 missed the mark for our kids. The Commission has kept  
13 Lawndale, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox together in  
14 the draft maps for Congress, and we are kindly asking  
15 that you do the same justice for our kids in the Assembly  
16 maps.

17       Thank you, and have a good night.

18       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

19       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
20 have caller 2252. And up next after that will be caller  
21 6817.

22       Caller 2252, if you will please follow the prompts  
23 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

24       UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: (In Spanish).

25       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Would you like a

1 translator?

2 THE INTERPRETER: The interpreter will give the  
3 interpreter instructions at this point.

4 (In Spanish).

5 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening,  
6 Commissioners. I'm calling for the draft map DAD for  
7 East LA -- for Northeast LA. My name is Rebecca (ph.).  
8 My family has been in Northeast LA for more than fifty  
9 years. We also have family in the area of South LA.  
10 They are currently being represented by District 53. We  
11 had built great relationships with the communities that  
12 are currently being represented by the Assembly  
13 districts. And we work together to improve the quality  
14 of life in these communities.

15 Even though there are many similar points, these  
16 populations being represented must still continue to be  
17 represented by two Assembly -- two district Assemblies.  
18 The work that has been done for the districts in terms of  
19 the shared geography for the Senate districts and the  
20 Congress districts makes it obvious that these  
21 communities should remain together.

22 We're asking in name of the parents, the students,  
23 and the community advocates for these districts that you  
24 consider and redesign these maps in order to ensure and  
25 guarantee an equitable and the appropriate

1 representation. And once again, thank you very much for  
2 all your hard work, and have a good evening.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

4 And for our listing public, if your intention is to  
5 call in to provide public input for tonight's session,  
6 you must do so before 8 p.m. Lines will be closing at 8  
7 p.m. You will not be able to connect. If you are  
8 currently in line, do not hang up. When the lines close,  
9 you will not be able to reconnect. So hang in there.  
10 We'll get to you. We want your feedback.

11 Katy?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will go  
13 to caller 6817. If you will please follow the prompts to  
14 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, yes. I wanted to call in  
16 to say that I am pleased with the way the district map is  
17 done currently for CA 25. I don't think that Simi Valley  
18 belongs with Santa Clarita Valley or any of the Northern  
19 Antelope Valley.

20 Simi Valley is not on the same transportation  
21 corridor. We don't share any common infrastructure. We  
22 don't have -- we're not even in the same county. They  
23 are in Ventura County. We are in Los Angeles County. We  
24 have very different needs. We have a very different  
25 population.

1           And I'm just calling to say that I really, really  
2 strongly recommend that we keep the new map that has been  
3 drawn because it will be best serving the people of our  
4 community for all in this area. Thank you.

5           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

6           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Looks like we have time  
7 for one more caller before break.

8           Caller -- oh, my bad. 8:15?

9           CHAIR TAYLOR: Yeah, Katy, I think we're going to  
10 8:15.

11          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, my -- Kristian just  
12 informed me. Thank you so much.

13          Caller 2595 will be right now. And then up next  
14 after that will be caller 6942.

15          Caller 2595, 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 2595, if you'll please  
18 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. I do  
19 apologize, caller 2595. There appears to be some type of  
20 connectivity issue for you at the moment. We will come  
21 back to you.

22          And right now, we'll go to caller 6942. And then up  
23 next after that will be caller 5371.

24          Caller 6942, if you will please follow the prompts  
25 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. I'd  
2 like to address map AD Northeast Los Angeles draft. I've  
3 been teaching in North Los Angeles for over twenty years.  
4 I've taught in many schools, from Eagle Rock to Boyle  
5 Heights across downtown Los Angeles into Westlake and  
6 Pico-Union. I'm a youth advocate. I understand and see  
7 firsthand the changes that are happening in all these  
8 neighborhoods.

9 I kindly ask you to consider these communities of  
10 interest as it relates to education, which is vital. Do  
11 not allow this process to disenfranchise tens of  
12 thousands of students and their families from state  
13 government by diluting their votes.

14 These communities have been historically represented  
15 by two Assembly dris -- districts. Let's work together  
16 to keep this true. Our Senate and Congressional draft --  
17 draft maps must allow for this to happen. We can make  
18 Assembly districts work for these communities.

19 Thank you very much for your work. I appreciate it.  
20 Have a good night.

21 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have  
23 caller 5371. And then up next after that will be caller  
24 8441.

25 Caller 5371, if you will please follow the prompts

1 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

2 MS. SUNOA: Oh, yes, thank you so much. My name is  
3 Wendy Sunoa (ph.), and I live here in Lawndale. I've  
4 raised five children here and they have all gone through  
5 the Lawndale school system.

6 So dear Commissioners, I am calling today because I  
7 am concerned about your Assembly map proposal that splits  
8 up the Cities of Inglewood, Lawndale, Hawthorne, and  
9 Lennox. That's because by splitting up these cities, you  
10 are also splitting up the school districts that serve the  
11 children of these communities and these cities.

12 So these districts, including Lawndale Elementary  
13 School District, Hawthorne Lennox School District, and  
14 the Centinela Valley Union School District, for the past  
15 decade, these communities have worked tirelessly to lift  
16 us out of hard times and to work together to help support  
17 one another. And without that support, my family and  
18 myself wouldn't be where we are today. Excuse --

19 So I am asking you not to remove Lawndale from the  
20 district of Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox. Thank you  
21 for your time.

22 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
24 have caller 8441. And up next after that will be caller  
25 5826.

1           Caller 8441, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
2 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

3           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, I'd like to talk tonight  
4 about the CBSY District in South San Diego County. I've  
5 lived in South Bay for nearly my whole life. Currently,  
6 I'm in City Heights, but I've lived in Barrio Logan, San  
7 Ysidro, and National City, Costa Mesa, and I grew up in  
8 Chulo Vista.

9           To be specific, I lived in West Chula Vista off of L  
10 Street, West of the 805. That's the Chula Vista that  
11 everyone's familiar with because it's part of the bigger  
12 South Bay community. When they talk about Chula Vista  
13 being a Latino community with family businesses,  
14 independent Latino restaurants and the deep roots that go  
15 back generations, they're talking about West Chula Vista.

16           In Eastlake, they have master plan communities with  
17 big mansions and street names like Discovery Falls and  
18 MacKenzie Creek. That's not the same Chula Vista. They  
19 have an island out there. No joke. How can this Latino  
20 district have an island in Eastlake, but not Chicano  
21 Park. East of 805 is much more affluent than West Chula  
22 Vista. Their schools are newer than our crumbling  
23 schools, and they have lots of open spaces when we barely  
24 have any parks in our neighborhood.

25           Our life experiences are very different from theirs.

1 They even made Chula Vista go to District (indiscernible)  
2 for city council because East and West are so different  
3 and our community was getting out voted. And they even  
4 have horses. We don't have horses in City Heights.  
5 That's for sure, and we certainly don't have horses on  
6 the West side. There are horses in El Cajon and Spring  
7 Valley, though. Maybe Bonita can go into that district.

8 But please look at the (indiscernible) map, which  
9 keeps our communities where Latinos are majority of  
10 eligible voters together for an effective voting rights  
11 district. Putting City Heights, Sherman, and Logan with  
12 El Cajon and Spring Valley is not an effective use of the  
13 Latino political strengths, as a resident of City  
14 Heights.

15 Please add City Heights to the Barrio ne --  
16 neighborhood, the Logan and Sherman into the South Bay  
17 districts by removing Eastlake and Bonita. Thank you,  
18 and good night.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller  
21 5826. And up next after that will be caller 4767.

22 Caller 5826, if you will please follow the prompts  
23 to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time,  
24 caller with the last four digits 5826, if you'll please  
25 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

1 I do apologize, caller 5826. There appears to be  
2 some type of connectivity issue for the moment. I do  
3 have you marked as a retry. I will come back.

4 Caller 4767, if you will please follow the prompts  
5 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

6 MR. MANSOUR: Good evening, everybody. My name is  
7 Marlon Mansour. I'm speaking in regards to the state  
8 Senate maps. I'm a lifelong San Diego resident and also  
9 a president of the Neighborhood Market Association, a  
10 nonprofit organization focused on representing  
11 independent small family business owners mostly in our  
12 community down here in San Diego.

13 I'm alarmed at the proposals currently put in place.  
14 Particularly as it pertains to the Eastern county part of  
15 San Diego County. One of the previous callers brought up  
16 Sherman Heights, a town of Hispanics -- a -- a -- filled  
17 with Hispanic residents in the San Diego County area. In  
18 his concerns about cultural identity being misplaced and  
19 impacted greatly as a result if these -- these plans are  
20 enacted. I agree with that sentence.

21 The districts must be communities of interest, not  
22 just geographically, but also of ID. The Eastern county  
23 part of San Diego is a -- has a huge population of  
24 Chaldean Christian -- of Chaldean Christians. Population  
25 has grown over the past 70 years from just a handful to

1 now 50,000 people. Many which provide businesses,  
2 provide jobs, and services to their community.

3 The current proposals --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MR. MANSOUR: -- put in place would move and split  
6 up parks of El Cajon, Rancho San Diego, and Humboldt with  
7 places with North Park, over forty, forty-five-minute  
8 drive away. This issue is vital.

9 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

10 MR. MANSOUR: Doing -- following these plans would,  
11 in effect, silence the voice of our community, and I ask  
12 for your consideration in rejecting the current pro --

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll be  
15 going to caller 3700. And up next after that will be  
16 caller 5338.

17 Caller 3700, if you will please follow the prompts  
18 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

19 MS. WILSON: Hi, my name is Betty Wilson. I am the  
20 executive director for the Business Council. I am  
21 calling in regarding the draft Assembly map dated  
22 11/10/21 for zone F, San Joaquin County.

23 We just want to say great job, and thank you so very  
24 much. We worked with a broad, diverse community  
25 coalition, and we are all very pleased with the outcome

1 of these Assembly maps. I'm very appreciative of the  
2 Commissioner's hard work. Thank you in advance for  
3 approving these fair and equitable maps, and thank you  
4 very much.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
7 have caller 5338. And up next after that will be caller  
8 2292.

9 Caller 5338, if you will please follow the prompts  
10 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, Commissioners. Thank  
12 you. I apologize. I'm about to hop on a bus here.

13 I -- I am calling about the maps for the North 10 LA  
14 District and the 110 District, which bisect what is  
15 currently South LA, and urging that they do not do that.  
16 To leave the historically large black and brown  
17 communities that have been trying to reinvigorate South  
18 LA intact. This will dilute the -- the power of -- of  
19 black and brown communities that have been unified in  
20 South LA.

21 So please reconsider the maps for that area. Thank  
22 you.

23 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
25 have caller 2292. And up next after that will be caller

1 3776.

2 Caller 2292, if you will please follow the prompts  
3 to unmute. And the floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.  
5 First of all, thanks for all of your efforts. I know  
6 this is not easy and you get bombarded from all  
7 directions.

8 I'm actually calling in support of your draft for CD  
9 25 AVSCV. I appreciate that you've married communities  
10 of like interests between Santa Clarita, where I live,  
11 Lancaster, and Palmdale, and the areas in between and  
12 (Indiscernible). And dropped Simi from our district,  
13 which is not contiguous with us, is in a different  
14 county, and is a very different community.

15 So since the squeaky wheel always gets the oil, I  
16 figured I'd call and say job well done, and I hope that  
17 this draft becomes permanent. Well, at least for the  
18 next ten years. All right. Thanks, folks.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
21 have caller 3776. And up next after that will be caller  
22 4340.

23 Caller 3776, if you will please follow the prompts  
24 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

25 MR. ROMERO: Hi, can you hear me?

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

2 MR. ROMERO: Okay, good. Thank you. My name is  
3 Rene Romero. I am a resident of South Central. I am  
4 calling on behalf because I'm speaking about the South  
5 Central region, which is the 105 Corridor, AD South LA,  
6 and AD\_110LA. These three maps have split in -- split  
7 South Central up, and I am encouraging the Redistrict --  
8 the Redistricting Commission to reconsider this and try  
9 and keep South Central whole.

10 South Central whole -- South Central is a very  
11 unique area. It is predominantly black and brown. There  
12 is no majority either way, but these two communities  
13 really have worked together to try and rig -- invigorate  
14 and bring economic growth to the area. Additionally,  
15 South Central has been a huge home to migrants from  
16 Central America, particularly with PPS. And the breaking  
17 up of this district really breaks -- ruins that identity  
18 and that political power.

19 For example, the top North part of the -- of just  
20 right under the 10 Freeway is the Salvadorian business  
21 and corner -- corridor. Even though all of South Central  
22 is filled with Central Americans, the business and  
23 corner -- corridor would be put in with Beverly Hills and  
24 West Hollywood and Hancock Park. That really has no  
25 cohesion. Many of those members of community don't

1 understand the needs and wants of the people in South  
2 Central, and I think that would really ruin the ability  
3 to hear -- the people of South Central --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MR. ROMERO: -- have their voices (audio  
6 interference) respectively.

7 I'm asking the Commission to please keep South  
8 Central together. That better borders would be as far  
9 North as the 10 Freeway, South Ascentry Boulevard (ph.),  
10 West Asbeny Boulevard (ph.), and East Eshooper Avenue  
11 (ph.). That is a more realistic Assembly border --

12 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

13 MR. ROMERO: -- for South Central. And really keeps  
14 the identity of South Central whole and intact, and I'm  
15 just asking the Commission to please keep South Central  
16 whole. Thank you so much.

17 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

18 And Katy, we'll take one more caller before break.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sounds good.

20 Right now, we will have caller 4340. If you will  
21 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.  
22 The floor is yours.

23 MS. LADDISH: Thank you. I'll be commenting on AD  
24 Lake Napa draft in the Yolo County and Greater Winters  
25 areas this evening.

1 My name is Kate Laddish. I live in Winters, a  
2 couple blocks from Solano County and near Napa County.  
3 And thank you to the Commission for your ongoing work and  
4 for the opportunity to provide input.

5 So the Commission has received a significant amount  
6 of public input about Yolo County and the Greater Winters  
7 area. We have asked the Commission to keep Yolo County  
8 whole, to unify the Yolo and Solano parts of the Greater  
9 Winters area in districts, and to group Yolo with  
10 counties that match expressions of communities of the  
11 interest.

12 While that -- as that public input has been better  
13 reflected to some of the other districts, this district  
14 Assembly map doesn't match the public input that's --  
15 that's been provided. So I'll focus particularly on the  
16 Greater Winters area.

17 As the Winters Joint Unified School District extends  
18 from Yolo County and into Solano County, down -- as  
19 you're looking at the Pleasants Valley Road area, it goes  
20 down to Shale Peak. And so it's partway down to  
21 Vacaville. And we would like to keep all of that unified  
22 school district in one district.

23 Yolo County and Solano County share fires, and in  
24 fact, we've shared the LNU Lightning Complex fire last  
25 year. Because of shared representation at the state

1 level, we've been able to join together in order to -- to  
2 recover from that fire and be better prepared for the  
3 next one. In fact, the Yolo County and Solano County  
4 Resource Conservation Districts collaborate, as do our  
5 Fire Safe Councils.

6 Putah Creek is the dividing line between Yolo County  
7 and Solano County, and -- and actually, between the --  
8 the district lines, as the Commission has drafted --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MS. LADISH: -- there is a salmon run that has come  
11 up Putah Creek. There's been an issue this year, and  
12 because we've been able to -- to collaborate from both  
13 sides of the creek, we've been able to address the  
14 problem and hopefully increase the -- the salmon run.

15 Our city Commissions draw on -- on parts --

16 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

17 MS. LADISH: -- of our community that are in both  
18 Solano and Yolo, because we're all one community here.

19 So I urge you to please join Yolo and Solano, rather  
20 than look farther North to Glenn and to Tehama. Thank  
21 you.

22 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

23 And with that, we will go into a fifteen-minute  
24 break for our final push for the evening. Callers, if  
25 you are in the queue, please do not hang up as you will

1 not be able to reconnect.

2 So let's take a break and return at 8:30. Thank  
3 you.

4 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 8:15 p.m.  
5 until 8:30 p.m.)

6 CHAIR TAYLOR: Welcome back to our final session for  
7 the evening.

8 Katy, we're all yours.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

10 I'd like to invite those that have called in that  
11 have not spoke this evening that wish to give comment,  
12 please press star nine. So help me get through the  
13 queue.

14 Right now, we will start out with caller 8571. And  
15 up next after that will be caller 8466.

16 And caller 5826, I do see you on a retry, and I will  
17 get to you here momentarily.

18 Caller 8571, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
19 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

20 MR. MOMAN: Hello, I tried again previously, but  
21 thought I was able to get through this time. My name is  
22 Chris Moman. I lived in San Francisco most of my life,  
23 but I retired to the veteran's home in Yountville over  
24 two years ago.

25 And I wanted to say that the map that you have,

1 which was Napa and Solano, which is an Assembly district  
2 map, has Napa all the way in with Tehama. Which was,  
3 like, two-thirds of the way to Redding. And really, Napa  
4 has absolutely nothing in common with the ranchers of  
5 Tehama. I don't even think they grow grapes in the  
6 Tehama County.

7 But Assembly districts should be compact. There are  
8 400 -- roughly 494,000 people, and Napa has 136,000. If  
9 you looked at the Valley of the Moon, there's about  
10 60,000 there. And if you look at Solano County, other  
11 than the layout, it's -- makes up for the difference.  
12 And I will tell you that at 2:00 in the afternoon, most  
13 of the workers who work in the hotel industry and  
14 restaurant industry, and also in the nursing homes,  
15 commute to the affordable housing in Fairfield and in  
16 Vacaville.

17 They don't commute to Tehama. So I would ask  
18 strongly that we try to compact Assembly district to  
19 include Eastern part of Sonoma County, all of Napa  
20 County, and --

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 MR. MOMAN: -- most of -- most of Solano County.  
23 Delano is a better match for Richmond. It's a  
24 multi-racial community. And it would be completely  
25 outnumbered in --

1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

2 MR. MOMAN: -- the district that you created. Thank  
3 you very much.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will be  
6 with caller 8466. And -- and up next after that will be  
7 the retry of caller 5826.

8 Caller 8466, if you will please follow the prompts  
9 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

10 MS. HARRIS: Hi, my name is Jen Harris (ph.), and  
11 I'm asking that the Cities of Lawndale, Inglewood,  
12 Hawthorne, and Lennox be kept together in the district  
13 Assembly map.

14 My concern is that the current map, from what I  
15 viewed, splits up our cities. And we've come a long way  
16 in our Assembly district. Our communities have done a  
17 great job to uplift our children and our families out of  
18 poverty. Also, the organizations and businesses in the  
19 area have come together to support our schools and school  
20 districts. And something really awesome is that we're  
21 seeing our children do amazing things because of the  
22 support that they've been able to receive in our Assembly  
23 district.

24 By splitting these cities up, you're unfortunately  
25 splitting up our school districts that serve the children

1 of our communities in our cities. And the school  
2 districts in that area are Lawndale Elementary School  
3 District, Hawthorne Lennox School District, and Centinela  
4 Valley Union School District. They need to stay together  
5 because it benefits us all.

6 And something else too. The draft Co -- Congress  
7 Commission map that you all created -- that was created  
8 kept Lawndale, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox together.  
9 And so I'm asking that you all do the same to support our  
10 kids and our families in our Assembly maps.

11 And I want to thank you all, as others have said,  
12 for your service. We truly do appreciate it, and again,  
13 I'm asking that we keep our Cities of Lawndale,  
14 Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox together. Thank you.

15 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will be  
17 going to caller 5826. And then up next after that will  
18 be caller 7246.

19 Caller 5826, if you will please follow the prompts  
20 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

21 MR. YOUNG: Hi, there. Can you hear me?

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

23 MR. YOUNG: Okay. I apologize for the earlier  
24 technical difficult. This is John Young (ph.), and I'm  
25 calling with regards to Assembly district draft West

1 PLACERSAC draft. And as it's currently drafted, you have  
2 the line of demarcation on Eastbound Interstate 80  
3 between Roseville and Rockland and two separate Assembly  
4 districts.

5 And I would just suggest to the committee that  
6 Rockland and Roseville and all but name are  
7 indistinguishable. And by splitting those two into two  
8 separate Assembly districts, you really are, I -- I  
9 guess, creating more work for the state than anything,  
10 because we share so many of the same challenges with  
11 growth and the economy, and so many characteristics  
12 together, that I just don't think by putting Rockland in  
13 the same district boundary as Sierra County, which is  
14 bordering the State of Nevada, makes -- makes very much  
15 sense.

16 So I would like your consideration to maybe include  
17 Rockland, Granite Bay, and even Lincoln, which are all  
18 kind of really related together in terms of demographics  
19 into that Assembly district draft West PLACERSAC draft,  
20 as opposed to where they currently are. And -- and what  
21 I -- what I would consider kind of a rural district  
22 versus a suburban district.

23 Thank you so much for your time, and I appreciate  
24 you guys all working late.

25 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
2 have caller 7246. And then up next after that will be  
3 caller 3553.

4 Caller 7246, if you will please follow the prompts  
5 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

6 MR. FOSTER: Good evening, Commissioners. Thank you  
7 very much for taking my call. My name is Matt Foster.  
8 I'm a veteran. I do a lot of volunteering. I run a  
9 couple of nonprofits in the San Diego County area.  
10 Mostly North County.

11 And I'm -- I'm happy with your recent Assembly map,  
12 the draft map for that area. I'm an Escon -- I live in  
13 Escondido, and I do most of my stuff on the North and  
14 East county. And I'm happy with how you did the Assembly  
15 map. But I was -- the Senate district map kind of puts  
16 us in the same district as Pacific Beach, which is  
17 completely different than what Escondido is.

18 And I'd -- I'd ask if you would reconsider that and  
19 put it back to -- basically, put the district map the way  
20 it was. It's -- the -- the community where it is --  
21 where it's set up right now is very unified. We all  
22 think the same way. It's a -- it's a wonderful -- it's a  
23 wonderful set up, and it's worked for us. And I'd  
24 appreciate it if you could keep it that way.

25 So that's all I had to say. Thank you very much for

1 what you're doing. And I do appreciate you considering  
2 my -- my suggestion. Thank you.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
5 have caller 3553. And then up next after that will be  
6 caller 9698.

7 Caller 3553, if you will please follow the prompts  
8 to unmute by pressing star six.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello, the floor is  
11 yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, hi. My name is Alena  
13 (indiscernible), and I'm calling regarding the school  
14 districts of Lawndale School District, and Hawthorne  
15 School District, and the Inglewood School District, and  
16 the Lennox School District, and the Centinela Valley  
17 School District. I would like to keep all those  
18 districts together for the children.

19 That would -- yeah, for the school districts, since  
20 for the past decade, our communities have worked  
21 tirelessly to lift children and families out of poverty  
22 by providing them with quality education. And your  
23 proposal to split the Cities of Lawndale, Inglewood,  
24 Hawthorne, and Lennox into different Assembly districts  
25 misses the mark for our kids.

1           The Commission has kept Lawndale, Inglewood,  
2 Hawthorne, and Lennox together in the draft maps for  
3 Congress, and we are asking that you do the same justice  
4 for our kids in Assembly maps. So please keep this  
5 school district together -- these districts together. We  
6 really appreciate it. Thank you very much.

7           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

8           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
9 caller 9698. And then up next after that will be caller  
10 7037.

11           Caller 9698, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
12 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours. Caller  
13 9698, you may want to double-check and make sure your  
14 phone is not on mute. You are unmuted here in the  
15 meeting.

16           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, great. Hi, yes. I am  
17 a parent and a very concerned citizen for the districts  
18 of Lawndale, Inglewood, Lennox. I have two children that  
19 graduated from the Lawndale School District. And  
20 redistricting would be so horrible. I have one currently  
21 in the Hawthorne School District, and I have two more in  
22 the Lawndale.

23           So this is not good for our children. You guys have  
24 kept them together in the past, and putting us with the  
25 beach cities is just not okay. The funding is not okay,

1 and it will definitely hurt the children that are  
2 transitioning into other schools.

3 So the Commission has kept Lawndale, Inglewood,  
4 Hawthorne, and Lennox together in the draft maps for  
5 Congress, and we're asking that you do the same justice  
6 for our kids in the Assembly maps. Thank --

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Right now, we will  
9 have caller 7037, and then up next after that will be  
10 caller 7211. I'd like to invite those that have not  
11 spoke this evening that have called in to please press  
12 star 9. This will raise your hand, indicating you are  
13 ready to give comment.

14 Caller 7037, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
15 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

16 MS. CASTANEDA: Good evening, Commissioners. My  
17 name is Aida Castaneda (ph.), I'm calling today to urge  
18 you to respect the working-class Latino community of  
19 interest by connecting South San Diego, which includes  
20 the cities and communities of National City, San Ysidro,  
21 West Chula Vista, Greater Logan Heights, and City  
22 Heights.

23 As a community outreach specialist, and a former  
24 senior field representative for the 80th Assembly  
25 District, I'm concerned about the CVSY Assembly

1 District's (ph.) proposed map. The voting rights of  
2 Latino communities should be respected (indiscernible)  
3 and the areas where the majority of Latinos live.

4 Latino community has been historically marginalized,  
5 but we are empowered by our culture and activities that  
6 are very obviously unique to our culture. I'll share a  
7 simple example of it, and the clear example is cruising  
8 in Chicano -- in Chicano culture.

9 This past year, I've been working with the United  
10 Low Rider Coalition to repeal a very racist anti-cruising  
11 ordinance in the City of National City, that unfairly  
12 targets mostly Brown and Black youth who coast, meander,  
13 and drive their cars along our neighborhood streets, as  
14 an expression of cultural pride, or just plain fun.

15 The city's anti-cruising ordinance is thirty years  
16 old, when it was very rare that our city leaders look  
17 like the people who get arrested under this ordinance.  
18 The anti-cruising ordinance is unfair and has served as a  
19 pretext for police to pull over members of our community.  
20 We're hoping to fully repeal this law this year.

21 Cruising is a celebrated pastime in a lot of our  
22 neighborhoods, whether it's in National City, City  
23 Heights, West Chula Vista, Logan Heights, or around  
24 Chicano Park in Barrio Logan, at least to say our  
25 communities have come a long way together.

1 This is just one example --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MS. CASTANEDA: -- as to why we need the right  
4 representation in elected office. The Latino community  
5 of interest needs to be empowered to ensure that Latinos  
6 can not only influence the voice they need -- to voice  
7 their needs and concerns, but that this be done  
8 inequitably to repair generations --

9 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

10 MS. CASTANEDA: -- of bias, neglect, that have  
11 harmed our community. Please respect our community by  
12 keeping communities along the 5 and the 805 together in  
13 the redistricting process. Thank you for your time.

14 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll be  
16 going to caller 7211, and up next after that will be  
17 caller 7504. Caller 7211, if you'll please follow the  
18 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is  
19 yours.

20 MS. ELISE: Yes. Good evening, and I thank you for  
21 your commitment to this project. It's very fascinating  
22 to listen to so many people throughout our wonderful  
23 state advocate for their community. My name is Wendy  
24 Elise (ph.), and I'm a former member of the Costa Mesa  
25 City Council, and I was also on the Newport-Mesa Unified

1 School Board, and the recently released Assembly draft  
2 map moves Costa Mesa from Newport Beach, where we have  
3 many similar interests, and consider ourselves as one  
4 large Newport-Mesa community. We share the Newport-Mesa  
5 Unified School District, and our property taxes are  
6 joined to unite our local schools into one political  
7 body.

8 Costa Mesa belongs within the other coastal  
9 districts, and definitely not with an inland district  
10 that includes Northern Irvine towards the foothills. Our  
11 community needs are totally separate, and it would make  
12 more sense for Costa Mesa -- and there's that name,  
13 Costa -- and the table to be coastal.

14 Please consider that you combine Costa Mesa when you  
15 draw the map for the next draft. Other things that we  
16 share in Costa Mesa, recently, our homeless center that  
17 we share with Newport Beach, and we collaborated. Also,  
18 we have many similar interests with our fire department  
19 where we share back and forth, because we are very close  
20 neighbors, and one other --

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 MS. ELISE: -- caller mentioned, you know, at the  
23 end of the 55, you don't really know you're in Costa  
24 Mesa, and that's the same way when you're on 17, the  
25 Newport people -- the Newport Beach people don't know

1 that they're shopping in Costa Mesa. So please consider  
2 keeping us with Newport Beach, and don't split the school  
3 district. It would really create a hardship --

4 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

5 MS. ELISE: -- because we have kids going back and  
6 forth from each city. Thank you very much for your  
7 service.

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
10 going to caller 7504, and then up next after that will be  
11 caller 9284. And for those that have not spoke this  
12 evening, those will be my last two hands, so if you wish  
13 to give comment, please press star 9.

14 Caller 7504, if you'll follow the prompts to unmute  
15 by pressing star six. The floor is yours. Caller 7504,  
16 if you want to double-check and make sure your telephone  
17 is not on mute. One more time, if you'll go ahead and  
18 press star six again, you are unmuted in the meeting,  
19 just going to make sure your phone is not on mute.

20 MR. BAINS: Hello?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There you are --

22 MR. BAINS: Can you hear me?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours. We  
24 sure can.

25 MR. BAINS: All right. Sorry about that. I'd like

1 to thank you and the Commissioners and staffers for the  
2 opportunity to address you today. I'm calling you about  
3 SIEN-NUV (ph.), S-I-E-N dash N-U-V draft map. My name is  
4 Karm Bains, and I'm a supervisor with Sutter County. I'm  
5 a fourth generation California farmer, farming in Sutter  
6 County and the North Sacramento Valley.

7 First, I want to complement the Commission on  
8 keeping Yuba and Sutter Counties together in the draft.  
9 I participate on a number of boards and committees that  
10 are both joint Yuba and Sutter organizations, including  
11 government and nongovernmental organizations. These  
12 include, but are not limited to, the Yuba-Sutter Farm  
13 Bureau, Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce, Yuba-Sutter  
14 Fair, Yuba-Sutter Transit, Yuba-Sutter Food Bank, Yuba  
15 Sutter Arts and Culture Council, Bi-County Mental Health,  
16 and that's just to name a few.

17 My concern with the map is that it breaks Yuba-  
18 Sutter away from the rural Northern Sacramento Valley  
19 partner counties like Butte, Glenn, and Colusa.  
20 Recently, our counties of Yuba and Sutter joined with  
21 Colusa County to create the first three county JPA to  
22 oversee a new juvenile rehabilitation --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- facility and services for  
25 Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa Counties. Our three counties

1 also partner with our valley neighbors to the North for  
2 ROP services and our five counties work for  
3 (indiscernible). Residents in the suburban areas of  
4 Sacramento commute to Sacramento --

5 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and the Bay Area for white  
7 collar jobs. Residents in Northern Sacramento Valley  
8 drive trucks and tractors, and work blue collar  
9 industries tied to agriculture --

10 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you for your comment.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will  
12 have caller 9284, and then up next after that, we will be  
13 retrying caller 2595.

14 Caller 9284, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
15 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

16 MS. MARTIN: Good evening. Thank you. Good  
17 evening, I'm Nancy Martin (ph.), and I'm calling about  
18 the Tustin and North Tustin on the map for Assembly  
19 district IRV. And I was hoping that the draft would  
20 include Tustin and the unincorporated North Tustin, Santa  
21 Ana Heights, and that they all would be in the same  
22 district.

23 Although they are two distinct communities, they're  
24 interrelated, as residents from both areas consider it to  
25 be one Tustin community. North Tustin and the

1 surrounding foothill areas should not be split up into  
2 multiple Assembly districts.

3       If you may recall, in the 2020 fire season, when  
4 thousands of Tustin, North Tustin, and Santa Ana Heights  
5 residents had to be evacuated at a moment's notice, it  
6 was having one Assembly man that they could turn to -  
7 Assembly person - putting all these and help in that  
8 area. Putting these areas in different Assembly  
9 districts leaves it as a - having a risk, where one  
10 Assembly person might not understand the wildfire issues  
11 that these people and communities have faced every summer  
12 and every fall.

13       So I'm just asking you to please consider keeping  
14 Tustin and North Tustin in one Assembly district with all  
15 the other foothill communities in Central Orange County.  
16 Thank you for your time and all your work on this big  
17 project.

18       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

19       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will be  
20 retrying caller 2595. If you wish to give comment, we  
21 will retry. Please press star six to unmute. One more  
22 time, caller 2595, you did have your hand raised earlier,  
23 and were unable to unmute. Just wanted to try one more  
24 time. Please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing  
25 star six.

1 I do apologize for the technical difficulties this  
2 evening. Please reach out to the Commission in the  
3 multiple other ways that are available.

4 I would like to give caller 1043 the opportunity to  
5 unmute if you wish. Please press star six. And one more  
6 time, caller with the last four 1043, if you'd wish to  
7 give comment this evening, please press star six. And  
8 thank you so much for listening.

9 All right, now I'd like to give caller 2446 an  
10 opportunity to unmute if they'd wish to give comment this  
11 evening. Please press star six. One more time, caller  
12 with the last four 2446, if you wish to give comment,  
13 please press star six. Thank you as well for listening.

14 And we've got two more. Caller 3278, if you wish to  
15 give comment this evening, please press star six. The  
16 floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hey, thank you very much for  
18 taking my call late in your session. Appreciate all the  
19 work. Just have one thought. I live in rural Yolo  
20 County, near Winters, California, and the current draft  
21 that has Napa and us together with Tehama-Glenn and  
22 Colusa Counties far to the North does not well reflect  
23 the communities of interest here.

24 In particular, I'm very engaged in fire response and  
25 fire radiance, and we have a lot of common interest with

1 Solano County, because as we recently seen, the LNU fire  
2 came through, and it affected Solano County and Yolo  
3 County. The creek between us is not a barrier, the  
4 county line is arbitrary. Those communities of interest  
5 in terms of wildfire readiness and preparation are vastly  
6 more important than our common interest with groups --  
7 counties to the North.

8 So I really encourage you to group Yolo County with  
9 Solano County to the South, rather than to the counties  
10 far to the North, where wildfires will never interact  
11 with us. And because the Assembly districts are  
12 important for state funding, I particularly encourage you  
13 to have the Assembly district --

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- include both Yolo and  
16 Solano Counties. Thank you very much. I appreciate your  
17 effort, I appreciate the time, and I appreciate your  
18 willingness to hear my thoughts.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
21 caller 7070, if you wish to give comment this evening,  
22 please press star six to unmute. You would be our last  
23 caller that has not had an opportunity to speak this  
24 evening. That's caller 7070. If you wish to give  
25 comment, please press star six.

1 Oh, I do have a hand from caller 2446. I will come  
2 to you next. Caller 7070, if you wish to give comment,  
3 please press star six. Otherwise, thank you so much for  
4 listening.

5 All right. I will be going to this hand. Caller  
6 2446, I see your hand. If you'll please follow the  
7 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is  
8 yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Athena  
10 (ph.), and I'm a long-time resident of Irvine. Irvine  
11 has so many given neighborhoods, each with their own  
12 unique character. That's why for the Assembly districts,  
13 I'm asking that you keep the similar North End (ph.)  
14 neighborhoods together above(indiscernible). These  
15 communities are most like Tustin and Lake Forest and  
16 there's no reason it should be three -- districts -- can  
17 they hear me?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Keep going.

19 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Three Assembly  
20 districts, thank you.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

22 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: I didn't know they  
23 could hear me.

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'm sure at this time,

1 everyone in the queue has had an opportunity to speak if  
2 they like.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, and just to cover all our  
4 bases, can I have the Spanish interpreter give out the  
5 raise your hand instruction, or just repeat it, please?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That would be to press  
7 star 9 would be to raise your hand . Ashleigh?

8 MR. MANOFF: Correct.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, I will give the  
10 instructions for calling in.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No, no, no, it would be  
12 just to raise the hand.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. You're right. Already  
14 dialed in but not raising their hand instructions. Okay.  
15 Here it is.

16 (In Spanish)

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
19 we did have our retry caller 2595 did raise their hand  
20 again, and caller 1043. If you'll follow the prompts to  
21 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Hi, Commissioner, I  
23 have called in the last time, and I mentioned the last  
24 time, that we need a representative that understand our  
25 unit leader cycle and cultural community in Garden Grove,

1 Westminster, (indiscernible) Huntington Beach need to  
2 stay together for Assembly and Congressional districts.  
3 The draft map for Senate district is well done for our  
4 Little Saigon community. Thank you for this.

5 But for the ADGGW Assembly district (ph.) in Orange  
6 County, we have (indiscernible) in Huntington Beach, but  
7 more on the North side of (indiscernible). Instead of  
8 adding (indiscernible), which have no community of  
9 interest with us, you can remove it. You can also remove  
10 (indiscernible) Garden Grove starting the major street  
11 Euclid. In the past few years, this community of  
12 interest have grown very fast, and belong with Anaheim  
13 and Santa Ana community.

14 Put a Congressional map, (indiscernible). But in  
15 the long coastal part of Huntington Beach with  
16 (indiscernible). Thank you for all that you are doing  
17 and keep us, Little Saigon community, together. Thank  
18 you for allowing me to speak and listen to my concern.  
19 God bless, and goodnight.

20 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. The same.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And, oh, their hand went  
22 down again. Okay, caller 2595, you did raise your hand  
23 one more time. So let's just give you one more  
24 opportunity. That's caller 2595. If you wish to give  
25 comment and are able to unmute, please press star six.

1 The floor is yours.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you Commissioners,  
3 thank you for all your patience. I'm sorry my phone was  
4 not functioning, but now I am here. Thank you so much.  
5 Good evening, I'd like to put my input on the center  
6 district plan and Latino populations.

7 In the current center plan in L.A., there are three  
8 Latino majority districts, and three districts with more  
9 than forty percent Latino citizen voting age -- with  
10 voting age populations. Under your draft map, you have  
11 three Latino majority districts, and three with more than  
12 forty percent CVAP.

13 In other words, you are barely holding, even despite  
14 the state's continued rapidly growing Latino population,  
15 to not diminish and decimate the Latino opportunities you  
16 have created. While districts will surely change, I  
17 strongly encourage you to maintain the course of all the  
18 current opportunities for Latinos to elect a district  
19 built around West Covina and the San Gabriel Valley, a  
20 district in the gateway cities, a district running along  
21 the 710, a district that starts in East L.A. and runs  
22 North, and a strong correlation district in Compton and  
23 Carson, a district in the East San Fernando Valley as  
24 well. Thank you for your time and thank you for allowing  
25 me to speak.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And Katy, can we try 1043  
2 one more time?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 1043, if you wish  
6 to give comment, please press star six. And one more  
7 time, caller with the last four digits 1043, if you wish  
8 to give comment this evening, please press star six to  
9 unmute. It would appear they are just listening, chair.

10 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. I appreciate the effort.  
11 And once again, I appreciate California for all the  
12 input, which is much needed for this valuable work in  
13 front of us.

14 Well, we're going to do it once again tomorrow, 3:00  
15 tomorrow, we're going to take feedback regarding the  
16 Senate maps, so Commissioners, thank you for you  
17 tentativeness; staff, as always, thank you for your  
18 professionalism and wonderful work, and I will see  
19 everyone, with my bells on again, at 3:00 tomorrow.  
20 Goodnight.

21 (Whereupon, the Public Input Meeting adjourned  
22 at 9:04 p.m.)

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